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Tēnā koe Erika

**OIA: 1321221 - Finders Fee for hiring overseas teachers.**

Thank you for your email of 18 January 2024 to the Ministry of Education (the Ministry) requesting the following information:

- 1. How many overseas teachers in 2023 did you hire through such a financial incentive program?*
- 2. What was the total cost of these incentives for 2023?*
- 3. What is the allocated budget for such incentives in 2024?*
- 4. How many teachers have you hired via agencies in 2023 eg Vivid Teachers?*
- 5. What was the cost to you for using such agencies in 2023?*
- 6. How many graduates were there from New Zealand teachers colleges for the year 2023?*
- 7. How many students dropped out of the teachers colleges due to mandates in 2022?*
- 8. What was the total enrolment number in NZ teachers colleges at the start of 2021 and at the start of 2022?*

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)(b) of the Act, as consultations necessary to make a decision on the request are such that a proper response cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit. You can now expect to receive a response to your request on or before 1 March 2024, which is an extension of 10 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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cindy McDonald". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cindy McDonald  
**Principal Advisor**  
**Official and Parliamentary Information**  
**Government, Executive and Ministerial Services**