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Tēnā koe Abigail

Official information request for law student numbers, including Māori students

I refer to your request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) dated 3 May 2023:

“For the academic years of 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022, please provide the following data sets:

- (a) Total number of students enrolled in first-year law courses at VUW;*
- (b) Total number of Māori students enrolled in first-year law courses at VUW;*
- (c) Total number of students admitted to second-year law at VUW;*
- (d) Total number of Māori students admitted to second-year law at VUW;*
- (e) Total number of law graduates; and*
- (f) Total number of Māori law graduates.”*

The University’s response is set out below.

	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total number of students enrolled in first-year law courses at VUW	773	762	763	710
Total number of Māori students enrolled in first-year law courses at VUW	123	128	135	111
Total number of students admitted to second-year law at VUW	328	330	318	349
Total number of Māori students admitted to second-year law at VUW	44	48	54	64
Total number of law graduates	294	330	293	281

Total number of Māori law graduates	34	38	38	28
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Please note, information regarding students admitted to second year law is calculated using enrolment in LAWS297 as a proxy indicator of second year enrolment. LAWS297 is a required paper for second year students that must be taken in the year a student is admitted to second year law. The figures do not include students who were declined or cancelled applications to be admitted to second year law, or who were offered a place but withdrew in first four weeks, and people who were repeating the paper.

The data relating to law graduates includes all law graduates, including people who have graduated with a Graduate Certificate in Law, Bachelor of Laws (including Bachelor of Law with Honours), or Master of Laws.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of the decisions made regarding this request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

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

Ngā mihi nui

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