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Tēnā koe M

Official information request for Review of Social Work 1999

I refer to your request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) dated 27 February 2024:

"I would like to either be sent or given access to a copy of the Victoria University of Wellington Review of Social Work, 1999.

I also request copies of or access to correspondence, both internal and external, in relation to the Review, including discussion of its terms of reference, personnel, process, conclusions, and whether it was to be released or not."

Following a review of the Social Work programmes at Te Herenga Waka - Victoria University of Wellington, a report titled 'Review of the Social Work Programmes of the Department of Applied Social Sciences' was produced in August 1998.

In March 1999 the University Council resolved to disestablish the undergraduate Diploma in Social Work and the Department of Applied Social Sciences but continue to offer graduate education in Social Work.

Copies of the Review of the Social Work Programmes of the Department of Applied Social Sciences that were provided to staff in August/September 1998 are attached, along with notifications to staff members. Also attached are relevant University Council reports and minutes from this time. Please note, some information has been withheld for the following reasons:

- to protect the privacy of natural persons (s9(2)(a)); and
- to maintain legal professional privilege (s9(2)(h)).

The additional correspondence you have requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research. Therefore, this aspect of your request is refused in accordance with s18(f) of the Act.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of the decisions made regarding this request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at 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.

Ngā mihi nui

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