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Tēnā koe Chris

Thank you for your request of 9 March 2020 to the Ministry of Education requesting the following information:

Rationale behind Changes to Technology Subjects in Provisional NCEA Level 1 - All correspondence (Including emails, memos, file notes, briefings, reports, meeting notes, SMS messages - between the Minister of Education, the Chief Executive and Secretary for Education, and the Senior Manager Secondary Tertiary Group (including those acting in these roles) from 23/03/2018 to the date this request is acknowledged concerning the following:

- a) *The rationale to not include a generic “Technology” subject in the Provisional NCEA Level 1 Subject List*
- b) *The rationale to include the new subject “Food Science” in the Technology learning area in place of the current Processing Technologies and Home Economics subjects in the Provisional NCEA Level 1 Subject List*

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

The Ministry needs to extend the timeframe of our response to your request, pursuant to section 15(A)(1)(b) of the Act, as the consultations necessary to make a decision on the request are such that a proper response to the request cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit.

With COVID-19 evolving the Ministry is responding and re-directing resources as needed, which is impacting on our ability to deliver some of our usual functions within the normal timeframes. In the current climate it is not possible to provide you with a definitive date by which we will be able to respond to your request. However, please be assured that we will keep you updated and will provide you with a new expected due date as soon as we are in a position to do so. We are grateful for your patience and understanding in these unprecedented times.

Due to the current climate with COVID-19, the closing date for submissions for the *Review of Achievement Standards (RAS) – Provisional NCEA Level 1 Subject List* has been extended from 20 April 2020 to 20 June 2020.

Please be advised that should you have any concerns regarding this extension you have the right to ask an Ombudsman to investigate our decision to extend the timeframe. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Nāku noa, nā



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