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28 February 2025

Victoria and Callum Turnbull

Official Information Request – date of notification

Tēnā koe,

Thank you for your letter dated 30 January 2024 requesting information as follows:

Please provide the date that each of the 5 teachers (Mary Erin Cairns, Hera Fisher, Victoria McDonald, Kay Schimanski, Paul Anderson-Kereti) were first notified (in writing, verbally or otherwise) of the Teaching Council decisions, in relation the Teaching Council complaints we made against them.

We have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) and can advise you as follows.

Mary Erin Cairns, Hera Fisher, Kay Schimanski and Paul Anderson-Kereti were first informed of the Triage Committee's decision via phone call on 19 September 2024. They were each sent a letter confirming this outcome on 20 September 2024.

The Teaching Council was unable to make contact with Victoria McDonald during this process as it was unable to obtain current contact details. The complaint remains on her file, noting she has not held a practising certificate since 2017.

We are still working through the concerns raised in your letter and will respond to you in full as soon as we are able to.

You have the right to seek a review by the Ombudsman of this OIA response and the process followed by the Triage Committee to reach their decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

Clive Jones
Pou Kaiāwhā | Deputy Chief Executive