

6 July 2018

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Email: redacted s 9(2)(a)

Dear redacted s 9(2)(a)

Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your request of 8 June 2018, under the Official Information Act 1982, for the following information:

In the last two years, broken down by year, how many requests for information under the act were: - denied in full,- granted in part,- granted in full

When refusing or partially refusing requests, what is the reason provided most often?

How many responses have been extended beyond the 20-day deadline?

On what subject / topic is information most regularly requested?

On how many occasions have responses to requests been reviewed by the Minister before being released

The information provided covers the period 1 July 2016 to 8 June 2018.

1. 17 were denied in full in 2016/2017, 18 were denied in full in the year to 8 June 2018.
2. 57 were granted in part in 2016/2017, 44 were granted in part in the year to 8 June 2018.
3. 14 were granted in full in 2016/17 and 24 were granted in full in the year to 8 June 2018.
4. There is not one most common reason for refusing or partially refusing requests during this period. It should be noted that NZQA commonly withholds names under section 9(2)(a) with the exception of its staff at the level of Deputy Chief Executive and above.
5. 24 requests in 2016/2017 and 12 requests as at 8 June 2018 were extended beyond the 20-working day deadline.
6. The most common type of request received during the period related to information about individual Tertiary Education Organisations.
7. Under the 'no surprises' convention and in accordance with the Cabinet Office Manual, NZQA briefs, and consults with, the Minister's offices prior to releasing material under the Official Information Act.

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 on 30 September 2018. Your name and contact details will be removed before publication.

If you require further assistance or believe we have misinterpreted your request, please contact redacted s9(2)(a) in the Office of the Chief Executive, email redacted s9(2)(a)@nzqa.govt.nz or telephone (04) 463 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 Ombudsmen, PO Box 10152, Wellington.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Poutasi', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Karen Poutasi (Dr)
Chief Executive