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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

### Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your request of 23 May 2022, under the Official Information Act 1982, for the following information:

*1. Has NZQA got any data on the number of students and/or grades that have been changed to NA for school internals as a result of plagiarism. Is there sufficient data over several years to detect a trend? Or if NZQA does not have this data I assume OIAs could be sent to schools direct?*

*2. Refer <https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/about-us/publications/newsletters-and-circulars/assessment-matters/plagiarism-detection-and-support/>  
"Plagiarism has become easier with greater access to digital devices and the Internet. In response to this situation NZQA is considering providing greater support to schools, including the coordination of syndicated anti-plagiarism software."  
Did this initiative go anywhere?*

### Response:

#### Question 1:

NZQA does not carry this information and we are not aware of any other organisation that holds this data. The request is therefore declined under Section 18(g) of the Official Information Act 1982.

#### Question 2:

In 2017, NZQA and the Ministry of Education conducted a survey with all schools across New Zealand regarding plagiarism and the potential for Ministry-led syndicated procurement of anti-plagiarism software. We decided not to proceed with the initiative due to lack of demand from schools.

Since this survey, NoPlag, a provider of anti-plagiarism software, has provided free access to all schools. However, schools are free to use an alternative provider (e.g. Grammarly or Turnitin).

NZQA does not hold data about how many schools are using NoPlag or other anti-plagiarism software providers.

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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](mailto:elizabeth.templeton@nzqa.govt.nz) or telephone (04) 463 3339.

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](http://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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