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Dear Blaize

Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your request of 14 January 2020 under the Official Information Act 1982, for the following information:

Please provide details of about the total running costs of NCEA Level 1,2,3 and Scholarship External Exams in 2019, including preparation of standards. Copyright licencing, Printing, Staff and Examiners cost and cost of teachers marking.

Please also specify the estimated cost for one student to sit an ordinary exam, compared to the estimated cost for one student to sit a digital exam.

The information you have requested is set out in the table below.

Estimated cost of running NCEA L1, L2, and L3 and Scholarship External Examinations¹

Staff				5,710,976.46
Exam sessions admin and supervision				5,714,260.26
School administration fees				814,331.85
Examiners (preparation of external assessments)				1,428,760.00
Marking				11,514,156.45
Printing and distribution				3,516,036.29
Information Technology				1,800,000.00
Other operating and support costs				1,886,777.80
Copyright licencing				0.00
				32,385,299.11

NZQA is not able to provide a meaningful estimated cost for one student sitting an ordinary exam or digital exam as both NCEA ordinary and digital exams have high fixed cost structures. This means the higher volume of participants the lower cost per exam.

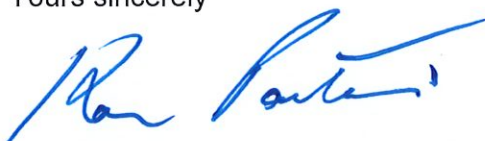
¹ The overall cost of delivering NCEA external assessment is substantially similar to previous years, apart from pay adjustments for the Specialist Workforce (Markers and Examiners).

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If you require further assistance or believe we have misinterpreted your request, please contact Elizabeth Templeton in the Office of the Chief Executive, email elizabeth.templeton@nzqa.govt.nz or telephone (04) 463 3339.

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Karen Poutasi', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Karen Poutasi (Dr)
Chief Executive