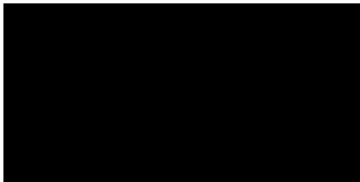




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Thank you for your email of 13 April 2017, to the Ministry of Education requesting the following information:

- *Any briefings presented to the Minister about the funding for gifted education over the past five years, as well as a breakdown of this funding.*

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

We have identified the following documents in scope of your request for information about *funding for gifted education*. Our decision on the release of these documents is shown in the below table.

	Date	Document name	Decision on request
1	7 June 2013	Gifted Kids Programme	Release in part. Out of scope sections have been deleted.
2	01 May 2014	Gifted and talented support and resourcing	Release in full.
3	22 July 2015	Professional Learning and Development three year work programme	A summary of information in scope is attached as Appendix A .

In 2017, the Ministry began implementation of the redesigned Professional Learning and Development (PLD) system. The system is focused on building equity and excellence in national priority areas and aims to put schools and the identified needs of their students at the centre of any improvement actions. Schools, kura and Communities of Learning | Kāhui Ako are required to identify the students that require additional support and to determine what they can do to improve teaching and learning for those students. Once required support is determined they can make a request for PLD.

Over the past five years, an annual amount of \$1.27 million has been available for PLD and curriculum support for gifted and talented education. Funding for gifted and talented students is now part of the overall pool of money available to support PLD. The remaining money is currently being used to support resources to support teachers.

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 or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely



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