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Dear

Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your request of 9 October 2019, under the Official Information Act 1982, for the following information:

How many people have been charged under Section 292E of the New Zealand Education Act (1989)?

There has been one section 292E related proceeding. In May 2013 the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) sought an interim injunction to prevent Steven Quan Li and his wife Fan Yang, operating as Assignment4U, contravening section 292E through advertising cheating services on its website.

The matter was subsequently taken over by the New Zealand Police as a criminal proceeds recovery matter in which the Commissioner of Police sought forfeiture of assets from Steven Quan Li, his wife Fan Yang (the original owners of Assignment4U) and three others (Pengju Chen, Johnathan Li, and Aiquing Xiang). A four-week hearing began in the Auckland High Court on 11 June 2018.

Settlements were reached on Thursday 14 June 2018, subject to High Court approval, which was granted on 27 June 2018.

As part of the commitment to open and transparent government, NZQA is proactively releasing responses to Official Information Act requests which are of public interest. NZQA will be publishing its response to your request on its website in December 2019. Your name and contact details will be removed before publication.

If you require further assistance or believe we have misinterpreted your request, please contact in the Office of the Chief Executive, email or telephone (04) 463 contact redacted s9(2)(a)

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 Ombudsman at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz. You can also telephone 0800 802 502 or write to the Ombudsman at PO Box 10152, Wellington, 6143.

Yours sincerely

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