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26 July 2016

Mr Sean Richards
Fyi-request-4082-ee92b5e5@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Mr Richards

Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your request of 30 May 2016, under the Official Information Act 1982, for the following information:

"I write to request all correspondence by NZQA with the company formerly known as NCEA Pal, now known as Blueprint.

I also request all communication articles between Mr Steve Bargh, Mr Tom Robson, and any other person in regards to NCEA Pal and information taken from correspondence between NCEA Pal and parties mentioned above.

NZQA has interpreted this request to mean all correspondence by NZQA with the company called Kintal apps, more specifically the company directors Jeff King and Wasim Talim. As far as NZQA is aware the company who developed NCEA Pal has never been known as NCEA Pal or Blueprint.

I enclose copies of the information covered by your request.

Under section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act 1982, the names of staff, below Deputy Chief Executive level, have been withheld and blacked out.

NZQA is not aware of any public interest considerations outweighing the decision to withhold information under section 9 of the Act.

If you require further assistance or believe we have misinterpreted your request, please contact Elizabeth Templeton in the Office of the Chief Executive, email elizabeth.templeton@nzqa.govt.nz or telephone (04) 463 3339.

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982, to lodge a complaint with the Office of the Ombudsmen, PO Box 10152, Wellington.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Poutasi', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Karen Poutasi (Dr)
Chief Executive

Encl

CR14982 Documents to be released			
	Document	Withheld	Withholding grounds
1	Email 24/12/2014 11:25 AM Re: NCEA Pal – result access	Names of staff members, their positions in the organisation, and contact details	Section 9 (2) (a)
2	Email 24/12/2014 1:06 AM Re: NCEA Pal – result access (Out of office)	Names of staff members, their positions in the organisation, and contact details	Section 9 (2) (a)
3	Email 16/01/2015 4:50 PM Re: NCEA Pal – result access	Names of staff members, their positions in the organisation, and contact details	Section 9 (2) (a)
4	Email 24/01/2015 9:44 AM Fwd: Re: NCEA PAL	Names of staff members, their positions in the organisation, and contact details	Section 9 (2) (a)
5	Email 26/01/2015 11:08 AM Re: NCEA PAL	Names of staff members, their positions in the organisation, and contact details	Section 9 (2) (a)
6	Email 26/01/2015 11:24 AM Fwd: Re: NCEA PAL	Names of staff members, their positions in the organisation, and contact details	Section 9 (2) (a)
7	Email 26/01/2015 12:06 PM Fwd: Re: NCEA PAL	Names of staff members, their positions in the organisation, and contact details	Section 9 (2) (a)
8	Email 26/01/2015 10:49 PM Re: NCEA Pal Application	Names of staff members, their positions in the organisation, and contact details	Section 9 (2) (a)
9	Email 29/01/2015 12:14 PM NCEA Pal	Names of staff members, their positions in the organisation, and contact details	Section 9 (2) (a)
10	Attached Document: NCEA Pal NCEA/NZQA Records Integration Version 0.0.1 28 January 2015	-	-

11	Email 27/01/2015 11:35 AM NCEA Mobile App	Names of staff members, their positions in the organisation, and contact details	Section 9 (2) (a)
12	Email 30/01/2015 3:11 PM Re: NCEA Pal Application	Names of staff members, their positions in the organisation, and contact details	Section 9 (2) (a)
13	Email 02/02/2015 2:42 PM Re: NCEA Pal App Integration	Names of staff members, their positions in the organisation, and contact details	Section 9 (2) (a)
14	Email 03/02/2015 11:01 PM Re: NCEA Pal App Integration	Names of staff members, their positions in the organisation, and contact details	Section 9 (2) (a)
15	Email 24/02/2015 12:10 PM NCEA PAL proposals to access student records	Names of staff members, their positions in the organisation, and contact details Personal mobile phone number of external person	Section 9 (2) (a)
16	Attached Document: response to proposals	Staff member's name	Section 9 (2) (a)
17	Email 27/02/2015 2:48 PM Re: NCEA PAL proposals to access student records	Names of staff members, their positions in the organisation, and contact details	Section 9 (2) (a)
18	Email 02/03/2015 1:20 PM KAMAR – [redacted] contact details	Names of staff members, their positions in the organisation, and contact details	Section 9 (2) (a)
19	Email 23/04/2015 6:42 PM Meeting follow up	Names of staff members and Ministry of Education staff, their positions in the organisation, and contact details	Section 9 (2) (a)
20	Email 23/04/2015 6:47 PM Fwd: Draft App note to schools	Names of staff members and Ministry of Education staff, their positions in the organisation, and contact details	Section 9 (2) (a)
21	Attached Document: draft of intended email to schools	-	-

