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Mark Honeychurch  
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Dear Mark Honeychurch

Thank you for your letter of 3 July 2013 requesting:

*information you keep on individual schools regarding religious education. This would include but not be limited to which schools offer religious education, and for each school which organisations are involved, how many hours per year are offered, whether instructors have been cleared by police vetting and what the policy is for opting children out.*

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

The legislation that relates to religious instruction in schools is to be found in the Education Act 1964, sections 78 – 80. The Ministry of Education collects no data on the implementation of this legislation.

**Request Refusal – Section 18(e), Official Information Act 1982**

This request has been refused under section 18(e) of the Act as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or cannot be found.

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

Katrina Casey  
Deputy Secretary  
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