

WPQ 10234 (2026) Table 1: Artificial intelligence or machine learning systems, tools, or platforms commissioned, contracted, or deployed by the Ministry of Education (the Ministry) since 27 November 2023, listed by system name, supplier, purpose, contract value, and date of commissioning.

System name	Supplier	Purpose	Contract value	Date of commissioning
Microsoft Copilot Chat	Microsoft	Conversational interface enabled within the Ministry's existing Microsoft 365 environment	Microsoft Copilot Chat was enabled by Microsoft at no additional cost. The Ministry has also purchased a small number of Microsoft 365 Copilot licences for limited use cases within existing Microsoft licensing arrangements.	May 2025
SMART	Janison	Twice Yearly Assessment and Aromatawai	\$31.64 million for five years	20 March 2026
Planet Price	Planet Price	Natural Language Processing (NLP) to analyse procurement spend data and calculate carbon emissions. Online SaaS provider.	\$393,092 (as at 30 March 2023)	5 December 2022

WPQ 10234 (2026) Table 2: Artificial intelligence or machine learning systems, tools, or platforms commissioned, contracted, or deployed by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority since 27 November 2023, listed by system name, supplier, purpose, contract value, and date of commissioning.

System name	Supplier	Purpose	Contract value	Date of commissioning
Automated Text Scoring (ATS) – Literacy Writing (Phase 1 Trial)	New Data Solutions (UniMetric model by Vantage Technologies)	Small-scale trial of supervised machine learning for marking Literacy Writing co-requisite assessment	\$13,220 excl. GST	28 February 2024
ATS – Literacy Writing (Phase 2 Pilot)	New Data Solutions (UniMetric model)	Larger scale pilot of supervised machine learning for marking Literacy Writing co-requisite assessment	Contract value \$124,990 excluding GST. Actual cost \$119,056.40 excluding GST	16 October 2024
ATS – Literacy Writing (Phase 3 Live Events)	New Data Solutions (UniMetric model)	Operational ML marking for Literacy Writing assessments, with over 30 percent human-marked for validation	Maximum contract value \$456,000 excl. GST. Actual cost \$375,981.60 excluding GST	1 April 2025
NZQA In-house AI Marking Model – Phase 1 Development	NZQA internal	Develop and train internal AI marking model aligned to NZQA human-marked responses	No additional cost	November 2024
NZQA In-house AI Marking Model – Phase 2 Independent Review	NZCER and ClearPoint	Independent statistical and technical validation of AI marking model	Actual cost \$81,487 excluding GST	September 2025
NZQA In-house AI Marking Model – Phase 3 Systems and	Amazon Web Services (AWS)	Build systems and data pipelines to operationalise model for May 2026 live events	Maximum contract value \$139,570	15 February 2026

Pipeline Development				
NZQA Website AI Chatbot	NZQA internal	Provide AI-enabled customer service and support for online enquiries	No cost, built using BAU resources	2025
Technical Proof of Concept for AI in Core NZQA Functions	NZQA internal (supported by fixed-term AI specialists)	Explore feasibility and benefits of AI across assessment, exam development, moderation, and first-pass approvals	Estimated cost \$500,000	July 2025
AI for Development, Testing and Business Analysis – Phase 1 Staff Capability	NZQA internal	Train staff in AI tools and workflows for development, testing and business analysis	Estimated cost \$20,000	March 2026
AI for Development, Testing and Business Analysis – Phase 2 Operational Trial	NZQA internal	Structured trial of AI to support development, testing and Business Analysis workflows	Maximum cost allocated \$35,000	Expected May 2026