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Dear 

Thank you for your phone call of 29 May 2017 to the Ministry of Education requesting the following information:

- *The number of students who are ORS funded in Auckland ages 16 – 21*

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

The Ministry of Education is committed to creating an education system that is inclusive and supports the needs of every young person.

The Ongoing Resourcing Scheme (ORS) provides additional funding for students who require specialist support. ORS helps students join in and learn alongside other students at school. Once we verify that a student is eligible for ORS, funding is provided for the duration of their schooling. Around 1 percent of all students receive this support at any one time.

ORS has two levels of classification being 'very high needs' and 'high needs'. To meet ORS criteria, students must have ongoing, extreme, or severe difficulty with learning, hearing, vision, mobility or language use and social communication.

We have collated the data for ORS verified students aged 16 to 21 years in the Auckland region. This data is separated into three areas including Auckland City, Manukau and North West. Please find this information attached as **Appendix A**.

Further information about ORS can be found on our website at: <https://education.govt.nz/school/student-support/special-education/ors/>.

Thank you again for your phone call. 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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