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Dear Simon

Thank you for your request of 25 March 2017, for official information held by the Ministry of Education. You requested:

- *the percentage of secondary schools, including composite schools, that have ultrafast (fibre) broadband internet?*
- *When is the expected date that all secondary schools in New Zealand will have ultrafast broadband?*
- *If this could be broken down by rural vs city, this would be appreciated.*

Digital technology is an increasingly powerful force for knowledge, information and commerce. Students need to prepare for a rapidly changing world by being confident users of digital technology. We are making this happen through an investment of around \$700 million into digital learning infrastructure for schools. Around \$280m of this has been used to upgrade cable and networks for state and state-integrated schools.

In 2010 the Government committed to connecting all state and state-integrated schools to fibre under the Schools Connection Project. The programme reached this objective in 2016, and all state and state-integrated secondary schools have access to ultrafast broadband internet. Approximately one-third of these schools are in rural areas.

Private schools and partnership schools are responsible for arranging their own connections and are not monitored by the Ministry of Education.

I hope this response has been of use to you. If you're interested in more information on digital learning, we've published our vision for a highly connected education system which fosters life-long learning in the 21st century on our website at:

<http://www.education.govt.nz/assets/Documents/Ministry/Initiatives/Lifelonglearners.pdf>

Yours sincerely



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