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Tēnā koe Mark,

Thank you for your email of 29 October 2021 to Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga | the Ministry of Education requesting the following information:

- 1) ***The number of positions affected by the restructure i.e. How many positions were disestablished and how many were created? I am not interested in the number of positions that simply moved or had changes in reporting lines unless the significance/size of the roles significantly changed.***
- 2) ***I would also like you to tell me the net cost impact of the changes, ideally by setting out the total costs of roles disestablished, and the total cost of new roles created, while I would prefer this to be itemised individually for each role, if it makes it easier then I am happy to receive the summary information (for eg: 4 roles disestablished with salary savings totalling \$400,000 per annum and overhead cost savings totalling \$100,000 pa. And 2 new roles created with new salary costs of \$300,000 and overhead costs of \$60,000). I do not want or need specific salary levels for any individual person or position, but rather the overall costs and savings to the Ministry. So please use salary bands or similar to protect privacy etc but I do want to have a figure with some integrity i.e. Not an estimate that has a range of hundreds of thousands of dollars. I appreciate that some new roles may not have been filled as yet, if so please use a sensible figure for salary and other costs presumably 100% of the relevant job band.***
- 3) ***I would also like to receive a copy of any and all individual "Briefings for the Incoming Deputy Secretary" or any documents with a similar name or purpose that may have been prepared for each Deputy secretary of business groups.***
- 4) ***Please also advise the direct external costs of preparing any such briefing materials for deputy secretaries i.e. any costs that are not covered by existing ministry expenditure eg: I am not interested in costing the hours of any existing ministry employees who were assigned to prepare such documentation, but I am interested in knowing of any costs that were specifically incurred just to do this task eg if a new person/s was hired for this purpose, or if an external party eg contractors/consultants or advisers to the Ministry whether individuals or firms, or graphic design or printing or related publication costs were contracted to do this work.***

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 by 15 working days, pursuant to section 15A(1)(b) of the Act, as 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.

For this reason, you can expect to receive a response to your request by **17 December 2021**. I am hopeful that we will be able to respond to you before this date.

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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