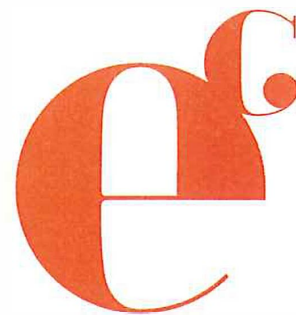


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EDUCATION COUNCIL
NEW ZEALAND | Mātauranga Aotearoa

Dear Mr [REDACTED]

RESPONSE TO YOUR REQUEST UNDER THE OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT

Thank you for your email of 25 February 2018 requesting information under the Official Information Act (the Act), regarding our Chief Executive and Board members. You asked the following:

1. *Is your chief executive a teacher?*
2. *Has anybody on your council spent more than three years teaching a classroom?*
3. *Do your council members earn more (pro rata) than a top of the scale teacher?*
4. *Are more than 50% of your board retired members of parliament?*
5. *Do teachers elect the members of your council?*

I'm not sure how this particular cycle of inquiry links to your student learning and your own teaching practice, but I am happy to answer these questions.

Q1. Is your chief executive a teacher?

Yes. He is a Secondary School teacher by profession and for seven years was Principal at Burnside High School.

Q2. Has anybody on your council spent more than three years teaching a classroom?

Yes. Five of the nine members hold a current practising certificate and a further two have previously been registered teachers.

Q3. Do your council members earn more (pro rata) than a top of the scale teacher?

Yes. Board members are paid fees set by the Minister of Education using the Cabinet Fees Framework.

Q4. Are more than 50% of your board retired members of parliament?

No. None of the current members are retired members of parliament.

Q5. Do teachers elect the members of your council?

No. However, at least five members must be appointed by the Minister of Education from nominations received following notification of the vacancy in the Gazette.

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I hope that I have been able to answer your questions satisfactorily but if you are not satisfied with my reply you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman, who can be contacted by writing to: The Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143, or emailing: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pauline Barnes', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Pauline Barnes
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