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Tēnā koe CMC

OIA: – GEMS-47959 contractor and consultancy costs relating to New Zealand Curriculum Brief summary of request

Thank you for your email of 4 May 2026 to the Ministry of Education (the Ministry) for information about contractor and consultancy costs relating to changes to the New Zealand Curriculum. Thank you also for refining your request on 18 May to be for the following information:

- 1. The total amount paid to Learning First (including any payments made to Dr Ben Jensen) for any work relating to the New Zealand Curriculum and Te Marautanga o Aotearoa Refresh, from January 2024 to the date of this request — including fees, honoraria, contracts, or any other payments.*
- 2. The total amount paid to Dr Nina Hood for any work relating to the Curriculum Refresh over the same period.*
- 3. The total amount paid to Dr Michael Johnston for any work relating to the Curriculum Refresh over the same period.*
- 4. The total amount paid to Professor Elizabeth Rata for any work relating to the Curriculum Refresh over the same period.*
- 5. The total cost incurred by the Ministry of Education to send Ministry staff or staff from the Minister of Educations [sic] office to Australia to work with Learning First, including travel, accommodation, and any associated expenses, from January 2025 to the date of this request.*

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 30 June 2026, which is an extension of 10 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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Principal Advisor

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