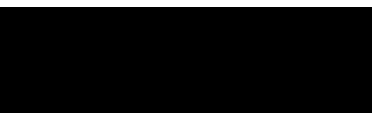


Our Ref: OIA-26-445

22 June 2026

Dear **Re: Official Information Act request regarding ERO's concerns about homeschooling**

I refer to your email to the Education Review Office dated 25 May 2026 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

- I write requesting information supporting the comments Education Minister Erica Stanford has made to media regarding the late additions relating to home education in Amendment 583 to the Education and Training (System Reform) Amendment Bill. Please supply the following information under the Official Information Act (OIA):*
- How many concerns outside of Gloriavale have been made about homeschooled children experiencing harm?*
- When were the "heads-up" from the ERO and MoE made about homeschooled children experiencing harm? (please separately detail concerns outside of the private school and homeschoolers in Gloriavale, which I understand were reviewed in 2023 and 2025)*
- What are the "serious concerns" that ERO and the MoE wrote to the Minister about relating to homeschooling education (please separately detail the concerns outside of Gloriavale)?*

I understand that a similar request has been made of the Ministry of Education. Their response will cover the information they have provided the Minister on this topic. 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.

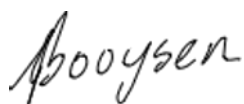
Date	Title	Release decision
20 November 2025	Briefing: Homeschooling background and operational observations	Released in part with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA.
17 December 2025	Letter: Home schooling concerns	Released in full.

Date	Title	Release decision
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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