

21 November 2024

By email: fyi-request-28939-3908d2ec@requests.fyi.org.nz

Tēnā koe RC

I refer to your request for information dated 27 October 2024 made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You requested:

"I am writing to request the GPA distribution of all students who graduated with a Master of Science degree in 2023 broken down by programme."

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

- the data is correct as at 12 November 2024.
- the data is limited to students who completed their Master of Science (MSc) in 2023.
- as noted in our email of 7 November 2024, the cumulative GPA calculations include any paper results to date, including any paper results from 2024, as we are unable to provide a "snapshot" of cumulative GPA as at a specific date (e.g., 31 December 2023).
- it is the University's standard practice to not report on data where it relates to fewer than five individuals and we consider that disclosure of the information could affect an individual's privacy and wellbeing. Where the numbers are low, there is a risk that the identity of these individuals could be determined or inferred, and that their personal information could be revealed. Therefore, where there are particular subjects (e.g., Bioengineering; Plant Biotechnology) with fewer than five individuals, we have grouped these individuals together. This is pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons.

I trust that this information is helpful. 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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