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Tēnā koe Amy

OIA: 1344557 - Request for Privacy Assessments

Thank you for your email of 13 March 2025 to the Ministry of Education (the Ministry) requesting the following information:

In her response to questions 39542/39540 in July 2024, Hon Erica Stanford stated:

"Privacy reviews are being undertaken across all progression monitoring tools to ensure standards for privacy and data and information sharing are upheld."

I request copies of all such privacy reviews referred to in this statement.

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

The Ministry has identified the following progression monitoring tools in scope of your request:

1. Electronic Assessment Tool for Teaching and Learning (e-asTTle).
2. Progress and Consistency Tool (PaCT).
3. Phonics Check.
4. Te Waharoa Ararau.
5. Hihiria Weteoro.

The privacy review documents associated with these tools are attached as **Appendix A**, as set out in the **Appendix A Document Table** below, along with my decision on release.

Please note that Phonics Check and Hihiria Weteoro are included in the same Brief Privacy Assessment (BPA) document, and that there is an error in the Business Owner sign-off date in this document, which records the year incorrectly as 2024 rather than 2025.

Please also note that PaCT is a different tool to the Progressive Assessment Test (PAT) referred to in the Written Parliamentary Question, which is owned and managed by the New Zealand Council for Educational Research.

I am withholding some information within these documents under the following sections of the Act:

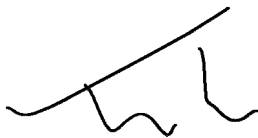
- 6(c) as the making available of that information would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial
- 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons
- 9(2)(b)(ii) to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to 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.

As required under section 9(1) of the Act, I have considered the public interest in releasing the information withheld. I do not consider that 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



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Appendix A Document table

#	Title	Decision on release
1	Electronic Assessment Tool for Teaching and Learning (e-asTTle) Privacy Impact Assessment	Released in part. Information has been withheld under sections 6(c), 9(2)(a), 9(2)(b)(ii), 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act.
2	Progress and Consistency Tool (PaCT) Privacy Impact Assessment	Released in part. Information has been withheld under sections 9(2)(a), 9(2)(b)(ii) and 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act.
3	Hihira Weteoro and Phonics Manual Administration Brief Privacy Assessment	Released in part. Information has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
4	Te Waharoa Ararau Privacy Impact Assessment	Released in part. Information has been withheld under sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act.