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Ali Khan

By email: fyi-request-11767-94653e06@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Ali

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST OIA-19-91 – PhD students

I refer to your official information request dated 2 December for information related to PhD enrolments. The information you requested is below. You requested

- 1) *The total number of PhD students enrolled 2015-2019 and*
- 2) *The total number of PhD students who graduated 2015-2019 and*
- 3) *The total number of PhD students who dropped out from 2015-2019*

The information requested in questions 1-3 can be found in the table below.

Headcount	DEC-15	DEC-16	DEC-17	DEC-18	OCT-19
Enrolments	1045	1119	1104	1069	1038
Completions	164	164	184	157	157
Withdrawn	14	17	12	26	16

- 4) *Total number of PhD students accepted into the PhD without thesis and*
- 5) *Total number of PhD students accepted with Dean approval*

All PhD students are enrolled on a case by case basis. This information is held within their individual student file and is not readily extractable. To obtain the data requested in questions 4 and 5, the University would need to review each individual student file. For this reason, the information is refused under s18(f), it cannot be made without substantial collation or research.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. 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 [details of contact person].

Yours sincerely

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