

From: Shan Pather
 To: CAMERON, Brian
 Cc: Mark Evans
 Subject: RE: Re # 160223/8826
 Date: Thursday, 22 September 2016 10:53:02 a.m.

Hi Brian

Thank you for the useful background information, and your response below.

Will keep in touch.

Kind regards

Shan

Shan Pather
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From: CAMERON, Brian [mailto:Brian.Cameron@police.govt.nz]
 Sent: Thursday, 22 September 2016 10:48 a.m.
 To: Shan Pather
 Cc: Mark Evans
 Subject: RE: Re # 160223/8826

Gents,

Following from our conversation earlier please find the following responses to your numbered questions below as follows;

1. The initial investigation commenced 04 December 2014. It was filed on 18 June 2015 and reactivated 15 October 2015 for review post an ICPA complaint by the informants. It was subsequently assigned to me for reinvestigation on 06 May 2016.

2. The nature of the investigation comprises historic allegations of assault and unlawful detention of pupils within a 'safe' room at the School
3. The investigation is current – a completion date is not as yet known and will be subject to Legal review (internal).
4. Per our conversation I would suggest that an OIA request would be required for the release of any such report.
5. See 1. Above

Kind Regards

Brian

Brian Cameron

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From: Shan Pather [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 21 September 2016 9:03 a.m.
To: CAMERON, Brian <Brian.Cameron@police.govt.nz>
Cc: Mark Evans [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Re # 160223/8826

Dear Mr Cameron,

I have been given your name as the officer in charge of the above investigation.

It may help by way of background for you to know why the Education Review Office [ERO] is requesting information. ERO's main function under the Education Act 1989 is to review the performance of schools in the delivery of the NZ Curriculum. Schools are governed by boards. As part of the review, ERO through its review officers also looks at how school boards are providing a safe emotional and physical environment to the students. On completion of the review ERO produces a report for the school which is available on ERO's website for the public.

ERO carried out a review of Ruru Special School in April this year, and produced a report in August 2016. Please see attached [<http://www.ero.govt.nz/review-reports/ruru-special-school-08-08-2016>].

ERO was not aware that the Police were carrying out an investigation of the school in relation to a complaint from parents of a child who was at the school.

As part of an Official Information Act request, ERO has been told by the parents of the child the following:

"In December 2015 IPCA recommended a Police investigation into the use of the seclusion room at Ruru Specialist School should take place. The police are currently investigating the school. It is

concerning that your review of the school makes no reference to this ongoing Police Investigation into a procedure and practice that has been used at the school since 1999".

We are seeking your confirmation of the accuracy of the above statement by the parents.

It will help the Education Review Office in responding to the Official Information Request if you could provide me and my colleague (Mark Evans – Senior Advisor) with the following information.

1. The date the police opened its investigation into the parental complaint at Ruru Special School.
2. The specific nature of the investigation.
3. Is the complaint still being investigated or have the Police made a final decision?
4. If a final decision was made can you please let us know of the findings.
4. We were informed that the complaint had been started, then closed and then re-opened following its referral to the IPCA? If so, then please provide the relevant dates.

You are welcome to contact either myself or my colleague Mark by phone or email, whichever is more convenient. Please note that we are working to meet the timelines set out in the OIA in responding to the parents who complained to the Police.

We look forward to hearing from you.

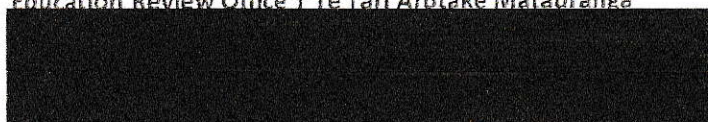
Regards,

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