




19 July 2021



Tēnā koe 

Thank you for your email of 22 June 2021 to the Ministry of Education, requesting the following information:

- 1. I am lodging an OIA request for quotes from the Kōrero Mātauranga Survey. The quotes I am interested in are from respondents 19-65+ who have a learning/intellectual disability. I notice in the Kōrero Mātauranga Survey Initial Analysis Of Responses as at 25 May 2018 that responses are categorised by age and by identification of disability/learning support need.*
- 2. I am also wondering if there is any further specificity regarding the nature of respondent disability/learning support need?*

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

As you may be aware, the Kōrero Mātauranga survey was one of a range of engagements undertaken to find out what was important to New Zealanders in designing the future of education. The survey was open to all New Zealanders and we heard from a range of different stakeholders including children and young people, Māori and Pacific, parents and caregivers, and those with learning support needs.

As part of the survey, we asked people to provide information about themselves, including whether they identified as having a disability or learning support need. This was to ensure that we listened to diverse perspectives and could understand the needs of different groups. About 1,200 of 16,466 people responding to the survey identified as having a disability or learning support need. However, the survey did not require participants to disclose what their disability or learning support need was. We are therefore unable to comprehensively identify which quotes came from participants with a learning or intellectual disability.

We were, however, able to search through the collated quotes and find ones in which participants specifically mentioned in their quotes that they had a learning or intellectual disability. This search resulted in only a small number of quotes, so they will not be representative of the complete data. In accordance with section 16(1)(e) of the Act, we are providing you with a summary of the collected quotes, attached as **Appendix A**. These are bullet point notes that were added to the Kōrero Mātauranga survey by somebody acting on behalf of the participant with a learning or intellectual disability. We have chosen to provide this information as a summary, as provided for under section 16(1)(e) of the Act, to protect the privacy of the individuals concerned.

The feedback provided through the Kōrero Mātauranga survey was collated and used to inform the development of the Government's Education Work Programme, including the [Learning Support Action Plan 2019-2025](#).

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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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Schöllmann', written in a cursive style.

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