



Thank you for your email of 24 April 2019 and your follow up email of 3 May 2019 clarifying your request for the following information:

1. *Any subsequent allocation of funding to the Communities of Learning Initiative since its commencement.*
2. *Total money allocated from the \$359 million Communities of Learning initiative fund directly to formed Communities of Learning since they commenced through until June 2019. An annual breakdown of this amount.*
3. *Total money withdrawn/used from the \$359 million Communities of Learning fund that had not been allocated directly to operating Communities of Learning.*
4. *The total funding allocation to the Tauranga Peninsula Community of Learning, including, but not limited to unit payments to teachers, Governance group, Lead Principal, release costs, outside facilitators, etc.*
5. *The Investing in Educational Success document missing from the Ministry website at this address: <http://education.govt.nz/our-work/changes-in-education/investing-in-educational-success>*
6. *The total of funds allocated to Investing in Educational success initiatives since the commencement of this initiative.*

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Responses to each of your questions follow.

*Question One: Any subsequent allocation of funding to the Communities of Learning Initiative since its commencement.*

No funding additional to the original budget of \$359 million over four years has been allocated to the Investing in Educational Success, Community of Learning initiative. However, as document 2 included for question 5 will show, there was an additional \$154.83 million allocated for out-years when the initiative was established.

*Question Two: Total money allocated from the \$359 million Communities of Learning initiative fund directly to formed Communities of Learning since they commenced through until June 2019. An annual breakdown of this amount.*

A breakdown is provided below. Please note that we have provided you with the information held at the time of your request. We are also providing expenditure instead of allocation, as this is the information that we hold.

(\$millions)	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19*
<b>Community of Learning Costs</b>	\$0.221	\$4.948	\$30.196	\$66.448	\$80.075
<b>External Supports**</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2.300	\$5.711	\$5.320

\*Expenditure to 30 April 2019

\*\*Expert partners and targeted change management

Question Three: *Total money withdrawn/used from the \$359 million Communities of Learning fund that had not been allocated directly to operating Communities of Learning.*

Early in the implementation of the Community of Learning initiative, there were some challenges in moving Communities of Learning from design to full implementation, so expected expenditure against the allocated budget was less than expected. Consequently, funding allocated to the initiative was re-purposed into supports for Communities of Learning, such as expert partners and targeted change management.

No money has been withdrawn from the \$359 million Investing in Educational Success initiative to be used elsewhere, however, in some years we have returned unspent funding to the Government.

As announced on 14 June 2019, under the settlement offer made to the Post Primary Teachers Association and NZEI Te Riu Roa, unspent education funding from Investing in Educational Success will be reprioritised to offset the cost of settling primary, secondary and area schools collective agreements.

This is subject to the offers being settled by members of both unions. It will not affect any existing Kāhui Ako who have employed or are recruiting leadership and teaching roles, or are working on their achievement challenges. All existing Kāhui Ako will continue to operate with the existing funding they are entitled to.

More information can be found on the Ministry website at the follow link:

<http://minedu.cwp.govt.nz/news/collective-bargaining-fact-sheet-13-june-2019>

Question Four: *The total funding allocation to the Tauranga Peninsula Community of Learning, including, but not limited to unit payments to teachers, Governance group, Lead Principal, release costs, outside facilitators, etc.*

	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
<b>Community of Learning operations grant*</b>	\$13,215.00	\$35,142.00	\$69,581.00	\$68,187.00
<b>Change Management Support</b>	-	-	\$26,710.00	\$23,110.00
<b>Kāhui Ako Leader and Teacher - Salary allowances and backfill costs</b>	-	\$432,458.00	\$959,869.00	\$715,277.00
<b>Totals</b>	\$13,215.00	\$467,600.00	\$1,056,160.00	\$806,574.00

\*Operations grant totals are made up of:

formation allowance

maintenance allowance

collaboration allowance (2019 only)

travel grants

induction and networking allowances

Tauranga Girls' College, who are a member of the Tauranga Peninsula Community of Learning, submitted a successful proposal for funding in Round 1 of TLIF	\$40,200.00
Expert Partner Support to Tauranga Peninsula Community of Learning commenced in April 2017 and it is ongoing, cost to date is:	\$47,591.83

Question Five: *The Investing in Educational Success document missing from the Ministry website at this address: <http://education.govt.nz/our-work/changes-in-education/investing-in-educational-success>.*

We have identified four documents that were previously at the link above. These are summarised in the table below, and are released to you as they were previously released on the Ministry website. The reason the link no longer works is because that webpage has been archived.

#	Date	Document type	Title
1	21/01/2014	Cabinet Paper	Investing in Educational Success: The Learning and Achievement Challenge
2	28/05/2014	Cabinet Paper	Investing in Educational Success: design and implementation
3	28/05/2014	Cabinet Minute	Investing in Educational Success: design and implementation
4	03/06/2014	Working Group Report	Investing in Educational Success

Question Six: *The total of funds allocated to Investing in Educational success initiatives since the commencement of this initiative.*

In addition to the information provided in response to Question 2, the following provides total expenditure to date across the Investing in Educational Success initiative since its commencement.

(\$millions)	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19*
<b>Community of Learning Costs</b>	\$0.221	\$4.948	\$30.196	\$66.448	\$80.075
<b>External Supports**</b>			\$2.300	\$5.711	\$5.320
<b>Teacher-Led Innovation Fund</b>		\$1.915	\$2.590	\$2.839	\$1.457
<b>New Appointments National Panel</b>	\$0.762	\$0.927	\$0.903	\$1.049	\$1.211

\*Expenditure to 30 April 2019

\*\*Expert partners and targeted change management

I trust you will find this information helpful.

Please note, the Ministry 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.

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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cc Ezra Schuster, Director of Education for Bay of Plenty–Wairariki