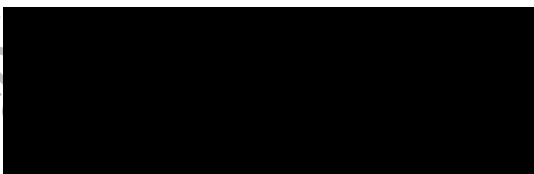



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Re: Home Schooling Evaluations

Thank you for your request for information under the Official Information Act 1982.
You have requested the following.

1. *How many homeschooling reviews have been requested by the Secretary for Education since Jan 1, 2017?*
2. *How many homeschooling reviews have been carried out in "other particular circumstances" since Jan 1, 2017?*
3. *What sort of circumstances comprise "other particular circumstances"?*
4. *How many homeschooled children were found to not be "taught at least as regularly and well at home as in a registered school" since Jan 1, 2017?*

The answers follow with questions 1 and 4 addressed first, then question 2 and 3.

The Education Review Office has received 35 requests for homeschooling reviews since 1 January 2017 to the present (22 February 2022). Of the 32 reviews that have been completed in that time frame, 22 reported that children were being "taught at least as regularly and well at home as in a registered school" and 10 reported that children were not being "taught at least as regularly and well at home as in a registered school".

During the period of January 2017 to the present, ERO has conducted home school reviews at the request of the Ministry of Education. To this point that has been the sole circumstance under which ERO has conducted home school reviews. Please note, the Chief Executive has authority under the Education and Training Act to initiate reviews at his discretion.

You may be interested to know that ERO will soon be undertaking further work in homeschooling in order to inform current interest in the recent increase in applications.

If you request any further information please feel free to contact me directly.

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