

Independent review into Mathematics examination papers

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NZQA identified and announced an error in one part of a question in the Level 3 Statistics examination sat by students on 24 November 2016, and concerns have been raised about discrepancies in four other Mathematics examinations.

NZQA takes these matters very seriously and has commissioned an independent panel to undertake a review looking into why our regular quality assurance processes did not detect the error and other discrepancies. The panel will make recommendations to improve the procedures for the development of future examination papers.

The scope of the independent review includes all stages in the quality assurance system that NZQA uses for the development of examinations, from the appointment of contractors and initial drafting of content, through to final approval processes and printing.

The review panel includes individuals with experience and expertise in Mathematics and Statistics, and leadership in secondary schools. A report, including recommendations, is expected to be completed and provided to NZQA at the end of February 2017. The report will be published in early March 2017.

Further detail, including more information about the panel members and the scope of the review, is available in the [Terms of Reference](#).