22	Email 30/04/2015 10:33 AM RE: RE: Draft App note to schools CONFIDENTIAL	Names of staff members and Ministry of Education staff, their positions in the organisation, and contact details	Section 9 (2) (a)
23	Email 10/09/2015 4:46 PM Re: Level 1 Mail Out	Names of staff members, their positions in the organisation, and contact details	Section 9 (2) (a)
24	Email 25/11/2015 7:36 PM Re: ATTN Wasim Talim	Names of staff members, their positions in the organisation, and contact details	Section 9 (2) (a)
25	Email 03/12/2015 8:39 PM Re: NZQA – Student App-Delegated	Names of staff members, their positions in the organisation, and contact details	Section 9 (2) (a)
26	Email 07/12/2015 9:47 PM Re: NZQA – Student App	Names of staff members, their positions in the organisation, and contact details Personal mobile phone number of external person	Section 9 (2) (a)
27	Email 01/03/2016 7:56 AM Blueprint App	Name and contact details of staff member, Personal mobile phone number of external person	Section 9 (2) (a)
28	Email 01/03/2016 10:35 AM Meeting	Name and contact details of staff member	Section 9 (2) (a)
29	Email 03/05/2016 2:14 PM Re: Mail Out	Names of staff members, their positions in the organisation, and contact details	Section 9 (2) (a)
30	Email 18/05/2016 1:58 PM Re: NZQA Api	Names of staff members, their positions in the organisation, and contact details	Section 9 (2) (a)
31	Email 12/06/2016 8:23 PM Re: meeting Thursday	Names of staff members, their positions in the organisation, and contact details	Section 9 (2) (a)

32	Email 21/06/2016 8:14 AM Re: NZQA Api	Names of staff members and external persons, their positions in the organisation, and contact details	Section 9 (2) (a)
33	Email 28/06/2016 8:46 AM Re: NZQA Api	Names of staff members and external persons, their positions in the organisation, and contact details	Section 9 (2) (a)
34	Email 12/07/2016 9:45 AM Formal statement	Names and contact details of staff members	Section 9 (2) (a)
35	Email 08/07/2016 1:50 PM Re: OIA – follow up - Urgent	Name and contact details of staff member	Section 9 (2) (a)
36	Email and letter attachment 15/05/15 4.57 pm Letter Kintel App Ltd	Name and contact details of staff member	Section 9 (2) (a)
37	Email 24/05/2015 Email template to NCEA App Owner	Name and contact details of staff member	Section 9 (2) (a)
38	Email 03/06/2015 Draft email to app owners	Name and contact details of staff member	Section 9 (2) (a)
39	Email 17/06/2015 Email template proof	Name and contact details of staff member	Section 9 (2) (a)

From: wasim talim
To:
Date: 24/12/2014 11:25 AM
Subject: Re: NCEA Pal - result access

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Hi

Week of 5th Jan will do. The sooner the better as we dont want to delay our development and release. Which ever day and time suits you I can go with.

Thanks
Wasim

Sent from my iPhone

> On 24/12/2014, at 11:14 am,

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> Hi Wasim

> Of course. The week of 5 January should be good. The following week will be a bit busy with results release but the week of 20 January should also be good (I think 19 is Anniversary day).

> Cheers

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>> On 24/12/2014, at 1:06 am, Wasim Talim <wasim.talim@me.com> wrote:

>> Hi

9(2)(a)

>> Thank you for your email.

>> Would we be able to schedule a meeting sometime when you are back at the office to go over the project and discuss our requirements?

>> Regards,

>> Wasim

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>>> On 22/12/2014, at 4:29 pm, Shona Ramsay <Shona.Ramsay@nzqa.govt.nz> wrote:

>>> Hi Jeff and Wasim

>>> Richard has just asked me to work with you on your NCEA Pal project.

>>> We have concerns about your two proposed methods of connecting to student results as they do not meet our security standards. However, we have an alternative proposal that removes these concerns and future proofs your application.

>>> We are currently investigating changes to our student login that, once decided, will likely be applied during 2015. The changes will make the login process more robust.

>>> Students are currently able to download their School Result Summary - a record of all their entries and results while at school - as a PDF. We suggest you build your application so that a student can download this PDF and then apply it to your application. This means any changes we make to their login process would not impact on your application. In fact importing this file will mean that your application will not be impacted by any NZQA system changes.

