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Mr Daniel Farrell

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Dear Mr Farrell

I refer to your request under the Official Information Act 1982, dated 20 July 2015, regarding information on course materials provided by the University of Waikato through WaikatoPrint.

The information you have requested is set out below:

**1. What reports or documents, if any, does the University hold in regard to any decision made in the past to introduce or increase a cost to students to obtain course materials via Waikato Print?**

The University of Waikato does not hold any information about decisions at the institutional level to introduce or increase costs to students to obtain course materials via WaikatoPrint. Decisions about the costs to be charged to students for particular course packs are made by WaikatoPrint on a case by case basis, from semester to semester, and depend on the volume of material involved.

There have been no increases in the 'price per printer page' for course materials in recent years. In fact the price has decreased.

**2. What direct costs are there to providing course materials to students via Waikato Print?**

The direct cost of course materials provided by WaikatoPrint (including copyright license fees) in 2014 was \$544,421.

**3. What indirect costs are attributed to providing course materials to students via Waikato Print?**

Indirect costs, or overheads, attributed to the cost of providing the course materials were \$158,058 in 2014. This is calculated on a University standard rate which is consistent with all other non-teaching and research activity across the University.

**4. How much does the University receive per annum from the sale of course material books to students via Waikato Print, and if it is traceable, where is that money spent?**

The University collected \$572,780 in 2014. Therefore the University made a loss of \$129,699 on the sale of student course materials in 2014.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Helen Pridmore'.

Helen Pridmore  
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