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Dear Dave

Thank you for your further email of 13 February 2019 requesting the following information:

- *All correspondence, analysis, and advice the Ministry considered in relation to the decision to promote Microsoft's Office 365 product licenses to high school (and other) students in NZ.*
- *The details of the agreement between the Ministry of Education (or other gov't organisation) and the Microsoft Corporation regarding the supply of those licenses - cost, terms, length of agreement, etc.*

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

The Ministry's role is to give schools choices and we currently have relationships with the three main software providers (Apple, Microsoft and Google) to provide schools access to core computing software. Our intention is that schools will choose the brands and products that best fit the needs of their students and their communities, and that maintain the open market.

In line with maintaining an open market, the Ministry does not promote Microsoft's Office 365 product licences directly to students in New Zealand. The Ministry is however working to raise awareness about the benefits for parents of the agreement with Microsoft. The aim of this work is to ensure that parents purchasing a Microsoft capable device are aware that free Microsoft Office 365 licences are available through the agreement between the Ministry and Microsoft.

In relation to your request for the details of the agreement between the Ministry and Microsoft, I am releasing four documents to you.

The first is a copy of the agreement between the Ministry and Microsoft. The agreement document has information withheld under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act, which is withheld to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

The second, third and fourth documents are copies of the terms and conditions. The second document has been extracted from a Powerpoint and is provided in accordance with section 16(1)(e) of the Act. The rest of the slideshow is withheld in full and one investment term in this document is withheld under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act. Documents 3 and 4 are released to you in full.

You also asked for the cost of the agreement, this information is withheld in full, under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act. As for the length of the agreement, the Ministry website outlines the agreement will be in effect until 31 December 2021.

I hope this information is helpful. 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.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'Zoe Griffiths', is positioned above the typed name.

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