

Science Fairs Report

Once again we sponsored the Regional Science Fairs in association with Statistics New Zealand. Our contribution is \$60 for each of the 23 fairs around the country. Statistics New Zealand contributes \$40 in book tokens for each fair along with printing certificates to be presented to prize winners and other deserving entrants. All of the Fair organizers appreciate our sponsorship and it ensures that there is some thought given to statistical matters in the judging of the entries.

Statistics New Zealand have again made noises suggesting that they may reassess this sponsorship. There are individuals within that organization who see this as a disappointing possibility and I will be talking with them over the coming months to see how best to avoid this. One possibility is to persuade someone at Statistics New Zealand to take over the organisation of the sponsorship, being closer to the decision makers may be an advantage.

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