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Thank you for your email of 29 January 2019 requesting the following information:

- *The number of times the trauma incident team was called out during 2018, the reasons it was called out, and the schools it was called out to.*
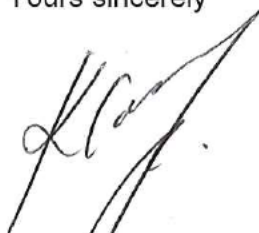
I am aware the Ministry contacted you on 30 January 2019 to discuss what information we can provide you, which is information related to the number of traumatic incidents recorded by the Ministry in 2018, instead of the number of visits to schools. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

The total number of traumatic incidents we have recorded in our client management system (CMS) is provided in **Appendix One**. The information includes the number of traumatic incidents, broken down by year, education region and incident type. I am also releasing a list to you of all the schools where there have been traumatic incidents as per our CMS data, broken down by education region.

The reason for separating out the incident types from the individual schools is that due to the small number of incidents and the size of the communities you are requesting information about, there is a risk that providing you with incident data for the individual schools could lead to the affected students and communities being identified. There is also a risk that speculation on these incidents could further traumatise the affected students and their communities. To protect individuals' privacy under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, the information released to you does not show which incidents relate to each school. I am withholding the schools for the Nelson, Marlborough, West Coast education region under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect privacy, as there are only three incidents.

I hope you find this information helpful. You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision. 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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