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Tēnā koe Hanna

I refer to your request for information dated 14 December 2024 made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You requested the mark and grade distributions for the following papers offered by the University of Otago:

- MATS204
- RELS214
- RELS225

We note we contacted you 16 December 2024 to clarify the time period you would like to receive the information for, as this was not specified in your request. We note we did not hear back from you. Despite this, we are pleased to advise that anonymised statistical academic results data for papers offered by the University will soon be published on our website:

<https://www.otago.ac.nz/about/quickstats>. We are doing this so that all students can access this information at any time, without having to submit a request for information under the Act.

The published information will indicate the number of students who achieved a particular grade or percentage mark for Semester 1, Semester 2, Full Year, and Summer School papers for each year from 2019. This mark and grade distribution data will essentially be the same as that which we would provide in response to individual information requests made under the Act.

The University will continue to withhold information we necessary to avoid the identities of students being determined or inferred and their personal information being disclosed, to protect their privacy and wellbeing. Data will **not** be published:

- for any students in a paper, if fewer than ten (<10) students were enrolled in that paper; or
- for fail grade and mark data, if fewer than five (<5) students have failed a paper (i.e., a grade of Fail D, Fail E, Failed Compulsory Assessment or Failed Terms); or
- for students who withdrew from a paper or received an Aegrotat or Compensation Pass (where no final marks are awarded).

The first set of data will be published as it was held as at 31 December 2024. If the mark and grade distribution data for any papers was not confirmed at this date, data for those papers may not be initially published. Grade and mark distribution data will be updated later based on data as held at 31 March 2025 and again as held at 31 July 2025, to ensure the data becomes complete over time.

Accordingly, the University declines your request under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information you have requested will soon be made publicly available. We will endeavour to contact you to advise when the data will be or has been published.

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 black ink, appearing to read 'Kelsey Kennard', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kelsey Kennard

Policy Analyst

Office of the Registrar and Secretary to the Council