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Dear Mr Grage

Thank you for your email of 27 November 2015 to the Ministry of Education in which you requested the following information:

*Information, documentation and reports that sit behind the decision made regarding the future of high schools in Marlborough.*

We understand that you sent the following request to The Treasury, which was transferred to the Ministry of Education on 4 December 2015:

*The business case that [the Ministry of Education] requested of the Treasury [and which] was part of that decision.*

This letter responds to both requests, which have been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

Two documents are in scope of your requests:

- *Business Case and A3 summary: Marlborough Boys and Girls Colleges, Blenheim (15 September 2015)*
- *Cabinet Paper: Education infrastructure investments – school property major redevelopments.*

I am withholding these documents under section 18(d) of the Act because the Ministry of Education is preparing to release them publicly, by the end of January 2016. You will be able to find them on the Ministry's website at <http://www.education.govt.nz/ministry-of-education/information-releases/>.

Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision. You can do this by writing to [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Thank you again for your request. If you have any further queries, please email us at [enquiries.national@education.govt.nz](mailto:enquiries.national@education.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely



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