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Tēnā koe Ken

**OIA: GEMS – 45589 – Curriculum contributing groups**

Thank you for your email of 7 November 2025 to the Ministry of Education (the Ministry) requesting the following information:

- 1. How many people with a primary background were asked to be part of the social science writing/ contributing/ reviewing groups.*
- 2. How many people with expertise in Māori history were asked to be part of the social science writing/ contributing/ reviewing groups.*
- 3. How many iwi representatives were asked to be part of the social science writing/ contributing/ reviewing groups.*
- 4. How many people with expertise in Pacific history were asked to be part of the social science writing/ contributing/ reviewing groups.*
- 5. How many people with expertise in Māori history were asked to be part of the social science writing/ contributing/ reviewing groups.*
- 6. How many people with a secondary background were asked to be part of the social science writing/ contributing/ reviewing groups.*
- 7. How many people with experience writing primary curriculum were asked to be part of the social science writing/ contributing/ reviewing groups.*
- 8. How many people on the social science writing/ contributing/ reviewing groups requested their names be removed from the records.*
- 9. the numbers of people who were approached who declined participating in the writing/ contributing/ review groups, and the number of reason categories given? Eg 5 people declined because they did not have the time to participate.*

*10. the number of people who the Ministry declined after issuing an invitation, and the reasons given for this change of mind.*

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

The Ministry needs to extend the timeframe for responding to your request, pursuant to section 15A(1)(b) of the Act, as consultations necessary to make a decision on the request are such that a proper response cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit. You can now expect to receive a response to your request on or before 10 February 2026, which is an extension of 30 working days. Please note, this extension includes the days from 25 December 2025 to 15 January 2026 and 06 February, Waitangi day, which are not considered as working days under the Act.

You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to investigate our decision to extend the timeframe for responding to this request, in accordance with section 28 of the Act. 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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