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Dear Alice

**Official information request regarding Retention rates of students enrolled with Disability Services**

I refer to your requests for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) dated **23 September 2020**.

Each of your requests, and the University's response, is set out below.

**Retention rates of students who have a disability**

*May I please have a breakdown of the retention rate of students enrolled with disability services (or otherwise identified as disabled) at Victoria University over the last 5 years?*

See the table below that sets out the retention rates of students at the University who have registered with Disability Services. Numbers and Retention rates are calculated based on students' enrolment in the following year if their qualification is incomplete in the year analysed. Retention was calculated from 2015 to 2019.

Year	Students enrolled with incomplete qualification	Students enrolling in the following year	Retention Rate
2015	942	643	68%
2016	1026	715	70%
2017	1145	715	62%
2018	1314	944	72%
2019	1636	1233	75%

**Average GPA for students who have a disability**

*May I also please see the average GPA for a student enrolled with disability services or receiving learning support?*

See the table below that sets out the average GPA for the last five years for students who have registered with Disability Services. Please note that the

2020 average GPA is based on results currently available, and therefore excludes results from Trimester 2 2020.

Academic year	Average GPA for year
2016	4.6
2017	4.8
2018	4.9
2019	4.9
2020	5.6

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](http://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](mailto:oiarequests@vuw.ac.nz).

Yours sincerely

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