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Sarah Allison

By email: fyi-request-7665-c4ac8d@vuw.ac.nz

Dear Ms. Allison

Official Information Act Request

I refer to your request for information of 19 April 2018 where you requested the following information:

- 1. Within five years of commencing their studies what proportion of international PhD students from Indonesia complete their doctoral degree and what proportion have dropped out?*
- 2. Within five years of commencing their studies what proportion of international PhD students from Malaysia complete their doctoral degree and what proportion have dropped out?*
- 3. Within five years of commencing their studies what proportion of international PhD students from India complete their doctoral degree and what proportion have dropped out?*
- 4. Within five years of commencing their studies what proportion of international PhD students from China complete their doctoral degree and what proportion have dropped out?*
- 5. Within five years of commencing their studies what proportion of international PhD students from the United States complete their doctoral degree and what proportion have dropped out?*
- 6. Within five years of commencing their studies what proportion of international PhD students from the UK complete their doctoral degree and what proportion have dropped out?*
- 7. Within five years of commencing their studies what proportion of international PhD students from Canada complete their doctoral degree and what proportion have dropped out?*

Please find the requested information in the table below. Please note that the 2012 cut-off date was used because a student starting any later would not fall within the five-year time frame that your request relates to.

'Completion' figures include all candidates who graduated with an award. In some cases, students who first enrol for a doctoral degree may, for a variety of reasons, complete with a Master's degree. They may elect at some point to transfer to a Master's programme, or they may be awarded a Master's degree in respect of a thesis that does not meet the standard required for a PhD. It would not be possible to separate these figures, so they have been included together here.

Your phrase 'dropped out' is being taken to refer to those students who do not complete a qualification. Some of those may elect to withdraw for a variety of reasons at any stage in their candidature. Others may have their candidature terminated by the University.

In some cases, the percentage figures do not add up to 100% -- this is because one or more student is still enrolled in their degree.

Commenced study (2008-2012)		USA	China	India	Malaysia	Indonesia	UK	Canada
Total numbers	Completed	53	27	16	37	16	43	19
	Dropped out	17	8	6	12	3	9	4
Average %	Completed	75%	75%	64%	76%	84%	80%	79%
	Dropped out	24%	22%	24%	24%	16%	17%	17%

Yours sincerely



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