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Tēnā koe Mr James

Official Information Act Request

Further to our acknowledgment of your request of 29th August 2024, under the Official Information Act 1982, for the following information:

I request any information pertaining to the development of the US32406 (Apply mathematics and statistics in a range of everyday situations) co-requisite assessment that was administered during Term 2, 2024. For the avoidance of doubt, the paper that forms the basis of this request is available on the Authority's website:

<https://www2.nzqa.govt.nz/assets/NCEA/LitNum/2024-exams-and-reports/32406-Numeracy-English-exam-first-assessment-2024.pdf> As an indication of the scope of this request, such information should include (but need not be limited to):

- 1. Communication between authors, reviewers, and other people close to the development process regarding the specification of the paper. The purpose of including this in the request is to gain insight into the requirements that guided authors during the development of the paper.*
- 2. Every iteration of the assessment, including any commentary from authors or reviewers that might be associated with each draft. The purpose of including this in the request is to establish insight into the nature of the writing and review process and how authors and reviewers came to produce a paper that was deemed to be fit for purpose. Drafts and comments should be supplied in chronological order.*
- 3. Communication between any party regarding how 'pass' or 'fail' grades would be awarded. The purpose of including this in the request is to gain insight into how the 'rubric' was developed. This communication could have taken place prior to the exam, or post-hoc (i.e., if the rubric was revised in response to, e.g., student performance).*
- 4. Communication between any party regarding trends in overall student performance (including overall performance on specific questions). The purpose of including this in the request is to understand i) whether there were questions on the assessment that the Authority have subsequently deemed to be ineffectual or inappropriate, and ii) whether student performance influenced the 'rubric' post-hoc (i.e., whether student performance influenced the Authority to make the threshold for passing more or less stringent).*
- 5. Communication between any party regarding instructions provided to markers of the assessment. The purpose of including this in the request is to understand how the Authority established a unified approach to marking questions that allowed for subjectivity, and how feedback from markers influenced the Authority. This should not include communication from individual markers to NZQA.*

6. Communication between any party regarding future assessments of the same standard that references the Term 2 2024 assessment. This could include references to the assessment development process or the outcomes of the assessment.

The Official Information Act requires that we advise you of our decision on your request no later than 20 working days after the day we received your request. Unfortunately, it will not be possible to meet that time limit. We are therefore writing to you to notify you of an extension of the time to make our decision to 7 November 2024.

This extension is necessary because your request requires a search through a large quantity of information and meeting the original time limit would unreasonably interfere with our operations. Additionally, consultations necessary to make a decision on your request are such that a proper response cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit.

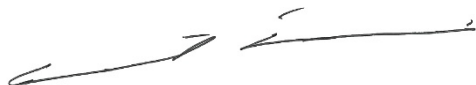
This extension is pursuant to sections 15A(1)(a) and (b) of the Official Information Act 1982.

I will be in contact with you again if there is a likelihood, we will not be able to meet the extended timeframe.

For any enquiries about your request, please get in touch with ministerials@nzqa.govt.nz.

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982, to lodge a complaint with the Office of the Ombudsman at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz. You can also telephone 0800 802 502 or write to the Ombudsman at PO Box 10152, Wellington, 6143.

Nāku nā



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