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Kevin

By email: fyi-request-25860-ee37a7cd@requests.fyi.org.nz

Tēnā koe Kevin

Official information request regarding VUWSA sponsorships

I refer to your request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) dated 23 February 2024:

"I would like to submit an OIA request under the Official Information Act 1982 regarding the student's Association at VUW (VUWSA). I request the following:

- *A list of all sponsorships and affiliations VUWSA has agreed to in 2024*
- *Whether VUWSA or the sponsor/affiliate made first contact*
- *All correspondence including but not limited to emails and letters between VUWSA and each sponsor/affiliate*
- *All documents related to the sponsorship/affiliation including agreements/contracts.*
- *The value of each sponsorship and affiliation monetary or otherwise*
- *What consideration was given to the harmful effects of any of the product/services that VUWSA is promoting to the student population in particular first year students via the sponsorship/affiliation and what criteria and/or frameworks were used to assess the risk of promotion."*

Te Rōpū Tauira o te Kura Wānanga o te Upoko o te Ika a Māui / Victoria University of Wellington Students' Association (VUWSA) is a separate entity to Te Herenga Waka – Victoria University of Wellington (The University) and is not subject to the Act. The information you have requested is held by VUWSA.

As the University does not hold the information requested and the University has no grounds for believing that the information is either—

- (i) held by another department (for itself and for a departmental agency hosted by it or an interdepartmental executive board serviced by it) or interdepartmental venture or Minister of the Crown or organisation, or by a local authority; or
- (ii) connected more closely with the functions of another department (for itself and for a departmental agency hosted by it or an interdepartmental executive board serviced by it) or interdepartmental venture or Minister of the Crown or organisation or of a local authority.

your request is refused in accordance with s18(g) of the Act.

Please note, the University has consulted with VUWSA as part of preparing the response to this request. VUWSA have indicated that, although they are not subject to the Act, they would be happy if you wish to discuss these matters with them directly. Contact details for VUWSA can be found [here](#).

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of the decisions made regarding this request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact me at oiarequests@vuw.ac.nz.

Ngā mihi nui

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