



CABINET OFFICE

23 September 2020



Ref: OIA-2020/21-0119

Dear 

Official Information Act request: Green School Taranaki

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received on 28 August 2020. You requested:

*"In relation to the 2020 \$11.7 million funding for Green School Taranaki.
1) What was the Result of the Cabinet Vote on this funding decision. (Vote count etc)."*

The business of Cabinet meetings is inherently confidential. I am therefore withholding the information you have requested regarding Cabinet business under section 9(2)(f)(ii) in order to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect collective and individual ministerial responsibility.

I note the Cabinet Manual explains at paragraph 5.25 that issues are often debated vigorously in the confidential setting of Cabinet meetings, although consensus is usually reached, and votes are rarely taken. The Cabinet Manual can be found on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website: <https://dpmc.govt.nz/our-business-units/cabinet-office/supporting-work-cabinet/cabinet-manual>

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

Yours sincerely



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