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to the Royal Commission's Report into Historical Abuse in
State Care and in the Care of Faith-based Institutions

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Ken Robertson
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Tēnā koe Ken,

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, received on 19 August, in which you requested the following information:

Any communications, including letters, meeting notes, emails, texts between Erica Stanford and any representatives of private companies or charities with interests in structured literacy, including any groups that produce structured literacy resources and programmes (for example, Learning Matters, BSLA or Liz Kane Literacy) or charities relating to structured literacy (for example, DEB - Dyslexia NZ evidence based) from October 2023 to the current date. You can exclude communications where a company is asking for you to look at their programme or resources if no reply was made or just a standard no thank you type reply was made.

I have considered your request under the Act.

I am interpreting your request to be for communications from the providers you mention: Learning Matters, Better Start Literacy Approach, Liz Kane Literacy, and Dyslexia Evidence Based.

There are text messages and emails in scope of your request. I am withholding these in full under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons, particularly as regards the potential for the individuals to receive unsolicited online attention arising from their involvement in these issues in the course of their duty, and for their contributions to be misrepresented in a public forum.

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 or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Erica Stanford'.

Hon Erica Stanford
Minister of Education