



Our Ref: OIA-26-452

22 June 2026

Dear [REDACTED]

Re: Official Information Act request regarding changes to regulations around homeschooling

I refer to your email to the Education Review Office dated 8 June 2026 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

Please provide the following records for the period from January 1, 2020, to the present date:

- *All correspondence, briefing papers, and advice provided to the Minister of Education regarding the expansion of regulatory powers over homeschooling.*
- *Records identifying who advised the Minister on this matter, including any external advisors or agencies consulted.*
- *Any reports, evaluations, datasets, or other evidence used as the basis for recommending expanded regulatory powers.*
- *Copies of any consultation documents, internal assessments, or official recommendations related to this policy change.*

It is worth noting that ERO's role is only to [review the provision of homeschooling](#), to judge whether students are taught at least as well as and as regularly as a registered or specialist school. The decision to grant the exemption necessary to homeschool, or to revoke it, rests solely with the Ministry of Education.

Regarding your request there are four documents in scope, which are detailed in the table below. The only information that has been withheld relates to the privacy of ERO staff or of children.

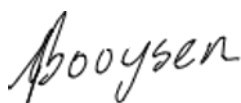
Date	Title	Release decision
20 November 2025	Briefing: Homeschooling background and operational observations	Released in part with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA.
17 December 2025	Letter: Home schooling concerns	Released in full.

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17 December 2025	Letter: Gloriavale Homeschool Review – Provisional Findings	Released in part with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA.
10 March 2026	Information Update: Gloriavale Homeschooling Review – Final Findings and Assurance	Released in part with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. We do not publish requesters' personal information.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at <http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz> or freephone 0800 802 602.

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