



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

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Tēnā koe Aaron

OIA: GEMS-47981 – Individual Ministry of Education staff member and Conflicts of Interest

Thank you for your email of 5 May 2026 to the Ministry of Education (the Ministry) requesting the following information concerning Rowan Brickell in her capacity as Acting General Manager, Te Uepū Reo Māori:

Specifically, I request the following information for the period of March 2025 to the date of this request:

- 1. Interests register: Copies of all entries in the organisation's Interests Register relating to Rowan Brickell, including any annual or ad hoc declarations;*
- 2. Secondary Interests: Copies of any applications for, and approvals of, secondary employment, or private consultancy work held by Rowan Brickell;*
- 3. Specific Disclosures: Any written disclosures made by Rowan Brickell regarding conflicts of interest (actual, potential or perceived), including any with relation to Kia Ata Mai Educational Trust and Te Hua Kawariki;*
- 4. Management Plans: Any Conflict of Interest Management Plans or Risk Mitigation Strategies put into place to manage identified interests for Rowan Brickell, including that of Kia Ata Mai, where I understand her sister Cath Rau is the Director;*
- 5. Recusals: Any records (including meeting minutes or file notes) indicating instances where Rowan Brickell recused herself from discussions or decision-making due to a declared interest;*
- 6. Gifts and Hospitality: A copy of all entries in the Gifts and Hospitality Register associated with Rowan Brickell;*
- 7. Conversations: Any conversations where Rowan Brickell has been mentioned or involved relating to any Ministry work and Kia Ata Mai or Te Hua*

Kawariki, including any conversations or correspondence between the Ministry of Education and the Minister of Education's Office.

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)(a) of the Act, as the request is for a large quantity of information or necessitates a search through a large quantity of information, and meeting the original time limit would unreasonably interfere with the operations of the Ministry.

You can now expect to receive a response to your request on or before 1 July 2026, which is an extension of 20 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



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