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Tēnā koe Jacob

OIA: 1324346 – Australian Mathematics Competition

Thank you for your email of 6 March 2024 to the Ministry of Education (the Ministry) requesting the following information:

In 2012 the Wellington Regional medalists and award winners in the Australian Maths Competition were invited to an event at Parliament to receive their awards from the Minister of Education (Hekia Parata). I would like to request all information regarding this event, including a list of attendees and any photos available.

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

In 2012, the Ministry was commissioned to provide background notes for the former Minister of Education, Hekia Parata's attendance and speech at the 2012 Australian Mathematics Trust presentation ceremony. It does not appear that a representative from the Ministry attended the event.

Two documents have been identified in scope of your request, which are attached as **Appendix A**, and outlined in the below **Appendix A Document Table**. Some information has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons, and section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act, 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 and employees of any public service agency or organisation in the course of their duty. As Ministers write their own speeches, we do not hold a copy of the final speech given.

Unfortunately, as the Ministry does not appear to have attended the event, we do not hold a list of attendees or any photos from the event. I am therefore refusing this aspect of your request under section 18(g) of the Act, as the information requested is not held by the Ministry and I have no grounds for believing that the information is either held by or connected more closely with the functions of another department or organisation subject to the Act.

As required under section 9(1) of the Act, I have considered the public interest in releasing the information withheld under sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(g)(i). 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.

Please note, 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 my decision on your request, in accordance with section 28 of the Act. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or to Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julia Novak". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Julia Novak
**General Manager, New Zealand Curriculum & Te Whāriki
Te Mahau | Te Poutāhū (Curriculum Centre)**

Appendix A Document Table

#	Date	METIS #	Title	Decision on release
1	19 Oct 2012	694205	Education Report: Background notes for Minister's attendance and speech at the 2012 Australian Mathematics Trust presentation ceremony as the Guest of Honour	Release in part. Information has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
1a			Speech Notes prepared for: Minister Parata	Withhold in full. Information has been withheld under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act.
1b			Draft news release	Withhold in full. Information has been withheld under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act. Please see final version at https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/minister-praises-student-achievement-maths-awards-ceremony
2	1 Nov 2012	N/A	2012 Australian Mathematics Competition New Zealand Awards Presentation DRAFT RUNNING ORDER	Release in part. Information has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act.