

20 January 2016

Dear Dr Wilson,

I am responding on behalf of the University to your request for information made under the Official Information Act 1982. The information you have asked for is:

1. *Of your graduates, how many found gainful employment as veterinarians in each of the last five calendar years?*
2. *Of your graduates, how long on average do they remain in the veterinary industry?*
3. *What is the prevalence of mental illness among your veterinary undergraduates, compared to the mental illness of a similar cohort of non veterinary students?*
4. *How many of your graduates or students have committed or are suspected to have committed suicide since the year 2000?*
5. *Do you agree that the world has now for some time been in a state of severe oversupply of Western-trained veterinarians?*

A response to each of your requests above is as follows:

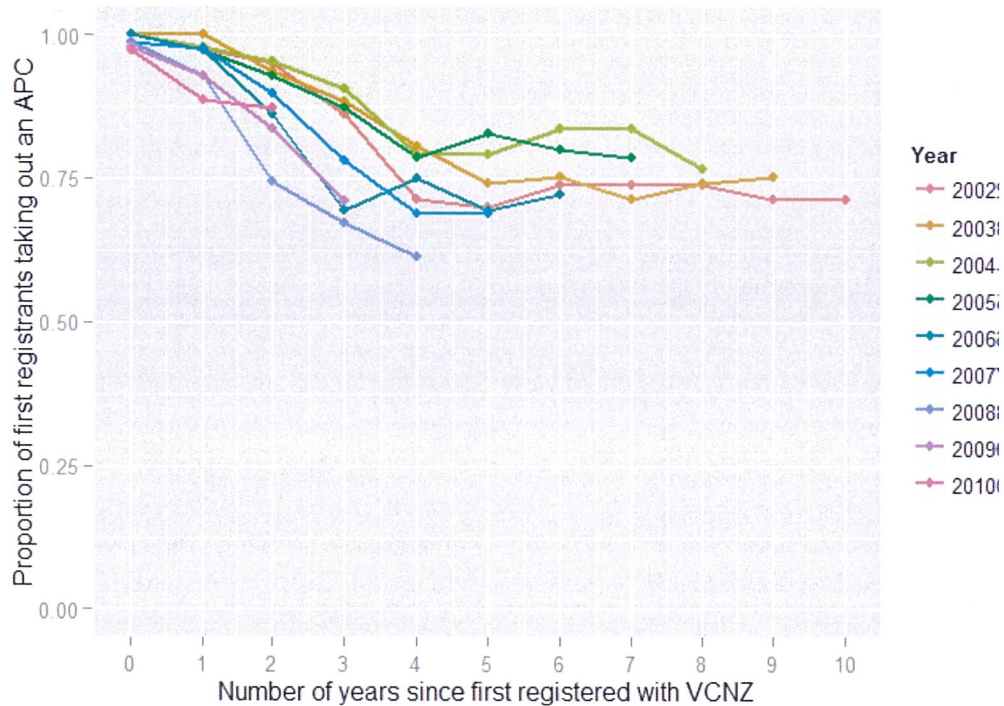
1.

Employment rates of Bachelor of Veterinary Science Graduates (6 months after graduation)					
Class of:	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
% respondents employed full time	90	96	84	89	96.4
% respondents employed part time	7	2	12	11	3.6
% respondents employed	97	98	96	100	100

2. Massey University does not collect this information about our BVS graduates; however, we do have some data from the Veterinary Council of New Zealand, who are responsible for registration of veterinarians in New Zealand, which you may find useful. This is provided in the following figure.

**Figure 4. Domestic Retention Rates**

Line plot showing the proportion of New Zealand veterinary graduates taking out an APC with the VCNZ one to ten years following the year of first registration, 2002- 2010 (Source: *NZ Veterinary Workforce in 2012-2013, Vet Council of NZ*).



3. This information is unable to be provided in accordance with Section 18(g) as it is not held by the University, and there are no grounds for believing that the information is either—  
(i) held by another department or Minister of the Crown or organisation, or by a local authority; or  
(ii) connected more closely with the functions of another department or Minister of the Crown or organisation or of a local authority:
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5. This part of your request is not a valid request for Official Information under the Act. There is no obligation for Massey University to form an opinion or create information to answer this question.

I trust this is the information you require.

Yours faithfully

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