



Thank you for your email of 12 June 2017 to the Ministry of Education requesting the following information:

- *The complete file regarding the “rejuvenation”, relocation, and rebuild of Banks Ave School (Christchurch)*
- *Any correspondence between the Ministry and Banks Ave School since 1 September, 2013 regarding the same.*

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

We do not hold a “complete file” regarding the rejuvenation, relocation, and rebuild of Banks Ave School, Christchurch in the manner that you have asked for. To compile such a file would require the Ministry to search through its electronic records in relation to Banks Avenue School but to also look through documentation on the wider Christchurch Schools Rebuild programme to determine what would be within scope of this request. As the programme dates back to 2013 and involves 115 schools it would place a great administrative burden on Ministry staff to make this determination.

For this reason I am refusing this part of your request under section 18(f) of the Act, as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

I am also refusing the second part of your request for any correspondence between the Ministry and Banks Avenue School since 1 September 2013 regarding the rejuvenation, relocation, and rebuild of Banks Ave School, Christchurch, under section 18(f) of the Act.

In reaching this decision I have considered whether further extending the timeframe for responding to your request and/or imposing a charge might enable your request to be answered. Given the volume of information covered by your request I do not consider either of these options sufficiently mitigate the administrative burden associated with responding to your request.

However, in the interests of transparency and recognising your particular interest in this project, I am providing you with documentation from the past year on “the ‘rejuvenation’, relocation, and rebuild of Banks Avenue School, Christchurch.”

I have attached as **Appendix A**, a table detailing the documents I am releasing to you. As you will see, I am withholding some information under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act, to protect the free and frank expression of opinion necessary for good government.

Where I have withheld information, I have considered the public interest in release. I do not consider that there are countervailing considerations which would render it desirable, in the public interest, to make the withheld information available at this time.

Thank you again for your email. 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



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**Head of Education Infrastructure Service**

## Appendix A – List of documents

Document #	Document Name	Proposed decision on this request
1	Stakeholder Engagement Framework: Banks Avenue School	<b>Release in part</b>  Some information has been withheld under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act, to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any department or organisation in the course of their duty
2	Current Banks Avenue School Enrolment Scheme	<b>Release in full</b>
3	Potential Banks Avenue School Enrolment Scheme	<b>Release in full</b>
4	Re: Site Relocation of Banks Avenue School	<b>Release in full</b>
5	Banks Avenue Site	<b>Release in full</b>
6	Capital Works: Banks Ave School Redevelopment	<b>Release in full</b>
7	Banks Avenue School / Burwood Park South proposal	<b>Release in full</b>
8	Banks Avenue School / Burwood Park South proposal	<b>Release in full</b>
9	Banks Avenue School: School Rebuild Update- May 2016	<b>Release in full</b>