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Tēnā koe Stacey

OIA: GEMS-47911 – OIA requests involving schools in the Franklin District

Thank you for your email of 29 April 2026 to the Ministry of Education (the Ministry) requesting the following information:

I am interested in understanding how many OIA requests have been made in the past 12 months (April 2025 - April 2026) which involved schools in the Franklin District - Auckland.

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA).

On 7 May 2026, the Ministry sought clarification regarding the type of school involvement you were referring to in your request so we could reasonably identify the information requested. As we have not received a response to this clarification request, we are responding to the wording of your request as is.

As a result, the Ministry is refusing your request under section 18(g) of the OIA, as the information you have requested is not held by the Ministry, and I have no grounds for believing that it is either held by, or more closely connected to the functions of, another department or organisation subject to the OIA.

As outlined in our email to you on 7 May 2026, the Ministry is responsible for responding to requests for official information that the Ministry holds. Schools are self-governing and are responsible for responding to requests for information that the school holds. The Ministry has no oversight of OIA requests made to or responded to by schools, and is not involved in supporting schools to respond, as we are a separate decision-making entity under the legislation.

We may receive requests for information about specific schools, but if the information requested is not held by the Ministry, or it is more closely related to the functions of the school, then the legislative requirement is for the Ministry to transfer that request to the school to respond.

In other circumstances, when the Ministry is responding to a request for information that we hold or that is more closely related to our functions, we may need to consult

with specific schools on the release of certain information if it involves that school. However, the Ministry's workflow system does not capture that engagement in such a way that we could report on it to respond to your request.

Thank you again for your email. You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review my decision on your request, in accordance with section 28 of the OIA. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or to Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Nāku noa, nā

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