



17 MAY 2017

Josie Ogden Schroeder
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Dear Josie

On 17 March 2017 you emailed the Ministry requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 about the provision of alternative education:

1. *Total number of credits obtained by students referred to Alternative Education and assigned to providers overseen by the Cashmere High School Consortium.*
2. *Percentage of these credits which were supported learning credits.*
3. *Percentage of these credits which were literacy/numeracy credits – specifically 26622, 26623, 26624, 26625, 26626, 26627.*

On 19 April 2017 the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) transferred the same request to the Ministry under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act on the basis it is more closely connected to the Ministry's functions.

Consultations necessary to make a decision on your requests are such that a proper response to the requests cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit.

For this reason I am extending the time limit for replying to you to 15 June 2017, in accordance with section 15A(1)(b) of the Act. We will try to respond sooner than this date if possible.

You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely

Simon Sanders
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