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By email: fyi-request-25420-045c2b01@requests.fyi.org.nz

Tēnā koe AA

I refer to your information request dated 17 January 2024 made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You have requested the 2023 mark and grade distributions for the following papers offered by the University of Otago:

- MICR221, MICR222, MICR223, MICR331, MICR332, MICR334, MICR335, MICR336, MICR337
- PHSL231, PHSL232, PHSL233, PHSL341, PHSL342, PHSL343, PHSL344, PHSL345

Subject to the following comments, please see attached the information you have requested. Please note that there are two pages in the attached document (one for each year).

- the data is correct as at 9 February 2024.
- we note that the grade and mark distributions for the 2023 MICR222, MICR223, MICR332, MICR337, PHSL232, PHSL233 and PHSL243 papers have not been finalised yet as the final grades for some students have not been confirmed. On that basis, we decline this part of your request pursuant to section 18(g) of the Act, as the information requested is not held by the University as at today's date. However, as requested, we have provided the 2022 mark and grade distributions for these papers.
- we also note that MICR336 was not offered in 2023. Therefore, we have provided the 2022 mark and grade distribution for this paper instead.
- on occasions where fewer than five students have failed a paper (i.e. received a grade of Fail D, Fail E, Fail, or Failed Terms), we have determined that it is necessary to withhold the marks and specific grades for these students to protect their privacy and wellbeing. We consider that withholding this information is necessary to protect against the identity of these students being determined or inferred, and their personal information (i.e. their marks) could be disclosed. We therefore withhold this information pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
- in the attached grade and mark distributions, we note that students who withdrew from the papers or received an Aegrotat Pass (not a grade or mark) are excluded from the data.

I trust that this information will be helpful.

In the above cases, we consider that good reasons exist for withholding information, and this is not outweighed by other considerations which would make it desirable, in the public interest, to make the information available. If you are not satisfied with our response to your information request, section 28(3) of the Act provides you with the right to ask an Ombudsman to investigate and review this response. However, we would welcome the opportunity to discuss any concerns with you first.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kelsey Kennard', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kelsey Kennard
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Office of the Registrar