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OIA: 1337081 – Information about University Advisory Group

Thank you for your email of 30 September 2024 to the Ministry of Education (the Ministry) requesting the following information:

1. *A full overview and breakdown of all costs associated with the University Advisory Group (UAG), including member fees and remuneration, administrative/secretariat costs, hosting, etc.*
2. *All communications (email, text, phone, etc.) between the Ministry and the chair of the UAG Sir Peter Gluckman.*
3. *Any and all communications to or from the Ministry regarding the UAG's initial report.*
4. *A copy of all submissions received by the UAG during phases one and two of consultation.*

On 18 October 2024, you clarified **part two** of your request as follows:

2. *All communications (email, text, phone, etc.) **between the Ministry and the chair of the UAG Sir Peter Gluckman** - I'm happy for you to exclude incidental/administrative communications such as arranging meeting times and other logistics. I am particularly interested in **communications relating to the membership selection process** including selection and acceptance of the chair as well as discussion of costs associated with the UAG, but also wish to receive any advice, policy considerations, briefings, notes, opinions or options under consideration that fall outside of these incidental communications.*

We responded to **parts one and four** of your request on 29 October 2024.

In accordance with section 15(1) of the Act, this letter is to advise you that a decision has been made to provide grant the remainder of your request in part.

We have identified 127 documents within scope of **part two** of your request, comprising 63 email threads with attachments. We are currently finalising the documentation for release, and our substantive response will be with you without undue delay.

Some information will be withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.
- 9(2)(b)(ii) to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely to unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information
- 9(2)(f)(iv) to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials
- 9(2)(g)(i) to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any public service agency or organisation in the course of their duty.
- 9(2)(i) to enable a Minister of the Crown or any public service agency or organisation holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.

I am refusing some information under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information requested is or will soon be publicly available. These documents are set out in the **Document Table** below. Where possible, links have been provided to the publicly available information in the Document Table.

I am refusing **part three** of your request under section 18(a) of the Act, since, by virtue of section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act, there is good reason for withholding the information in full on the basis that this report is still under active consideration by the Minister.

You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review the 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 10-152, Wellington 6143.

Nāku noa, nā



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Document Table

#	Date	From	To	Subject	Decision on release
1	6 March 2024	Donna McKenzie	Catherine Ryan Clara Rowe	FW: UAG names	<p>Refused under section 18(d) of the Act. Information is publicly available. https://web-assets.education.govt.nz/s3fs-public/2024-10/1333318-Appendix-A.pdf?VersionId=9T_RBLLxTTPpR9QFmtNgpeck7YtYQdJ4</p>
2	7 March 2024	Andy Jackson	Katrina Sutich	RE: UAG names	
3	7 March 2024	MEMO: University Advisory Group – approval to begin the appointment process			
4	7 March 2024	MEMO: University Advisory Group – agreement to delegate the management and appointment of the UAG			
5	14 March 2024	MEMO: UAG Membership and Probity Checks			
6	15 March 2024	Andy Jackson	James Campbell	Ministers' view of panel – confidential	
7	3 April 2024			FW: AUG members – candidates for feedback	
8	4 April 2024			FW: UAG – Weekly Meeting	
13f	<p>Attachment: 4.1 International Education .pdf</p> <p>Education Report: Growing the number of International Students in New Zealand METIS 1319472</p>				<p>Refused under section 18(d) of the Act. Information is publicly available at https://web-assets.education.govt.nz/s3fs-public/2024-11/3.%201319472%20ER%20-%20Growing%20the%20number%20of%20international%20students%20in%20New%20Z%20Redacted.pdf?VersionId=G5XnvRhRGDIpiPYZSvG.cViVL2LGYvk.</p>

13g	Attachment: 1.1 TEC BIM.pdf	Refused under section 18(d) of the Act. Information is publicly available at https://www.tec.govt.nz/assets/Ministerial-papers/Briefing-for-the-Incoming-Minister-for-Tertiary-Education-and-Skills.pdf
13h	Attachment: 1.2 ER Tertiary education and skills BIM redacted.pdf	Refused under section 18(d) of the Act. Information is publicly available at 14.-1319031-Tertiary-education-and-skills-for-release_Redacted.pdf
13j	Attachment: 2.1 Challenges and opportunities in HE.pdf	Refused under section 18(d) of the Act. Information is publicly available at https://assets.education.govt.nz/public/Documents/our-work/information-releases/Advice-Seen-by-our-Ministers/November-2023/1.-Challenges-and-opportunities-in-higher-education-funding.pdf
22a	Attachment: The performance based research fund in New Zealand taking stock and looking forward. New Zealand Economic Papers.pdf	Refused under section 18(d) of the Act. Information is publicly available at https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/00779954.2022.2156382
22b	Attachment: Sources of PBRF convergence. Scientometrics 2022.pdf	Refused under section 18(d) of the Act. Information is publicly available at https://doi.org/10.1007/s11192-022-04376-9
22c	Attachment: An evaluation of metrics used the Performancebased Research Fund process in New Zealand – NZ Economic Papers.pdf	Refused under section 18(d) of the Act. Information is publicly available. https://www.tandfonline.com/loi/rnzp20

22d	Attachment: Fifteen years of a PBRFS in New Zealand. Australian Economic Review.pdf				Refused under section 18(d) of the Act. Information is publicly available. https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/1467-8462.12415
22e	Attachment: Buckle and Creedy Submission to UAG 2024.pdf				Refused under section 18(d) of the Act. Information will soon become publicly available at https://uag.org.nz/
24c	Attachment: FULL-TES-2020.pdf				Refused in full. Information is publicly available at https://www.education.govt.nz/our-work/strategies-policies-and-programmes/tertiary-and-further-education/tertiary-education-strategy-tes
25a	Attachment: 60_-_rise_value_of_research-june15_1.pdf				Refused under section 18(d) of the Act. Information is publicly available at https://ec.europa.eu/futurium/en/system/files/ged/60_-_rise_value_of_research-june15_1.pdf
26	24 June 2024	James Campbell	Peter Gluckman	RE: Please circulate to SSAG and UAG	Refused under section 18(d) of the Act. Information will soon be publicly available at https://uag.org.nz/
26a	Attachment: Sources of PBRF convergence. Scientometrics 2022.pdf				See Document 22b
26b	Attachment: The performance-based research fund in New Zealand taking stock and looking forward. New Zealand Economic Papers.pdf				See Document 22a
26c	Attachment: An evaluation of metrics used the Performancebased Research Fund process in New Zealand – NZ Economic Papers.pdf				See Document 22c
26d	Attachment: Buckle and Creedy Submission to UAG 2024.pdf				See Document 22e
26e	Attachment: Fifteen years of a PBRFS in New Zealand. Australian Economic Review.pdf				See Document 22d
26f	Attachment: 170 MPI_Phase1_UAG submissions.pdf				Refused under section 18(d) of the Act. Information will

		soon be publicly available at https://uag.org.nz/
42a	Attachment: UAG report 2.docx	Refused under section 18(d) of the Act. Information will soon be publicly available at https://uag.org.nz/
55a	Attachment: universities-for-the-future.pdf	Refused under section 18(d) of the Act. Information is publicly available at https://ufm.dk/en/publications/2023/files/universities-for-the-future.pdf
60a	Attachment: UAG report Final draft nt.docx	Refused under section 18(d) of the Act. Information will soon be publicly available at https://uag.org.nz/
60b	Attachment: UAG report Final draft tc.docx	Refused under section 18(d) of the Act. Information will soon be publicly available at https://uag.org.nz/