



Thank you for your email of 16 October 2017 to the Ministry of Education requesting the following information:

- *All post-occupancy evaluation studies received from schools between January 1 2013 and today's date.*
These studies were mentioned by Rob Giller in this story: <https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/education/97739748/flexible-learning-an-education-fad-or-a-positive-move-for-kids>.

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

Post-Occupancy Evaluations (POEs) aim to gather and examine key insights about facilities' technical performance, functionality and operational processes.

A POE evaluates buildings in a systematic and rigorous manner. The evaluator interviews the people using the new buildings and facilities and collates their opinion under 4 main headings:

- accessibility
- health and safety
- modern learning environments
- sustainability.

The POE identifies both positive and negative aspects of the new buildings and gives recommendations for improvements. We use these recommendations to improve the design process for future buildings. If there are any defects these are sent back to the project team to amend.

Once completed, copies of all post occupancy evaluations are available on our website at:

www.education.govt.nz/school/property/state-schools/design-standards/post-occupancy-evaluations-of-school-building-projects/.

POEs for building projects completed between the years 2011 and 2015 are currently available on the Ministry's website. For this reason, I am refusing your request for reports between 2013 and 2015 under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information requested is publicly available.

A list of completed building projects that had a POE completed between 2011 and 2015 is outlined in the table below:

Year Building Project Completed	Name of School
2011	Stonefields School
2011	Kimi Ora School
2012	Amesbury School
2012	Te Wharekura o Mauao
2013	Golden Sands School
2013	Hobsonville Point Primary School
2013	Te Kura o Nga Iwi e Toru ki Taumarunui
2013	Te Kura Mana Māori o Whangaparaoa
2013	Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Whangaroa
2013	Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Pukemiro
2013	Papamoa College
2014	Hobsonville Point Secondary School
2014	Pegasus Bay School
2014	Te Karaka Area School
2014	Te Puke High School
2014	Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Pukemiro o Kawakawa mai Tawhiti
2015	Endeavour School
2015	Ormiston Primary School
2015	Halswell School

The POEs for projects completed between 2016 and the date of your request have not been completed. Therefore, this part of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as the document does not exist.

Please note, the Ministry now proactively publishes OIA responses on our website. As such, we may publish this response on our website after five working days. Your name and contact details will be removed.

Thank you again for your email. If you have further questions please feel free to contact our media team in the first instance at media.team@education.govt.nz. If you are unsatisfied with my response, you have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review it. 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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