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Reference: OIA-2020/21-0748

Dear 

### Official Information Act request relating to Cyber Security

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), received by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) on 6 July 2021. You requested:

*"...All official advice you have provided Government Ministers regarding cyber security in schools, including Early Education Childhood Centres, during the past 12 months that is not publicly available.*

*This request includes:*

- Recommended actions, policies or upgrades required to enhance cyber security in schools*
- Any risk assessments undertaken of the vulnerability of schools to cyber-attacks*
- Plans and strategies to deal with cyberattacks on schools*
- Potential consequences of cyberattacks on schools*
- Support available to schools to both prevent cyberattacks and respond to them when they are attempted and/or occur..."*

Advice provided by the National Cyber Policy Office (NCPO) to Ministers is written at a strategic level, rather than operational. Accordingly, tailored advice specifically regarding the education sector has not been provided to Ministers by NCPO. I am therefore formally refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act, as *"the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist..."*

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

This response will be published on DPMC's website during our regular publication cycle. Typically, information is released monthly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

Yours sincerely



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