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Richard Wang

By email: fyi-request-19584-553ed355@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Richard

Official Information Act request 22.33 Professor Brady

I refer to the Official Information Act request dated 3 June 2022 for information relating to Professor Anne-Marie Brady. You have requested the following:

In 2018, Anne-Marie Brady asserted that several electronic devices that she said had been used in the course of University funded research had been stolen. My understanding from Police officers involved in the case is that they were unable to substantiate her speculation that Chinese-ethnic spies had stolen said devices.

In regards Mrs. Brady's academic work:

1 What, if any, internal investigations have been conducted by the University of Canterbury in regards Brady's work?

2 What is the outcome of these investigations?

3 Have any of these investigations been affected by the disappearance of Brady's devices?

Please see below for the responses to your questions:

- The University of Canterbury (UC) carried out a review into an article co-authored by Professor Brady titled Holding a Pen in One Hand, Gripping a Gun in the Other: China's Exploitation of Civilian Channels for Military Purposes in New Zealand as per the Education Act 1989 and UC's Critic and Conscience of Society and Academic Freedom Principle and Policy as detailed <u>here</u> (and the outcome <u>here</u>.)
- 2. There have been no internal investigations, therefore there is no outcome. This is refused under s 18(e) as the document alleged to contain the information does not exist.
- 3. As there have no internal investigations, the disappearance of Professor Brady's devices has had no effect. This is refused under s 18(e) as the document alleged to contain the information does not exist.

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.

Yours sincerely

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