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Dear Nathan

Thank you for your email of 28 August 2009, requesting under section 12 of the Official Information Act 1982:

"the exact amount of money the Ministry of Education is paying for computer operating systems, office suites, anti-virus and web filtering software for the next three years on a per computer basis".

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act and the approximate per computer figure is \$186.68. This figure has been calculated based on the total cost of contracts between the Ministry of Education and vendors for software provision for schools and the number of computers supported under these agreements.

Under current agreements, schools are free to use any product they wish. I understand a number of schools such as Warrington School are already using open source software or browser based alternatives. However, schools choosing alternative products will not be reimbursed for the same amount per computer the Ministry is paying under the existing centralised approach.

If you wish to discuss this further, please contact Kris Nilsen in the e-Learning Unit of the Ministry at kris.nilsen@minedu.govt.nz or on 04 463 8862.

Yours sincerely

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