



TE TAI ŌHANGA
THE TREASURY

Reference: 20200309

30 September 2020

s9(2)(a)

Dear s9(2)(a)

Thank you for your Official Information Act request, received on 1 September 2020.
You requested:

"Just seen this on RNZ - <https://www.educationcounts.govt.nz/find-school/school/financial-performance?district=60&ion=13&school=319>

Do you know where it's come from? Would be keen to see the advice myself"

Information being released

Please find enclosed the following document:

| Item | Date | Document Description | Decision |
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| 1. | 6 July 2020 | [Extract] IRG Short list as at 6 July with Vote Analyst comments on delivery agency and projects | Release in part |

I have decided to release the relevant parts of the document listed above. subject to information being withheld under the following section of the Official Information Act:

- Section 9(2)(g)(i) - maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any department or organisation in the course of their duty, and
- Section 9(2)(i) - enable a Minister of the Crown or any department or organisation holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.

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The Green School project was one of many projects that was recommended to Ministers as part of the 'Infrastructure Reference Group (IRG) Shovel Ready Infrastructure Projects' process. The projects were submitted to the IRG, then a shortlist was provided by Crown Infrastructure Partners, as secretariat to the IRG, to IRG Ministers of projects that could be considered for Government support. The Treasury was asked to provide its own assessment of these projects, and relied on information provided by other agencies, where available, to form a brief assessment. Given the large number of projects, substantive advice was not provided on individual projects.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) and enclosed documents may be published on the Treasury website.

This reply addresses the information you requested. You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading 'Fiona Stokes' in a cursive script.

Fiona Stokes
Acting Manager, National Infrastructure Unit

| Project Number | Shortlist | Project Name | Organisation | LGNZ Region (14) | Sector | Total cost (NZ\$m) | Assessed readiness pre regulatory change | Assessed readiness post regulatory change | s9(2)(i) | Jobs | Govt \$\$\$ (\$'m) | Ranked | RESPONSIBLE AGENCY | TREASURY CONSIDERATION | COMMENTS | B20/ CRRF comment |
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| P130 | Yes | Green School New Zealand | Green School Properties Ltd | Taranaki | Environmental | 11.7 | A | A | s9(2)(i) | s9(2)(g)(i) | 11.7 | B - IRG Report List | CIP | MOE and TEC need to be consulted on who is the appropriate responsible | We do not consider that the PDU is appropriate as the responsible agency for this school. If this option is progressed, MOE should be the responsible agency as it is the steward of the Education Act, and has the experience required to ensure the school gets the right network provision in place, and education system oversight going forward. This school is a provisionally registered private school. They had a 1 March 2020 roll of 46 students. The Education Review Office (ERO) have a process to complete before the school can get full private school registration. ERO is planning to visit the school in 2021, so if they are successful in receiving full registration this is unlikely until mid-2021. We believe it would be inappropriate to announce or provide government funding for a project that does not yet have the necessary education approvals. Even if the necessary approvals were in place we do not recommend funding for this school. | |