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Tēnā koe Jack

I refer to your request for information dated 17 June 2024 made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You have requested:

“the grade distribution for the following papers from 2024:

POLS234, CMHC211, TOUR304, TOUR305, POLS216, POLS221, PHAL303, PUBH303, PUBH204, PUBH202, SPAN232, SPAN251”

We note we contacted you 18 June 2024 to clarify your request. At the time, we advised that all of the papers you requested are offered in Semester 2 2024 by the University, and that we would therefore be unable to provide you with the 2024 mark and grade distributions for these papers as they have not taken place yet. Your response of 18 June 2024 clarified that you were interested in receiving the mark and grade distributions for these papers from Semester 2 2023.

Subject to the following comments, please see **attached** the information you have requested:

- The data is correct as at 27 June 2024.
- On occasions where fewer than five students have failed a paper (i.e., received a grade of Fail D, Fail E, Failed Compulsory Assessment or Failed Terms), we have determined that it is necessary to withhold the marks and 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.
- Please note that POLS216, POLS221 and POLS234 were not offered in 2023 (Semester 1 or Semester 2).
- We note that in 2023, SPAN251 was offered in Semester 1, rather than Semester 2. For completeness, we have provided you with the Semester 1 2023 grade distribution of the SPAN251 paper.
- In the attached mark and grade distributions, we note that students who withdrew from the papers 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



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