

# Hon Erica Stanford

Minister of Education  
Minister of Immigration



25 OCT 2024

Ref: ESOIA247

Tristan

By email: [fyi-request-28555-09709d04@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-28555-09709d04@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Tēnā koe Tristan,

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, received on 12 August, in which you requested the following information:

- *the number and nature (emails, letters, in person or online meetings, online messages and any other media) of written and verbal communications you have had, in your capacity as Minister of Education, regarding curriculum and assessment in New Zealand, with NZ Science (incl Chemistry, Physics and Biology) and English secondary teacher subject associations or their senior members, over the last 12 months.*

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

On 16 October, you refined your scope to limit this correspondence between a select group of associations to include:

- NZIP, (NZ Institute of Physics)
- NZIC, (NZ Institute of Chemistry)
- BEANZ (Biology Educators' Association of New Zealand)
- NZASE (New Zealand Association of Science Educators)
- NZATE (New Zealand Association for the Teaching of English)

By nature, you specified “*where there are 'emails, letters, in person or online meetings, online messages [or] any other media'. For example, that there were X number of meetings/letters exchanged with Y individual.*”

You declined to specify individual names from the associations, and therefore my office has found communications sent from individuals who explicitly represented their association in their correspondence.

My response to your request is detailed to you in the table below:

## **NZIP, (NZ Institute of Physics)**

Communication	From	Date
Letter	Minister Stanford	27 February 2024
Email	NZIP	28 February 2024

## **NZIC, (NZ Institute of Chemistry)**

*No communications identified between Minister Stanford and NZIC.*

**BEANZ (Biology Educators' Association of New Zealand)**

Communication	From	Date
Email	BEANZ	24 January 2024
Email	BEANZ	28 January
Letter	Minister Stanford	1 March 2024
Email	BEANZ	13 May 2024
Letter	Minister Stanford	13 June 2024
Email	BEANZ	14 June 2024
Letter	Minister Stanford	21 August 2024

**NZASE (New Zealand Association of Science Educators)**

Communication	From	Date
Invitation to meeting	NZASE	22 June 2024
Virtual meeting	n/a	25 June 2024
Email	NZASE	30 June 2024
Letter	Minister Stanford	8 August 2024

**NZATE (New Zealand Association for the Teaching of English)**

Communication	From	Date
Email	NZATE	29 April 2024
Letter	Minister Stanford	13 June 2024

I note that information regarding my schedule is published regularly on the Beehive website as part of the Ministerial Diary release.

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.

Thank you again for your email. You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision. 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,



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