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Ref: ES0IA344

Tēnā koe Pip,

Thank you for your email of 19 December requesting the following information:

1. All communications between you, in your capacity as Minister of Education, with anyone at the Ministry of Education over the last 12 months starting from 1st of January 2024 regarding matters related to the current science curriculum refresh. This includes, but is not limited to, emails, meeting minutes, pre- and post-meeting documents, reports, memos, minister's diary appointments, digital communications such as text messages, and any other relevant correspondence or documentation.

2. All communications over the last 12 months starting from 1st of January 2024 between you, in your capacity as Minister of Education, and the presidents, vice presidents, secretaries and any person representing the following subject associations:

- *New Zealand Association of Science Educators (NZASE)*
- *Secondary Chemistry Educators of New Zealand (SCENZ)*
- *New Zealand Institute of Physics (NZIP)*
- *Biology Educators Association of New Zealand (BEANZ).*

This includes, but is not limited to, emails, meeting minutes, pre- and post-meeting documents, reports, memos, minister's diary appointments, digital communications such as text messages and any other relevant correspondence.

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

On 19 December 2024, my office contacted you to notify you that part one of your request has been transferred to the Ministry of Education. You can expect a response directly from the Ministry in due course.

As stated in your email, I have interpreted your request as all communications as Minister of Education, with the following individuals:

NZASE:

President - Catherine Hunter (chunter@mhjc.school.nz)

Vice President - Doug Walker (doug.walker@stpats.school.nz)

SCENZ:

Chair - Ian Torrie (ian.torrie@gmail.com)

Co-Chair - Murray Thompson (mbt@lphs.school.nz)

Secretary - Suzanne Scourfield (suzanne.scourfield@wghs.school.nz)

NZIP:

President - Dave Housden (education@nzip.org.nz and dhousden@sbc.school.nz)

Secretary - Dave Thrasher (david.thrasher@stcuthberts.school.nz)

BEANZ:

President - Kenneth Loh (kloh@ormiston.school.nz and info@beanz.org.nz)

In response to part two of your request, please find attached **Appendix 1**, along with a document table below. Please note, some information has been withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons.
- 9(2)(g)(i) to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any public service agency or organisation in the course of their duty.

NZASE (New Zealand Association of Science Educators)

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Invitation to meeting	NZASE	22 June 2024	1
Virtual meeting	n/a	25 June 2024	Refer to Ministerial Diary release.
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SCENZ (Secondary Chemistry Educators of New Zealand)

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NZIP (NZ Institute of Physics)

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BEANZ (Biology Educators' Association of New Zealand)

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Please note that information regarding my schedule is published regularly on the Beehive website as part of the Ministerial Diary release. For your convenience, please find attached [here](#) a link to the June diary release which listed a speaking engagement with the NZASE.

As required under section 9(1) of the Act, I have considered the public interest in releasing the information withheld. I do not consider the public interest considerations favouring the release of this information are sufficient to outweigh the need to withhold it at this time.

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



Hon Erica Stanford
Minister of Education