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Dear Mark

Thank you for writing to the Ministry of Education on 16 April 2018, to request the following information:

From 1 July 2017 to 30 December 2017, broken down by [Official Information Act] request:

1. *The date on which the request was received.*
2. *The date on which the request was answered.*
 - a. *If the request was answered on the last allowable day, the time at which the request was answered*
3. *Whether or not the request was extended under section 15A of the OIA.*
 - a. *If the request was extended, the date on which notice of the extension was sent to the requester.*
 - b. *If the notice of extension was sent to the requester on the last allowable day, the time at which the notice of extension was sent to the requester.*
 - c. *If the request was extended, the duration of the extension.*
4. *The outcome of the request (e.g. all information released, transferred to another agency).*

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

The information you have requested has been provided in a table attached to this response. The table does not contain answers to questions 2a and 3b, which I have refused under section 18(f) of the Act, due to the substantial collation involved in providing this data.

Within the email that contained your request, you referenced statistics regarding Official Information Act response times that are published by the State Services Commission (SSC). The information provided to the SSC, that they subsequently publish, is compiled using different criteria to that of your request, so the response I am providing you will differ to the information published by the SSC for the same time period.

The difference is due to the fact that you asked for details about the **requests received** while the SSC asks for details about the **requests completed**. In response to your request for detail of our OIA **requests received** in the time period, the Ministry has identified 312 requests received. By way of comparison, we reported 285 OIA **requests completed** to the SSC in the same time period.

You also asked for our response to be provided in a searchable format, as such a spreadsheet detailing the Ministry's responses to your request is attached as **Appendix A**.

For your reference, the SSC's reporting guidelines for agencies are available on its website at <https://www.ssc.govt.nz/sites/all/files/Selection-Reporting-of-OIA-Statistics-v2.pdf>.

Thank you again for your request. Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to refer this response to an Ombudsman. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely



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