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Dear Allan Alach

Thank you for your email of 24 June 2013 requesting “copies of correspondence between the Minister of Education, Associate Ministers of Education, and the Ministry of Education, that discusses the development and introduction of charter (partnership) schools, other alternative private schooling models, including Private Public Partnership schools, over the period 1/12/2009 to 1/12/2011.”

In your follow up emails of 14 and 15 July you clarified your request to be for “copies of correspondence between the Minister of Education, Associate Ministers of Education, and the Ministry of Education, that discusses the development and introduction of charter (partnership) schools and other alternative private schooling models, over the period 1/12/2009 to 1/12/2011”.

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

Your request for correspondence between the Minister of Education, Associate Ministers of Education, and the Ministry of Education that discusses the development and introduction of charter (partnership) schools over the period 1/12/2009 to 1/12/2011 is being refused under section 18(e) of the Act as the information requested does not exist.

Three documents relate to the second part of your request, “copies of correspondence between the Minister of Education, Associate Ministers of Education, and the Ministry of Education, that discusses the development and introduction of other alternative private schooling models, over the period 1/12/2009 to 1/12/2011”. These documents are enclosed and itemised below:

- Education Report: Protecting and enhancing private schools (25 January 2011)
- Rapid Response: Approaches for private schools (1 February 2011)

- Aide Memoir: Briefing for your meeting with the Minister of Education 8 February 2011 (8 February 2011)

Deletions have been made on the Education Report under section 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons and 9(2)(f)(iii) to maintain the constitutional conventions which protect the political neutrality of officials.

There do not appear to be any overriding public interest reasons that support the release of the information withheld.

Please note that the description of the decile funding arrangement in the Aide Memoir is inaccurate. The decile calculation does not use data relating to the actual student's address. The value for the different dimensions of the socio-economic status is calculated from all the addresses with school age children. For schools with 60 or less students all students are used, with schools between 60 and 179, a sample of 60 addresses is used, and for schools with in excess of 180 students a sample of 1/3 addresses are used. For further information please see page 56 of the *Report to the Education and Science Committee – Inquiry into Decile Funding in New Zealand Schools, October 2001* (this report can be found in the Parliamentary Library).

Under sections 19 and 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982 you have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R. Phair', written in a cursive style.

Rowena Phair
Deputy Secretary
Student Achievement