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Dear Beryl

Thank you for your recent request for information about the number of PhDs awarded in 2015. Your request was for:

- *Figures that state how many PhD students graduated from New Zealand universities in 2015*
- *How many were domestic students and how many were international students*
- *If figures are available by discipline (ie Law, Engineering, Physics, etc etc) that would be ideal, but not required*

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

For the purposes of reporting and publishing data, the Ministry's statistics for doctoral degrees include PhDs and other doctorates. Other doctorates include for example, a Doctor of Law or a Doctor of Education. This category does not include higher doctorates, which are awarded for an outstanding body of work accrued over time.

I am refusing your request in full under section 18(d) of the Act as the information is publicly available.

Data showing the numbers of PhDs and other doctorates, (excluding higher doctorates) awarded by universities to international students, and the numbers awarded to domestic students is contained in the sheet labelled COM.18, in the spreadsheet titled "Gaining Qualifications", on the Ministry of Education's *Education Counts* website. You can access this spreadsheet:

http://www.educationcounts.govt.nz/statistics/tertiary-education/retention_and_achievement.

Data showing the field of study of graduates completing a doctoral degree is also available on *Education Counts*. This data is for all recipients of doctoral degrees, and includes a small number of graduates from polytechnics and wānanga. You can access this data from the sheet labelled RSP.9 in the spreadsheet titled "Research Performance", which is available from:

<http://www.educationcounts.govt.nz/statistics/tertiary-education/research>.

Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this response. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely



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