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Dear Mr Grage

On 27 November 2015, you made a request to the Ministry of Education for information related to the decision to co-locate Marlborough Boys' and Girls' colleges on a new site. The Ministry declined your request, as we intended to release the information into the public domain.

I am now releasing the information to you as the information was never made available publicly. Attached please find:

1. the business case dated 15 September 2015, prepared for the Ministry by Aurecon; and
2. the Cabinet paper *Education infrastructure investments – school property major redevelopments*.

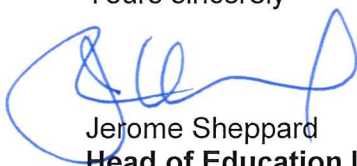
Some information has been withheld from the Cabinet Paper, the A3 appendix to the Cabinet paper, and from the business case, under the following sections of the Official Information Act 1982:

- section 9(2)(f)(iv) – to maintain the constitutional conventions of the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials;
- section 9(2)(j) – to enable a Minister of the Crown or any department or organisation holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities; and
- section 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons.

Information relating to other schools has been removed from the Cabinet paper as it is out of scope of your request.

I apologise for the delay in providing these documents to you. You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this response. 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.

Yours sincerely



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