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Tēnā koe Olivia

I refer to your information request dated 26 July 2023 made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You have requested Semester 1 2023 mark and grade distributions for the Health Sciences First Year (HSFY) papers taught by the University of Otago: CELS191, CHEM191, HUBS191 and PHS191.

Subject to the following comments, please see attached the information you have requested.

- we note that the grade and mark distributions for the Semester 1 2023 CHEM191 and HUBS191 papers have not been finalised yet as there may be special examinations outstanding and the grades for some students have not been finalised. We are not comfortable releasing the data before all grades have been confirmed – as this may affect students' wellbeing and disrupt students' performance in special examinations. We are happy to grant your request but will release the grade and mark distributions for these papers once all student results have been confirmed – there is no confirmed date for this, but we anticipate these will be finalised in the coming weeks.
- please note that there are two pages in the attached spreadsheet: the first page contains the mark and grade distributions for all students who were enrolled in the papers (regardless of programme), and the second page contains the mark and grade distributions for students specifically enrolled in HSFY only.
- in the attached grade and mark distributions, we note that students who withdrew from the papers or received an Aegrotat Pass (not a grade or mark) are excluded from the data.

I trust that this information will be helpful. We will be back in touch with regards to the grade distributions for the Semester 1 2023 CHEM191 and HUBS191 papers once the grade and mark distributions for these papers have been confirmed and are available.

If you are not satisfied with our response to your information request, section 28(3) of the Act gives you the right to ask an Ombudsman to investigate and review this response. However, we would welcome the opportunity to discuss any concerns with you first.

Yours sincerely

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Office of the Registrar