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Tēnā koe Dave

Thank you for your request of 20 March 2020 to the Ministry of Education requesting information on *Informed consent for proprietary software used at NZ public schools*. 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 15A(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.

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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