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Tēnā koe Louise

Thank you for your email of 25 November 2024 to the Ministry of Education (the Ministry) requesting the following information regarding the replacement of nzmaths with Tāhūrangi:

- 1. How much money has been wasted on this 'project'?*
- 2. Who signed off on the decision to get rid of NZ maths when not only was it an excellent resource for NZ teachers, it was used by teachers from overseas (Australia and Ireland for example).*
- 3. Why replace a top class website with something that resembles a webpage created by someone starting out in website design?*
- 4. Can this disaster please be reversed?*

For 25 years, Te Kete Ipurangi (TKI) has been the online home for our national curricula. Over time, it evolved into a suite of more than 70 independent websites, each with its own design, functionality, and purpose. One of those websites was nzmaths, which became the largest TKI website in terms of volume of content, amount of usage, and maintenance costs. Over the last year, more than 5,000 items across nzmaths have been reviewed, updated, and then 3,500 moved to Tāhūrangi. These resources cover The New Zealand Curriculum and Te Marautanga o Aotearoa and represent the best of the content available and can be found at the links below. We encourage you to use the filters on the side of the page to narrow your search within certain topics, audience, and series to name a few.

- [TMoA - Pāngarau](#)
- [NZC - Mathematics and Statistics](#)

In 2018, as part of the Education Conversation | Kōrero Mātauranga and the review of Tomorrow's Schools, the Ministry received significant feedback on the user experience of TKI. It was reported that, while teachers and kaiako trusted what they found on TKI, the content was hard to find and occasionally out of date. Attempts were made over time to improve the search function within particular websites and across all of TKI. However, building those functions made the websites even less inter-connected, and increasingly costly and complicated. This was further exacerbated by TKI being on an old platform that could not cope with the modern website requirements that users expect.

As a result of this, it was decided to replace TKI with a new one-stop shop for all curriculum resources. This platform, which has been gifted the name Tāhūrangi, will replace all 70+ TKI websites and provide a consistent experience for users across the whole curriculum. One website, one set of search functions, and one connected suite of only the best resources on offer. This stands in contrast to the alternative, which was to replace each website individually and be left with the same issues of a disconnects between each area and a platform that was difficult and time consuming to navigate.

In response to **question one**, the Ministry has spent \$45.3 million on building Tāhūrangi to date. This figure includes:

- Designing and launching Tāhūrangi as a technical platform, along with a number of customisations to support:
 - Te Whāriki – principles, strands, goals and learning outcomes
 - Te Marautanga o Aotearoa (TMOA) – key aspects and all wāhanga ako
 - New Zealand Curriculum (NZC) – key aspects and all learning areas.
- Reviewing, redeveloping and migrating published (excluding new or draft) curriculum resources from TKI, Kauwhata Reo and Te Whāriki onto Tāhūrangi. This consists of approximately 30,000 pages of content and over 5,000 downloadable documents.

In response to your other questions, the decision to replace TKI with Tāhūrangi was first endorsed by nine senior leaders across the Ministry, including in ICT, Finance, and Legal. It was then approved in a business case in 2019 by the Deputy and Associate Deputy Secretary for Early Learning, Student Achievement. The Ministry procured the platform through an international tender in 2020, with Microsoft New Zealand ultimately being selected in 2021. Since then, more than 7,000 items to date have been transferred from TKI to Tāhūrangi, and 19 TKI websites have already been decommissioned.

The Ministry is continuing to make improvements to Tāhūrangi, and you are welcome to email suggestions to Tāhūrangi@education.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā



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