



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

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Tēnā koe CMC

OIA: [GEMS-47587] – draft curriculum consultation

Thank you for your email of 7 April 2026 to the Ministry of Education (the Ministry) requesting information about *how consultation responses will be managed, reviewed, and acted upon, and how the outcomes of this process will be made available to the Minister and the public.*

We extended the timeframe for a response by 20 working days under section 15A(1)(b) of the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to 4 June 2026 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.

Your request has been considered under the Act and our response to each part of your request is set out below.

1. Collation of Consultation Responses

Who is responsible for collating the responses received through the draft curriculum consultation? Please specify whether this is an internal Ministry team, an external contractor, or another party, and provide their name(s) or organisational identity where possible.

What systems or tools are being used to collate the responses?

The receipt, collation, management, and analysis of consultation responses is the responsibility of an internal Ministry team. The Ministry utilised Survey Monkey as an online form to collate the feedback received.

In the New Zealand Curriculum (NZC) the Ministry uses NVivo, which is a software tool used for qualitative data analysis. In Te Marautanga o Aotearoa (TMoA), we have contracted Te Amokura to analyse submissions. Using NVivo for TMoA submissions was not viable, due to of the low volume of submissions in some areas.

An external, independent review of the Ministry's methodology is in the process of being finalised to provide additional assurance and to report on the robustness and

transparency of the process. The independent reviewer's report will be made publicly available; the release dates and distribution channels are yet to be confirmed.

2. Review Methodology

What methodology will be used to review and analyse the consultation responses? For example: thematic analysis, quantitative summary, independent review, or another approach?

Has the review methodology been determined yet, and if so, please provide any documentation describing the approach.

Will any weighting be applied to different types of respondents (e.g. individual teachers, subject associations, schools, iwi, sector organisations)?

Regarding the methodology used I can advise that in both the NZC and TMoA, we are using thematic analysis which is a method used for identifying, analysing, and interpreting patterns (themes), sentiments and constructive criticisms into qualitative data. You can find more information on the post consultation process, including the review methodology, on Tāhūrangi (our online curriculum hub) here:

tahurangi.education.govt.nz/post-consultation-process

All feedback is considered, and no weighting will be applied.

3. Reporting

Will a formal report be produced summarising the findings of the consultation? If so, please confirm this and provide any terms of reference or scope documents for that report.

Who will author or be responsible for producing the report?

What is the intended timeline for completion of the report?

Will the report be made publicly available, and if so, when and through what channel?

'What you told us and how we responded' reports for each learning area and wāhanga ako will be published on Tāhūrangi, alongside the final curriculum documents in mid-2026. These are drafted by Ministry staff and, as such there are no formal *Terms of Reference or scope documents* for this work.

As advised above, the independent reviewers' report on the Ministry's methodology in relation to the consultation process will also be published.

We are still in the process of analysing the consultation feedback and are actively considering what other reports will be published.

All information will be available alongside the final curriculum documents on Tāhūrangi in mid-2026.

4. Ministerial Briefing

When is the report or summary of consultation findings expected to be provided to the Minister of Education?

What format will the Minister receive this information in (e.g. briefing paper, full report, Cabinet paper)?

Pūmanawa Tangata remains open for consultation until 5 June 2026 and as noted above, the Ministry is still undertaking analysis of all consultation feedback. Once this process is complete, we will update the Minister appropriately.

5. Decision-Making and Sign-Off

Who has authority to sign off on any changes to the curriculum documents as a result of the consultation? Please specify whether this sits with Ministry officials, the Minister, Cabinet, or another party.

Under the Education and Training Act 2020, the Minister of Education makes curriculum statements. The Ministry is preparing advice and making changes to the draft curriculum documents following consultation, which will then be considered by the Minister.

What criteria will be used to determine whether a particular piece of feedback warrants a change to the curriculum documents?

Consultation feedback is assessed against the agreed design principles and Ministry design criteria.

6. Implementation of Changes

Who will make any substantive changes to the curriculum documents that result from the consultation process? Please specify whether this is an internal team, the original lead writers, external contractors, or another party.

Ministry of Education staff work with internal and external subject matter experts to make, test and review all changes.

What is the intended timeline for any changes to be made and for revised documents to be published?

The final curriculum documents will be published mid-2026.

Please note, we may publish this response on our website after five working days. Your name and contact details will be removed.

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

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Antony Harvey', with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

Antony Harvey
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