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Tēnā koe John

I refer to your information request dated 10 August 2023 made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You have requested:

*“Was a student interviewed by University staff after being escorted from their home by Police on the 4<sup>th</sup> of August, 2023?*

*If so, please specify the purpose of the interview, and which members of staff were present.*

*Please also provide any communications & documents the University holds regarding the interview.”*

We note that on 7 September 2023, we extended the time limit by which we must make a decision on your request of 10 August 2023, to 28 September 2023.

Our response to your request:

We note that a student was interviewed on 4 August 2023 on campus at the Proctor’s Office in conjunction with the New Zealand Police. The purpose of the interview was to gather information in relation to a protest held in the Otago Business School on 1 August 2023. The Deputy Proctor and Campus Constable were present during the interview.

The University does not hold any communications or documents regarding the interview. On that basis, we decline this part of your request pursuant to section 18(e) of the Act on the basis that the information requested does not exist. However, for completeness, we note that an entry was recorded in the Proctor’s Office database, which noted that the interview took place.

If you are not satisfied with our response to your information request, section 28(3) of the Act provides you with 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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