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Thank you for your email of 14 January 2020 to Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children (Oranga Tamariki), requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *I'm curious about the government's proposed programme to deliver food in schools, and the advice that Oranga Tamariki might have sought, been provided, or itself provided about the programme's design.*
- *Please provide any documents, briefing notes, and email correspondence that officials at the Ministry have had with the Prime Minister, the Prime Minister's Office, DPMC, Treasury, the Ministry for Social Development, the Ministry of Education and MPI on government's proposed measures to provide food in schools.*
- *I am interested in knowing (without limiting the scope of the request) about any advice the Ministry provided or was provided about consultation with the sector (both schools and existing NGO providers like KidsCan), and any responses received consequent to that advice. And I would especially like to see any advice about whether the programme would be better delivered directly by government, or whether it would be better to work with existing providers to ensure comprehensive coverage.*
- *Finally, I would like to know what estimates Oranga Tamariki might have had prior to the programme's announcement about the number of children in need of lunches at school who were not covered by existing NGO-provided programmes.*

Your request for all documents, briefing notes and email correspondence as well as all advice that Oranga Tamariki might have sought, been provided, or provided itself relating to delivering food in schools is very broad, and substantial manual collation and research would be required to locate and prepare all documents within the scope of your request. As such, I am refusing this part of your request under section 18(f) of the Act.

I have considered whether we would be able to respond to your request given extra time, or the ability to charge for the information requested. I have concluded that, in either case, our ability to undertake its work would still be prejudiced. The greater public interest is in the effective and efficient administration of the public service.

You have asked what estimates Oranga Tamariki might have had regarding the number of children in need of lunches at school, who were not covered by existing non-profit organisation provided programmes. Oranga Tamariki does not hold the estimated number of children in need of lunches prior to the food in schools programme. Therefore, your request is declined under section 18(e) of the Act as the information requested does not exist.

Oranga Tamariki intends to make the information contained in this letter and any attached documents available to the wider public shortly. We will do this by publishing this letter and attachments on our website. Your personal details will be deleted and we will not publish any information that would identify you as the person who requested the information.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact [OIA\\_Requests@ot.govt.nz](mailto:OIA_Requests@ot.govt.nz).

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision. Information about this is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by contacting them on 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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