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Kyra Gillies, Chris Lam, Luca Elder
By email

Dear Kyra, Chris and Luca

Official Information Act Request

I refer to your request for information of 1 August 2017, extended by Victoria on 29 August, where you requested the following information:

We wish to know about how many acts/experiences of sexual violence have been reported to the university (including whether or not these instances have been passed onto New Zealand Police and/or resulted in conviction).

1. The number of sexual violence reports made to the university, and for these to be broken up by the different types of sexual violence that are being reported:

- Unwanted filming of a person in a sexually harassing/demeaning way*
- Non-consensual photo and/or video sharing of a person's intimate and/or sexual photos/videos*
- Online or in-person sexual harassment in the form of comments, persistent harassment for 'sex', stalking and/or rape threats*
- Sexual assault and/or unwanted groping*
- Rape (including anal and digital rape--forms still not recognised by New Zealand law)*
- Intimate partner violence in which sexual violence has been involved*
- Flouting violence in which sexual violence has been involved*

2. We wish to have these reports broken down year by year (for the past ten years, including the year still in progress), by the different forms outlined above, by the source of the report (student or staff, rape survivor or concerned friend/family member).

3. Additionally, we wish for statistical data of the number of expulsions, trespass orders and reparations that have occurred after such reporting of the accused.

On 16 August, Victoria replied to your email, requesting that you refine your request. As we did not hear from you in response to this, we have limited the scope to seven years rather than ten. With regard to the 2017 figures, we often do not release the current year's figures due to the risk of identifying someone and because investigations into the allegations made in such reports may still be ongoing. Please find below the information we have been able to gather.

1. Data regarding reports of incidents on campus, and in Victoria-managed Halls of Residence

Broken down by year and source. See key for types of conduct reported:

	T1	T2	T3	T4	T5	T6	VUW Managed Beds
2010			1				700
2011 No reports							870
2012			1	2			910
2013	1		3	1			1434
2014				3	1		1531
2015			1	4	3		1799
2016		2	1	6	1	1	1720
Total	1	2	7	16	5	1	

One of the T4 incidents was reported to the police. We rely on the police to investigate any sexual assault/rape complaints and it is over to the survivor if they want the matter to be investigated.

There were no trespass orders, only expulsions as below:

Expulsions	T3	T4	Total
2012	1		1
2016		1	1
2017		1	1
Total	1	2	3

2. Data regarding reports involving members of staff

	T1	T2	T3	T4	T5	T6	T7
2010 None reported							
2011 None reported							
2012			1	1			
2013		1					
2014 None reported							
2015 None reported							
2016			2				
Total	0	1	3	1	0	0	0

One of the above matters was referred to Police (and Victoria understands subsequently resulted in a conviction).

Notes:

T1	Unwanted filming of a person in a sexually harassing/demeaning way
T2	Non-consensual photo in a sexually harassing/demeaning way
T3	Online or in-person sexual harassment in the form of comments, persistent harassment for 'sex', stalking and/or rape threats
T4	Sexual assault and/or unwanted groping
T5	Rape (including anal and digital rape--forms still not recognised by New Zealand law)
T6	Intimate partner violence in which sexual violence has been involved
T7	Flating violence in which sexual violence has been involved (none reported)

These figures are for complaints that occurred on campus or in Victoria-managed accommodation and were reported centrally. There is no centralised reporting of sexual assault/sexual harassment that is reported to have occurred off-campus.

The University offers a broad range of pastoral care options to students who experience sexual assault off-campus. Full details are set out at:
<https://www.victoria.ac.nz/students/campus/health/sexual-violence>; and
<https://www.victoria.ac.nz/students/campus/health/sexual-violence/our-commitment-to-victims-of-sexual-violence>.

Please note that some information has been withheld from those materials under section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act 1982 (to protect the privacy of natural persons).

Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right, by way of complaint to an Ombudsman, to seek investigation and review of Victoria's refusal to release some of the information you have requested.

Yours sincerely



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