



## MEMO

**To:** Peter Hughes, Secretary for Education  
**From:** Sean Teddy, Director, Office of the Secretary for Education  
**Date:** 3 February 2016  
**Subject:** Mātauranga House Information Release

We needed to consult with Legal and PMCoE on the information release for our building move.

As a result, we have been required to make changes to the material you have previously approved for release. An updated pack of information is enclosed.

The changes relate to the cost of individual items of furniture.

You previously approved the release of detailed furniture expenditure information. However, our furniture was purchased under the terms of the All of Government Syndicated Panel contract, originally established between the NZ Police and the furniture supplier. Because of this we are required to adhere to the confidentiality provisions included in this contract. It's the same situation as any government department purchasing furniture under the AoG contract.

I am also aware that the furniture suppliers prefer that the individual details are not released. While the decision on what to release is ours, there would be a strong argument under the OIA that there would be harm to the suppliers if we released the level of detail you had previously approved. It's a moot point given the non-disclosure provisions in the AoG contract, but wanted you to be aware.

One minor impact of this change is that the redactions in the memo to you on 9 September 2015 (*document 22 refers*) now makes it unclear whether we were over or under the limit you set for expenditure on lounge chairs. I can confirm that the expenditure was under.

The changes still keep us in line with your expectations on proactive releases, as we are still releasing information on total expenditure, and advising that our expenditure on individual items is within the guidelines set by PMCoE.

I recommend that you approve the revised release.

Approved / ~~Not-Approved~~

Peter Hughes  
Secretary for Education

Date *03/02/2016*

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