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Dear Mr Yeates

I refer to your email of 6 August 2018 requesting data from the Performance-Based Research Fund Quality Evaluation results under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

The OIA requires that we advise you of our decision on your request no later than 20 working days after the day we received your request. Unfortunately, it will not be possible to meet that time limit and we are therefore writing to notify you of an extension of the time to make our decision, to 1 October 2018.

This extension is necessary because the consultations required with the tertiary providers whose information is contained in the data requested are such that a proper response cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit. Prior to release of any information we are required to consult with the individuals whose information is contained within the data you have requested.

At this stage the Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) has not made any decisions as to the release of the information. After we have heard back from the relevant providers, and considered any concerns in relation to the release of their personal information, we will advise you of our decision and any proposed charges that may apply in responding to your request.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision, please feel free to contact Sharon Beattie, PBRF Senior Advisor on 04 462 5209.

Yours sincerely

Tim Fowler
Chief Executive
Tertiary Education Commission

