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28 March 2023

Tyran Sharpe

By email: fyi-request-22112-66d52b28@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Tyran

Official Information Act request 23.12 Flag arrangement

I refer to the Official Information Act (the Act) request dated 15 March 2023 for information relating to flag arrangements in the University of Canterbury (UC). You have requested the following:

• I kindly request all communication regarding the moving of the Taiwanese flag based in the reception area, as well as all communication on the flag being replaced by the Chinese flag.

Matters that are out of scope of the request have been redacted. Staff member's names and contact details have been redacted under s 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons. Where any grounds under s 9(2) of the Act have been relied upon, it must be balanced against the public interest as per s 9(1) of the Act. Those who are in the Senior Leadership team have a public facing element of their roles and represent the University in the wider community. Those below this level do not have the same public facing element of their roles and therefore their names and contact details are withheld. The public interest is met by providing the surrounding correspondence, which provides the information whilst still protecting the individual's privacy.

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

Claire O'Connell

Information Compliance Officer

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Attachment(s):

Emails 23.12_Redacted