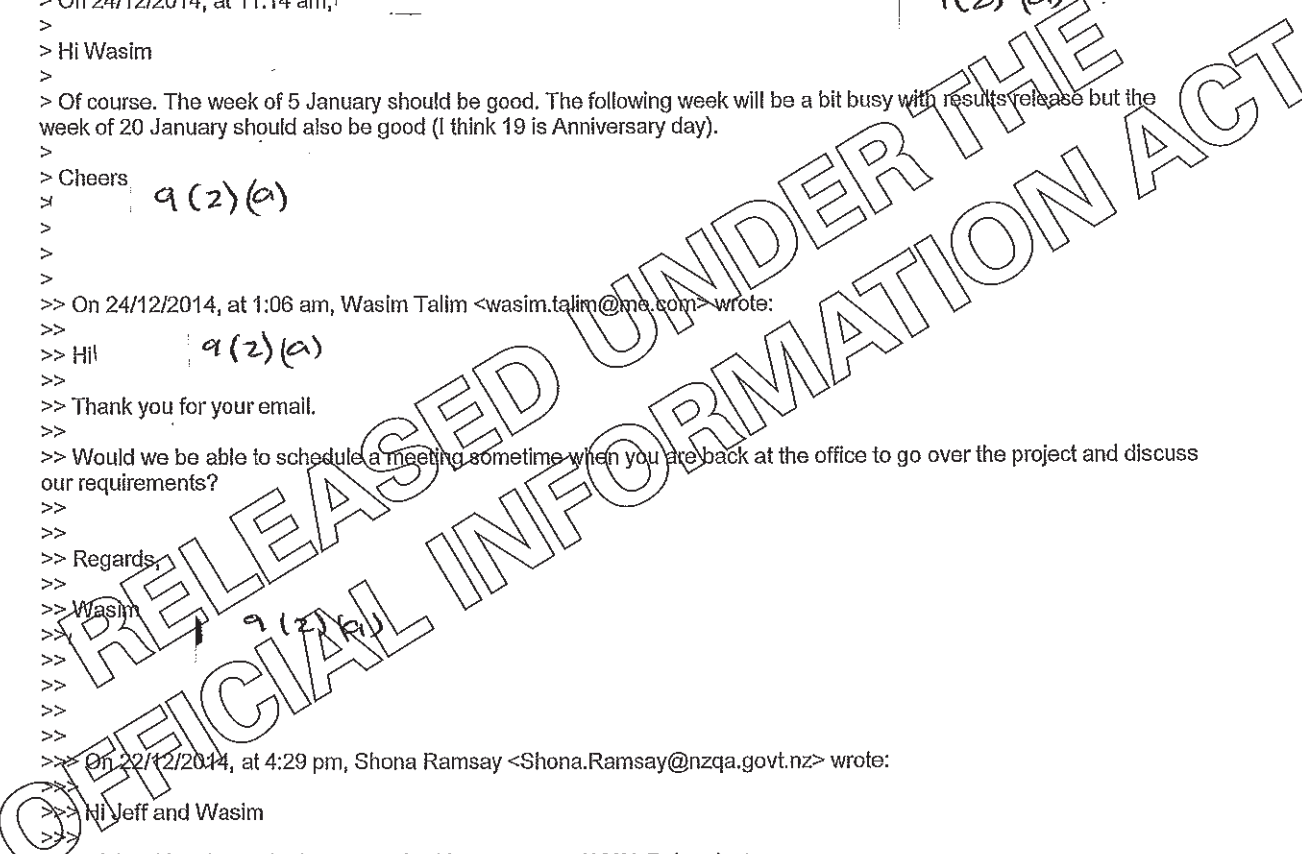
>>> I am at work tomorrow (23 December), on leave the following day but back here from 29 December and am very happy to discuss this with you.

>>> kind regards

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 To: "Wasim Talim" <wasim.talim@me.com>
 Date: 24/12/2014 1:06 AM
 Subject: Re: NCEA Pal - result access (Out of office)

I am out of the office from Wednesday 24 December until Monday 29 December.

>>> Wasim Talim <wasim.talim@me.com> 12/24/14 00:04 >>>

Hi 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email.

Would we be able to schedule a meeting sometime when you are back at the office to go over the project and discuss our requirements?

Regards,

Wasim 9(2)(a)

On 22/12/2014, at 4:29 pm, 9(2)(a)

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- Re: NCEA Pal - result access

From: [redacted]
To: wasim.talim@me.com
CC:
Date: 16/01/2015 4:50 PM
Subject: Re: NCEA Pal - result access

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Hi Wasim

125 The Terrace - come to Level 13 and ask for me.

cheers 9(2)(a)

>>> Wasim Talim <wasim.talim@me.com> 16/01/2015 4:46 PM >>>
Friday 1-2pm is perfect.

