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Dear Luke

Thank you for your email of 1 August 2018 to the Ministry of Education requesting the following information:

- *What schools currently do not utilise all their class rooms?*
- *If the Ministry would reduce class sizes, what cost would there be to construct additional class rooms?*
- *What costings does the ministry have for smaller class sizes?*
- *For definition: class room means a room in a primary school that would ordinarily be used to teach/as a learning place. This includes pre fabs.*

The Ministry needs to extend the timeframe of our response to your request, pursuant to section 15A(1)(b) of the Act, as consultations necessary to make a decision on the request are such that a proper response to the request cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit. For this reason, you can expect to receive a response to your request by 12 September 2018. I expect that we will be able to respond to you before this date.

Please be advised that should you have any concerns regarding this extension you have the right to ask an Ombudsman to investigate our decision to extend the timeframe. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely



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