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Dear Mr 

On 21 August 2017 you requested the following information from The Treasury under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*"With the Teachers' unions announcement they want a 30% increase to salaries/wages, I'm trying to find the current cost of all people paid under the teachers' award system. Can you please point me at it, or if you like, quote the current number?"*

On 24 August The Treasury transferred your request to the Ministry of Education pursuant to section 14(b)(ii) of the Act as it believed the information requested is more closely connected with the Ministry's functions.

Your request has been considered under the Act.

We have interpreted your request of 21 August to mean total expenditure during 2016. This amounts to \$3,968,709,000 for teachers employed across all teaching roles and comprises all money paid to teachers from the first full pay in January 2016 until the end of December 2016. The amount does not include back pay but includes all salary, lump sum, terminating payments and allowances from all funding sources.

I trust the information is of assistance. Should you have any queries regarding this response, I would ask you to contact Simon Sanders, Manager, Government, Executive and Ministerial Services on [Simon.Sanders@education.govt.nz](mailto:Simon.Sanders@education.govt.nz).

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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