I will come along with Jeff King who is a co founder and also heavily involved in the project if thats ok.

Where are you located?

Thanks
Wasim

Sent from my iPhone

On 16/01/2015, at 4:40 pm,

Hi Wasim

Thursday afternoon is out for me and more restricted on Friday - are you able to do Friday 1- 2:00 pm?

cheers 9(2)(a)

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>>> Wasim Talim <wasim.talim@me.com> 16/01/2015 4:36 PM >>>

Hi 9(2)(a)

Could we do Thursday afternoon? I just have work commitments in the morning so wont be able to make it then.

Or if that doesn't work Friday afternoon?

Thanks
Wasim

Sent from my iPhone

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On 16/01/2015, at 2:39 pm

> wrote:

Hi Wasim

Yes we can meet next week. How about Thursday - preferably in the morning?

cheers 9(2)(a)

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Re: NCEA Pal - result access

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>>> Wasim Talim <wasim.talim@me.com> 15/01/2015 10:31 PM >>>
Hi 9(2)(a)

Glad to hear you are feeling better now! Thanks for getting back to me.

Let me know what works and we can go from there. Would be good to get something locked in for next week so I can plan on the development side accordingly.

Thanks
Wasim

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On 14/01/2015, at 1:56 pm,

wrote:

Hi Wasim

Thanks for being so patient with me.

I was rushed to hospital last Sunday and only just come back to work (for a few hours) today.

As you will be aware it is result release day today so I haven't tried to find a time with my colleagues for us to meet. I will do so when I come in tomorrow and get back to you.

Apologies again for the delay - I assure you I would much prefer to have been at work!

kind regards

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>>> Wasim Talim <wasim.talim@me.com> 6/01/2015 1:43 AM >>>
Hi 9(2)(a)

Any openings for that meeting?

Thanks
Wasim

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On 29/12/2014, at 11:15 am,

Thanks Wasim

I will advise of which day on 5 January once the IS folk are back as I am not sure who will be available to talk to - apart from me.

NZQA is officially closed this week except for those working on NCEA results and IS staff are on call for emergencies only.

cheers

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Fwd: Re: NCEA PAL

From: 9(z)(a) 9(z)(a)
To:
CC: wasim.talim@me.com
Date: 26/01/2015 9:44 AM
Subject: Fwd: Re: NCEA PAL

Hi

As discussed - would you please send Wassim the same list you prepared for NZQA's application.

cheers

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wasim talim - Re: NCEA PAL

From: wasim talim
To:
Date: 26/01/2015 11:08 AM
Subject: Re: NCEA PAL

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Hi 9(2)(a)

9(2)(a)

Thanks for organising that for me. 9(2)(a) has made contact with me and we will arrange a meeting to move forward.

As mentioned at our meeting, would I be able to have a look at the application NZQA are building?

Thanks
Wasim

Sent from my iPhone

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> On 26/01/2015, at 9:44 am,
>
> Hi Wassim

> We are sending you the list of standards we gave to our internal developers - it is complete except for expired standards.

> PS - it is large

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> > > Wasim Talim <wasim.talim@me.com> 23/01/2015 5:14 PM >>>

> Hi

> Yes sorry all unit and achievement standards if possible.

> What the ministry have provided me with would have a few thousand entries. So we may have something similar.

> Thanks

> Wasim

> On 23/01/2015, at 4:55 pm,

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9(2)(a) wrote:

>> Hi Wasim

>> I am assuming you are talking about Achievement standards? Or do you mean all standards used in schools (includes unit standards) - a very much larger list?

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>> >> Wasim Talim <wasim.talim@me.com> 23/01/2015 4:50 PM >>>

>> Hi

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>> Thanks for meeting Jeff and I today.

>> I was hoping you would be able to help me. I've got a comprehensive list from MOE for all level 1 and 2 assessments but don't have anything for Level 3.

>> Is there a comprehensive list that you could provide with all the nzqa assessment data? Credits, descriptions, subjects etc? This would be really helpful.

>> Thanks

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>> Wasim

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To: |
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Date: | 26/01/2015 11:24 AM
Subject: | Fwd: Re: NCEA PAL

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Hi

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Sorry, I know you are busy but I think you offered to hook Wassim up with

to look at our NCEA application?

cheers 9(2)(a)

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