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Dear Victoria

Thank you for your two emails to the Ministry of 11 January 2017 in which you seek the following information:

- *Of the 2,529 schools included in the survey of the use of seclusion in NZ schools, did all NZ schools respond?*
- *Was there a 100 per cent response from schools to the survey, or, alternatively, out of the 2,529 schools surveyed, what number of schools responded to the survey?*
- *The number of NZ schools involved in the survey of the use of seclusion in NZ schools.*
- *The number of NZ schools that elected to take part in completing the survey.*
- *Of the NZ schools that elected to take part in completing the survey, how many self identified they may have seclusion facilities, regardless of whether the facility had been used in 2016?*
- *The number of NZ schools that did not respond specifically eg: yes we do/no we do not vs. not identified.*
- *The number of NZ schools that elected to take part in completing the survey that did not self identify as potentially using seclusion eg: yes we may have/no we have not vs. not identifying.*

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982.

Every one of New Zealand's 2,529 state, state-integrated, partnership schools, and private schools responded to our survey on seclusion use conducted in late 2016. The respondents were asked directly whether or not they operated a room for the purposes of seclusion, and all provided a definitive 'yes'/'no' reply. Of these, 36 schools self-identified that they had seclusion facilities available. With the survey's focus being primarily on seclusion use in 2016, five of the 36 schools noted that they had not used the practice during the current year.

We undertook further discussions with the 31 schools that had self-identified as operating seclusion in 2016, after which we concluded that 14 had not in fact used it during that year. We then worked with the 17 schools that had employed seclusion in 2016, and all subsequently advised us that they had stopped using the practice in favour of more appropriate behaviour management techniques.

If you have any questions about this response, please feel free to contact the Manager of the Ministry's Official and Parliamentary Information Team, Simon Sanders at [simon.sanders@education.govt.nz](mailto:simon.sanders@education.govt.nz) or on 04 439 5005.

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Thank you again for your email, and I hope my response has been of use to you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Katrina Casey', written over a diagonal line.

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