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Tēnā koe K Roe

Thank you for your email of 9 November to the Ministry of Education requesting the following information:

- *how much in external counsel legal fees Chapman Tripp required the NZVCC to pay to defend Chris Whelan in court.*

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

We have determined that the information you have requested is more closely connected with the functions of Universities New Zealand (UNZ). I have therefore transferred your request to UNZ in accordance with section 14(b)(ii).

You may expect a response from UNZ directly concerning your request.

Thank you again for your email. You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Nāku noa, nā



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