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Tēnā koe K H Ross

Official information request for list and contents of MOU's from PRC universities

I refer to your requests for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) dated **13 January 2021**.

Please see the **attached** table, which sets out a list of MOUs between Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington and universities in China.

As this list demonstrates, the number of MOUs is significant, totalling several hundred pages of documents. The University is required to examine each of these documents before it can provide them to you, to consider whether it is necessary to withhold parts of the information under the Act. Parts of a number of these documents must be translated in order for us to consider them, which is a time-consuming process and places a significant administrative burden on the University. Accordingly, we are contacting you to seek clarification of the scope of your request with a view to being able to process it more efficiently. Can you please let us know whether there are **particular** MOUs from this list that you would like to copies of, or if there are any particular details contained within the MOUs that you are seeking?

We would appreciate a response from you as soon as possible in order to complete your request.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact me at oiarequests@vuw.ac.nz.

Ngā mihi

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