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Dear Mr B

Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your request of 20 September 2016, under the Official Information Act 1982, for the following information:

How much was paid to the team of six writers and critiquers of the 2016 MCAT exam? What involvement have any of these people had in developing any of the other Mathematics or Statistics external exams for 2016?

The payment to the team of writers and critiquers who set and checked the 2016 Mathematics Common Assessment Test (MCAT) was \$3,392.50.

The roles of the MCAT development team contracted by NZQA are confidential and we are unable to provide any information which may identify them pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act 1982. Details about any involvement with other external assessments at any time may also lead to their identification.

NZQA is not aware of any public interest considerations outweighing the decision to withhold information under section 9 of the Act.

If you require further assistance or believe we have misinterpreted your request, please contact Elizabeth Templeton in the Office of the Chief Executive, email elizabeth.templeton@nzqa.govt.nz or telephone (04) 463 3339.

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982, to lodge a complaint with the Office of the Ombudsmen, PO Box 10152, Wellington.

Yours sincerely



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Chief Executive