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Dear [Redacted]

Re: Official Information Act request regarding school readiness reviews and charter schools

I refer to your request sent to the Charter School Agency on 28 November 2024 that was transferred to the Education Review Office on 9 December 2024 requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982 as follows:

Will School Readiness reviews be completed before new charter schools open; if not, why not? If so, when can the public expect these to be released?

ERO will complete establishment checks and verification reports as schools begin to operationalise and deliver for learners.

ERO is working with the Charter School Agency and schools to deliver onsite verification checks in February and March. Following onsite visits, verification reports will be sent to the Charter School Agency. ERO does not publish new and merging school reports as these belong to the agency they are completed for.

ERO will conduct cyclical monitoring (3 years) to validate and verify the information Charter Schools provide to the Agency against their contracts. These reports will be published to ensure public transparency.

You have the right seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at <http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz> or freephone 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi,

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