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Mr Jordan Small  
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Wellington

Dear Mr Small

**Charging for Information – Section 15 (1A), Official Information Act 1982**

Thank you for your letter of 13 September 2006 requesting under the Official Information Act 1982:

“All material produced within the last twelve months evaluating the Literacy and Numeracy projects [excluding] materials already provided on 12 September 2006, under an earlier request”.

The information you requested will be released, however, will take some time to compile and collate. It is estimated some sixty hours will be required to prepare it for you.

There is a charge for time spent by staff in preparing the material you seek. The charge out rate is \$38 per half-hour after the first hour. There is also a charge for photocopying of 20 cents for each page after the first twenty pages. It is estimated that the cost to you in this case will be around \$6,724.00.

Please let me know if you wish the ministry to proceed with your request and confirm that you will meet any costs associated with compiling the information. You also have the option of narrowing your search which would eliminate or reduce any costs. Attached is a list of what is available and a breakdown of the cost involved, should you choose to narrow your request.

You have the right to seek a review by the Ombudsman of the estimated charge under Section 28 (1) (b) of the Official Information Act 1982.

Yours sincerely

Steve Maharey  
Minister of Education

**Estimate of documents and charges under Official Information Act 1982 (Section 15A) request**

In the 12 month period since 1st October 2005:

Numeracy:

- 8 contracts or publishing briefs
- 6 contract variations
- 12 milestones and responses
- 12 evaluation reports as published in the compendium
- 2 letters of agreement
- 2 LML contracts
- Submission/speech notes

Estimated personnel hours:

- 3 days (24 hours) Temp for search, retrieval and copying
- 3 days (24 hours) Contractor to proof for names etc
- 1 day (8 hours) Advisor to check
- ½ day (4 hours) for Manager to check

Total 7 ½ days (60 hours minus first hour = 59) at \$38 per half hour = \$4,484

Literacy:

- 1 contract
- 5 milestone reports
- 1 research report
- 1 submission
- 1 speech notes

Estimated personnel hours:

- 1 day (8 hours) Temp for search, retrieval and copying
- 1 day (8 hours) adviser to proof for names and check
- 1/2 day (4 hours) for Manager to check

Total 2.5 days (20 hours minus first hour = 19 hours) at \$38 per half hour = \$1,444

Photocopying paper – estimate 8 reams 4,000 minus first 20 sheets = 3,980 x 0.20c = \$796

Total staff time	\$4,484 + \$1,444 =	\$5,928
Total photocopying		\$796
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$6,724</b>