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NEW ZEALAND QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY
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Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your email request of 15 January 2019 under the Official Information Act 1982, seeking the following information regarding unpaid NCEA fees:

How many 2018 unpaid their fees there are to date.

What's the estimated total cost of these unpaid fees

What was the shortfall in unpaid feed from 2017?

How much has NZQA collected from examination fees since NCEA was established in 2005?"

The responses to your questions are detailed below:

As at 29 January 2019, there are 17,058 students from 2018 who have unpaid fees from the 2018 academic year. This is out of a total of 165,185 students from 2018. This includes students who have made partial payments but still have some portion of their fees owing.

The estimated total cost of these unpaid fees amounts to \$1,137,768.60 excluding GST. This is an estimated figure based on the number of students (17,058) owing NCEA fees as at 29 January 2019.

The estimated total cost of unpaid fees from 2017 amounts to \$893,780 excluding GST. This is an estimated figure based on the number of students (13,400) owing NCEA fees as at 29 January 2019.

NZQA has collected \$141,976,368.71 (excl GST) in fees since 2005/2006. This was the first year all three levels of NCEA were assessed. This amount includes late fees paid and reconsideration fees. An annual breakdown is shown in the table below.

Year	Amount \$
2005/2006	9,834,957.69
2006/2007	9,282,150.74
2007/2008	9,454,667.78
2008/2009	9,606,994.98
2009/2010	9,823,354.85
2010/2011	10,077,975.91
2011/2012	10,031,677.49
2012/2013	9,984,979.80
2013/2014	9,988,335.94
2014/2015	10,077,211.46
2015/2016	10,693,936.13
2016/2017	10,974,507.02
2017/2018	11,249,222.52
2018/2019	10,896,396.40
Total	141,976,368.71

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 March 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 [REDACTED] in the Office of the Chief Executive, email [REDACTED]@nzqa.govt.nz or telephone (04) 463 [REDACTED]

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 at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 502 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'K. Poutasi', is written over a white background.

Karen Poutasi (Dr)
Chief Executive