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Tēnā koe 

Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your request of 9 March 2020 to the Ministry of Education for the following information:

I request under the Official Information Act (1982) all correspondence (including emails, memos, file notes, briefings, reports, meeting notes, SMS messages, letters, and all other forms of correspondence) between the Minister of Education, the Chief Executive and Secretary for Education, and the Senior Manager Secondary Tertiary Group (including those acting in these roles) from 23/03/2018 to the date this request is acknowledged concerning the following:

- a) *The rationale to not include a generic “Technology” subject in the Provisional NCEA Level 1 Subject List*
- b) *The rationale to include the new subject “Food Science” in the Technology learning area in place of the current Processing Technologies and Home Economics subjects in the Provisional NCEA Level 1 Subject List*

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). I apologise for the delay in responding.

I am providing you with four documents within scope of your request, attached as **Appendix A** along with a document table outlining the decision to the release of these documents. Where information has been withheld in these documents it has been withheld under one of the following sections of the Act:

- 9(2)(a), to protect the privacy of natural persons; and
- 9(2)(f)(iv), to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.

The rationale for the formation of the Level 1 Provisional List, including provisional technology domains, is contained within the attached documents.

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 this decision. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Nāku noa, nā



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Early Learning and Student Achievement

Appendix A – Document table

Doc #	Reference #	Document Date	Document Title	Decision on Release
1	n/a	8 Oct 19	Memo: Update on Review of Achievement Standards – process to confirm subjects	Release in full.
2	1208338	16 Oct 19	Education Report: Engagement approach to determine NCEA subjects	Release in part. Information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
3	1213038	26 Nov 19	Briefing Note: NCEA Review – communication and engagements until April 2020	Release in part. Information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
4	n/a	29 Jan 20	Report: Provisional Subject List for NCEA Level 1	Release in part. Information withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act.