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Tēnā koe Cooper,

Thank you for your email of 21 September 2024 requesting the following information:

*All correspondence between your office and the Pūhoro STEMM Academy, as well as any correspondence between your office and any other government agencies regarding the Pūhoro STEMM Academy.*

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

I have identified nine documents in scope of your request, being emails between staff in my office and Pūhoro STEMM Academy, or staff in my office and I on the subject of Pūhoro STEMM Academy.

My decision on the release of these documents is noted in the below Document Table. These documents are included in Annex A.

Some information has been withheld under the following section of the Act:

- 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
- 9(2)(f)(iv), to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials
- 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons

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](mailto: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 'Erica Stanford'.

Hon Erica Stanford  
**Minister of Education**

## Document Table

#	Date	Type	Title	Decision on release
1.	8 August 2024	Email	Automatic reply: Official Invitation to Minister Erica Stanford - Puhoro STEMM Wananga	Release with redactions under 9(2)(a)
2.	3 July 2024	Email	FW: Official Invitation to Minister Erica Stanford - Puhoro STEMM Wananga	Release with redactions under 9(2)(a)
3.	22 May 2024	Attachment for Document 2: email of 3 July 2024	Invitation to Minister Erica Stanford	Release with redactions under 9(2)(a) and out of scope.
4.	9 September 2024	Email	Handover notes - Maori Education	Release with redactions under 9(2)(a) and out of scope.
5.	19 September 2024	Email	Re: Invitation for hui with Minister Stanford for Thursday 14 November	Release with redactions under 9(2)(a)
6.	14 August 2024	Email	Key Maori Focused Events/hui	Release with redactions under 9(2)(a) and out of scope
7.	23 May 2024	Email	Re: Mere-Heeni Email	Release with redactions under 9(2)(a)
8.	26 August 2024	Email	Re: Official Invitation to Minister Erica Stanford - Puhoro STEMM Wananga	Release with redactions under 9(2)(a)
9.	19 September 2024	Email	RE: Upcoming hui timings to be aware of	Release with redactions under 9(2)(a) and out of scope