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Tēnā koe Claire

**OIA: GEMS-47113 – emails related to Phase 5 of the Arts and Health and Physical Education curriculum around timings, scope of the work and how members were recruited, for the period 8 February 2026 to 9 March 2026**

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

*Copies of emails sent or received by Ministry of Education staff to or from members of the Phase 5 curriculum contributors group for the arts and technology subjects, for the period 8 February 2026 to 9 March 2026 (inclusive).*

You clarified your request on 9 April 2026 to include:

*Emails related to the Arts and Health and PE curriculum. I am particularly interested in detail around timings, scope of the work and how members were recruited to teams etc.*

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

We have considered the clarification you provided in response to our request for refinement. While your reply has assisted in understanding the matters of interest to you, it introduces the learning area of Health and Physical Education in place of Technology and does not reduce the amount of time that will be required to identify the items in scope. As a result, responding to the request in full would still require substantial collation and research.

I am therefore refusing your request under section 18(f) of the Act, as the request necessitates a search through a large quantity of information, and meeting the original time limit would unreasonably interfere with the operations of the Ministry.

Notwithstanding this decision, we are releasing six emails to you in part, in relation to the Arts learning area, that best meet your stated area of interest. This information is provided on a discretionary basis.

Some information is withheld under the section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons. One timesheet template attached to an email, links to Microsoft Teams meetings and passwords attached to three emails, and the name of a staff member involved only in the administrative processing of this request, have also been removed as out of scope of your request.

These documents are attached as **Appendix A** and set out in the **Appendix A Document Table** below.

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.

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](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or to Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Nāku noa, nā



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General Manager Business Operations  
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## Appendix A Document Table

#	Date	Title	Decision on release
1	09/02/2026	Dance and Drama_Subject Advisors – Online induction session 03	<b>Release in part.</b> Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
2	10/02/2026	Creative Arts_Design_Painting_Photography and Moving Image_Subject Advisors – Online induction session 03	<b>Release in part.</b> Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
3	13/02/2026	Phase _ Tūārere 5 (Years _ Tau 11-13) development of the NZC and TMoA – Subject Advisor Face to Face – Wellington	<b>Release in part.</b> Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
4	14/02/2026	Dance _ Subject Advisors – Online induction session 03	<b>Release in part.</b> Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
5	24/02/2026	Helping us develop Phase _ Tūārere 5 (Years 11-13) of the NZC and TMoA	<b>Release in part.</b> Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
6	27/02/2026	Phase 5 Curriculum Development Update	<b>Release in part.</b> Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
6A	Timesheet Template.xlsx		<b>Out of scope.</b>