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Tēnā koe

OIA: 1302927 & 1302924 – Documents produced and received by Literacy and Numeracy Project team and Governance Board

Thank you for your emails of 13 January 2023 to the Ministry of Education requesting the following information:

1. *All written reports, memos, advice, evaluations, analyses, aide-mémoire, risk assessments, updates or any other final copies of documents produced by your **Literacy and Numeracy Project team** since 1 June 2022 that are not publicly available or been previously released to me.*
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2. *All written reports, memos, advice, evaluations, analyses, aide-mémoire, risk assessments, updates or any other final copies of documents received by your **Literacy and Numeracy Governance Board** since 1 January 2022 that are not publicly available, been previously released to me under the Act or are in scope of my request under the Act lodged on 13 January 2023 at 8.39am.*

Your requests have been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), and have been combined for the purposes of responding.

We have identified eight documents in scope of your requests, as detailed in the attached **Document Table**.

I have attached three of these documents at **Appendix A**. Two are released in full, and one in part, with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of those offered involvement in focus groups who are not employed by the Ministry.

I am refusing four documents under section 18(d) of the Act, as they are publicly available on the Ministry's website. Links have been provided in the Document Table.

I am withholding one document in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act, to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials. However, the Common Practice Model page on the Ministry's

website contains information that has already been published, and can be found here:
<https://www.education.govt.nz/our-work/changes-in-education/curriculum-and-assessment-changes/common-practice-model/>.

From January 2023, implementation progress is governed by a Programme Governance Board. However, no papers have yet been submitted. I am therefore refusing your request for information received by the Governance Board under section 18(e) of the Act, as this information does not exist.

Per section 9(1) of the Act, we have considered the public interest favouring release of the information withheld and concluded that it does not outweigh the need to withhold it.

Please note, the Ministry now proactively publishes OIA responses on our website. As such, we may publish this response on our website after five working days. Your name and contact details will be removed.

Thank you again for your email. 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.

Thank you again for your email.

Nāku noa, nā



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Hautū | Deputy Secretary
Te Mahau | Te Poutāhū (Curriculum Centre)

Document table

#	Date	Title	Decision on release
1	25 August 2022	Rapid Response	Release in full.
2	19 October 2022	Common Practice Model Contributors Group procurement	Release in full.
3	3 November 2022	Memo: Early Engagement on the Common Practice Model	Release in part. Information has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
4	27 October 2022	Briefing Note: Meeting with Literacy & Communication and Maths Strategy Common Practice Model Contributors Group	Withhold in full. Document withheld in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act.
5	5 August 2022	Education Report: Launch of action plans for Hei Raukura Mō te Mokopuna and the Literacy & Communication and Maths Strategy	Refuse. Document refused under section 18(d) of the Act.
6		Developing a common practice model for literacy & communication and maths: An overview of the literature	Refuse. Document refused under section 18(d) of the Act.
7	March 2022	Literacy & Communication and Maths Strategy	Refuse. Document refused under section 18(d) of the Act.
8	August 2022	Literacy & Communication and Maths Action Plans	Refuse. Document refused under section 18(d) of the Act.