



**Te Tāhuhu o
te Mātauranga**
Ministry of Education

Claire

fyi-request-33950-cfa92ded@requests.fyi.org.nz

1 April 2026

Tēnā koe Claire

OIA: GEMS-47111 - Science curriculum conflict of interest and risk register

Thank you for your email of 4 March 2026 via the FYI website to the Ministry of Education (the Ministry) requesting the following information:

I am writing to make a request under the Official Information Act 1982, addressed to the Minister of Education.

1) I request all correspondence between Chris Duggan, or any other staff member or representative of the House of Science, and the Hon. Erica Stanford, Minister of Education, including correspondence conducted through the Minister's office, ministerial staff, private email accounts, or personal text or messaging services, for the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2025.

This request includes but is not limited to:

- Emails sent to or from any ministerial email address, the Minister's private email address, or ministerial staff acting on behalf of the Minister;*
 - Text messages or messages sent via any personal or professional messaging platform (including but not limited to iMessage, WhatsApp, or Signal);*
 - Any letters, briefing notes, or written communications passed through the Minister's office;*
 - Any responses or acknowledgements sent by the Minister or ministerial staff to House of Science staff.*
- 2) Can I also ask for any emails outlining potential conflicts of interest for Chris Duggan and copies of risk registers related to the Science curriculum development work and her appointment to the curriculum writing team for Science in January 2025.*

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 18 May 2026, which is an extension of 30 working days.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kelly Jensen'.

Kelly Jensen
Senior Advisor Government Executive and Ministerial Services
Te Pou Rangatōpū | Corporate