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From: Tony Irvine []
Sent: Wednesday, 13 May 2015 3:43 p.m.
To: Jonathan Eaton
Subject: RE: Ruru Specialist School

Thanks Jonathan

While I seek instructions, perhaps you could explain what purpose will be achieved if the information was provided, as that may assist in determining whether it is appropriate to provide it – otherwise, it appears to be a fishing expedition.

Regards



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From: Jonathan Eaton [mailto:jonathan@bridgesidechambers.co.nz]
Sent: Wednesday, 13 May 2015 2:16 p.m.
To: Tony Irvine
Subject: RE: Ruru Specialist School

Dear Tony

My client's do not share your client's view regarding a resolution. They have received no apology or recognition of wrong doing in relation to the treatment of their son and other children.

In accordance with previous correspondence a full reply to the information request is required. The particulars have been clearly spelt out.

Time has dragged on. Please ensure the information is provided within 7 days.

Regards

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From: Tony Irvine [mailto:tony@bridgesidechambers.co.nz]
Sent: Thursday, 30 April 2015 5:24 p.m.
To: Jonathan Eaton
Subject: RE: Ruru Specialist School

Hi Jonathan

I was surprised to receive your email today. I thought the parties had moved on a positive path to resolving their issues, while the bigger issue of using such timeout rooms generally is being addressed by the Ministry in Wellington.

The Ministry met with the Board earlier this week and the Board is to finalise its plan to address the action points raised by Terri Johnstone. The Board reiterated its invitation to meet with your clients – but I gather they may be awaiting the outcome of the Board's plan. I understand the Board also met with your clients and assume they will report back to them on the outcome of their meeting with the Board.

In the meantime, the Board has not responded to your request for information as they believed they were on a positive track to resolving this matter with your clients. If you consider there is still a need for any additional information not already included in Ms Johnstone's report, perhaps you could let us know what you specifically require.

Regards



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From: Jonathan Eaton
Sent: Thursday, 30 April 2015 12:52 p.m.
To: Tony Irvine
Subject: Ruru Specialist School

Dear Mr Irvine

I refer to my letters of 3 February and 24 March 2015.

Your client school has failed to respond to the particularised information request. Does it intend to comply with the request? If not I have instructions to pursue the matter further.

Regards

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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Pursuant to the Official Information Act the following documentation/records are sought on behalf of my clients Mr & Mrs Turnbull in relation to the Ruru Specialist School, Invercargill.

1. All photographs of the seclusion room otherwise known as a "timeout/safe room".
2. All building/construction/design records in relation to the seclusion/timeout/safe room.
3. All records as to the use of the seclusion/timeout/safe room.
4. All records of disclosure of the existence of and use of the seclusion/timeout/safe room to parents of students of the school.
5. A list of all current staff of the school.
6. A list of all former staff of the school employed between 2004 and 2014.
7. Any record of policy/protocol around the use of the seclusion/timeout/safe room.
8. A copy of all complaints regarding staff abuse of students at the school in the period 1994 – 2014.
9. The most recent ERO report of Rural Specialist School.
10. Any other Ministry of Education reviews of Rural Specialist School.

Yours faithfully


JONATHAN EATON QC