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Tēnā koe

OIA: 1333619 – Curriculum Insights and Progress Study (CIPS)

Thank you for your email of 5 August 2024 to the Ministry of Education (the Ministry) requesting the following information:

I note the PMs maths announcement over the weekend.

- 1. Please release a copy of the CIPS report which the figures were drawn from.*
- 2. Please release a copy of all advice given to either the Minister, or the Prime Minister or their respective offices, or DPMC, about the CIPS report. This should include formal advice (briefing notes, reports etc) but also any less formal advice such as emails, notes of meetings, texts*

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

In response to **part one** of your request, the Curriculum Insights and Progress Study (CIPS) was established in 2023 to monitor Year 3, 6 and 8 student achievement and progress in the refreshed New Zealand Curriculum, and develop insights that can be used to enable and support system improvement. I am refusing the reports on the 2023 study under section 18(d) of the Act, as they are publicly available at: <https://www.educationcounts.govt.nz/publications/series/curriculum-insights-and-progress-study>.

In response to **part two** of your request, we have considered all information that provides advice, and excluded information relating to operational matters. We have identified five documents sent to the Minister of Education, which are outlined in the below **Appendix A Document Table**, along with my decision as to their release at **Appendix A**. We have not identified any advice sent to the Prime Minister or the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.

Please note, I am withholding some information under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons, and section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act, to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials. Some information that does not relate to the CIPS has also been removed as out of scope of your request.

I am refusing one document under section 18(d) of the Act, as it is publicly available with some information withheld under sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act, and withholding as above.

As required under section 9(1) of the Act, I have considered the public interest in releasing the information withheld. I do not consider the public interest considerations favouring the release of this information are sufficient to outweigh the need to withhold it at this time.

Please note, we may publish this response on our website after five working days. Your name and contact details will be removed.

Thank you again for your email. You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review my decision on your request, in accordance with section 28 of the Act. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or to Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Nāku noa, nā



Ellen MacGregor-Reid
Hautū | Deputy Secretary
Te Poutāhū | Curriculum Centre

Appendix A Document Table

#	Date	METIS #	Title	Decision on release
1	10 Apr 2024	1319524	Education Report: Curriculum Insights and Progress Study Monitoring and expansion	Refused. Information has been refused under section 18(d) of the Act. Information is publicly available at the following link: https://assets.education.govt.nz/public/Documents/our-work/information-releases/Advice-Seen-by-our-Ministers/2024/April-2024/1319524-CIPS-monitoring-and-expansion.pdf Please note some information has been withheld from the document under sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act.
2	15 July 2024	1332327	Education Report: Government Achievement Target 7: Quarter Two Report approval	Release in part. Information has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
2a	15 July 2024	1332327	Annex 1: Achievement Target Quarter Two Report	Withhold in full. Information has been withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act.
3	1 Aug 2024	1333409	Rapid Response	Release in part. Information has been withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act and removed as out of scope.
4	4 Aug 2024	1333296	Minister's reactive Q & As	Release in full.