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Tēnā koe

Thank you for your emails of 17 November and clarification of 9 December 2022 for the following information related to the Learning Support Dispute Resolution Process (DRP):

- I am happy to receive key memorandum and advice that is readily retrievable or held centrally.
Can I also please have a copy of circulars that were made to the stakeholders providing information and advice re the dispute resolution process? For instance, did a circular go to relevant regional head offices, and schools.
Please also provide the list of all stakeholders (the consultation group) involved in the dispute resolution process? [Some were listed on the website but did not appear to be a complete list].
Can I also have a copy of all communication with the Minister of Education or his representative, in regard to the withdrawal of the service?*

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

The Ministry needs to extend the timeframe for responding to your request, pursuant to section 15A(1)(b) of the Act, as consultations necessary to make a decision on the request are such that a proper response cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit.

You can now expect to receive a response to your request on or before 2 February 2023, which is an extension of 20 working days. Please note, the days from 25 December 2022 to 15 January 2023 are not considered to be “working days” for the purposes of calculating the 20-working day timeframe for providing a response under the Act.

You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to investigate our decision to extend the timeframe for responding to this request, in accordance with section 28 of the Act. 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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