

15 July 2025

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 of 17 June 2025 seeking the following information:

- *Post-exam evaluations of the 2024 HIS 1.3 (92026) exam, including the NAF Completion Report.*
- *Records of the rationale and discussions (e.g., meeting notes, internal memos) that contributed to the decision not to provide stimulus material to students prior to the 2025 examination. Please note that I am not requesting individual email correspondence, but rather work-group- or department-level documentation that communicates the rationale or process behind this decision. I am interested in the reasons for this decision and the data that was drawn on to make it.*

To be clear, I am not requesting any information that could identify any member of the contracted specialist workforce nor any information that may reveal the contents of any upcoming exams.

Please find attached the following documents relevant to your request:

- Reports from each marker (5) of Achievement Standard 92026
- The Panel Leader report, which contributed to the Assessment Report: *L1-HIST-92026-Panel Leader Report 2024*
- The National Assessment Facilitator Completion Report: *NAF completion report 92026*
- Notes from a meeting held between the NAF and the Social Sciences Lead Subject Advisor at the Ministry of Education: *AS 92026 review hui*
- An email dated 6 March 2025, referring to the above meeting: *Email 06 March*
- A copy of the draft 2025 Assessment Specifications for Level 1 History: *L1-HIST-asps-2025 October version*.

Note that Marker names and codes have been redacted as they are not in scope of the request. The Panel Leader name and content on pages 7 and 8 of the Panel Leader report have been redacted as they are not in scope of the request.

Additionally, the mobile phone number of a Ministry of Education staff member has been withheld in the 6 March 2025 email chain, under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA, to protect privacy.

The Assessment Report can be viewed on the NZQA website here:

<https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/assessment/search.do?query=history&view=reports&level=01>

The decision not to provide resource material prior to the examination was made across a range of subjects not specific to history or Achievement Standard 92026. The rationale reflects a broader


concern that pre-released materials may encourage teaching to the assessment, which can narrow the scope of learning. This approach aims to support more authentic and curriculum-aligned teaching and assessment practices.

Our response to your request may be published on our website after five working days. Your name and contact details will be removed before publication.

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.

You have the right to seek an investigation or review by the Ombudsman of this decision under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982. Details of how to make a complaint can be found at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz. You can also telephone 0800 802 502 or write to the Ombudsman at PO Box 10152, Wellington, 6143.

Nāku nā



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