



30 October 2014

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Ref: OIA 0496

Dear Alex Harris

Thank you for your request dated 2 October 2014 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

"In July, MBIE released "A Nation of Curious Minds", a national strategic plan for science in society. One of the proposals in this plan was that "The Royal Society of New Zealand (RSNZ) will lead the development of a code of practice on public engagement for scientists". I would like to request the following information under the OIA:

- * all communications with the RSNZ about the development of a code of practice;*
- * all advice and communications about this specific proposal. I am aware that MBIE consulted widely on the strategy, both with business, educational and science groups and with government agencies such as MPI, MfE and DoC. Did any of them suggest or comment on it?*
- * all draft copies (including annotations and tracked changes) of "A Nation of Curious Minds".*

I would prefer to receive an electronic response."

As per our further correspondence on 14 October 2014 your request for all draft copies of "A Nation of Curious Minds" has been refined to the final drafts provided to other agencies, Ministers and stakeholders for their feedback.

You also confirmed on 20 October 2014 that your query "I am aware that MBIE consulted widely on the strategy, both with business, educational and science groups and with government agencies such as MPI, MfE and DoC. Did any of them suggest or comment on it?" refers specifically to the Code of Practice.

I am writing to notify you that the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment is extending the timeframes for its response to your request under s15A(1)(b) of the Act. The response time has been extended by 20 working days because the necessary level of consultation required cannot be reasonably made within the original time limit.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my decision by the Ombudsman, in accordance with s28(3) of the Act. The Ombudsman details are:

The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsman
PO Box 10152
The Terrace
Wellington 6143

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Walley'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter 'R' being large and prominent. The name 'Walley' is written in a similar cursive style.

Richard Walley
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