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Tēnā koe Meryl

**OIA: 1327385 – Highest Needs Review costings**

Thank you for your email of 21 April 2024 to the Ministry of Education (the Ministry) requesting the following information relating to the Highest Needs Review:

*From commencement of the review till now, broken down by year, or quarterly, if possible, on how much money has the MoE spent on the highest needs review. Please include:*

- 1. Cost of MoE Staffing (including any contractors)*
- 2. Staff travel costs including transportation, accommodation, meeting rooms, and any meal allowances etc*
- 3. Total contract spend for any work associated with this work, including reports and reviews*
- 4. Costs relating to the reference group (including accommodations, flight and travel, etc)*
- 5. Any briefings to Ministers or senior leaders about the review and/or it's progress*

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

The Ministry needs to extend the timeframe for responding to your request, pursuant to section 15A(1)(a) of the Act, as the request necessitates a search through a large quantity of information, and meeting the original time limit would unreasonably interfere with the operations of the Ministry. You can now expect to receive a response to your request on or before 18 June 2024, which is an extension of 20 working days.



You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to investigate our decision to extend the timeframe for responding to this request, in accordance with section 28 of the Act. You can do this by writing to [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Nāku noa, nā



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