



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

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Tēnā koe Phillip

OIA: Follow up GEMS-47297 – Decision to proceed with Student Monitoring, Assessment and Reporting Tool (SMART) after Treasury concerns

Thank you for your email of 13 July 2026 to the Ministry of Education (the Ministry) requesting the Ministry reconsider its decision on your previous Official Information Act request, reference GEMS-47297.

Your previous request, reference GEMS-47297, was interpreted as information held by the Ministry that documents the formal decision to proceed with SMART. It was interpreted as such because this decision was documented through formal, official channels (i.e., the Cabinet Minute of Decision, which was provided to you as part of our response to GEMS-47297).

As such, we do not consider the remaining documents listed in GEMS-48596 to be in scope of GEMS-47297. You are welcome to submit a further request for any other documents listed in GEMS-48596.

You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review the Ministry's 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.

Thank you again for your email.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Antony Harvey'.

Antony Harvey
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