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Tēnā koe M.S.S Laxana

Official information request regarding vending machines at VUW

I refer to your request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) dated 4 April 2023:

- a) *the number of vending machines on-campus*
- b) *the different items contained in the vending machines i.e. approximately what type of food is stocked in those vending machines, how much water is stocked, how much carbonated/non-carbonated drinks is stocked, how much drinks with added sugar is stocked, how much healthy v unhealthy snacks are stocked*
- c) *is there a mix of healthy vs. unhealthy food and drinks in the vending machines and is consideration given as to what proportion the split should be like i.e. is it a 50-50 split?*

I also refer to your request for further information on this topic dated 4 April 2023

- 1) *Is revenue and/or units of sale kept track of electronically, and if so is this done on a weekly basis for each vending machine or for all vending machines?*

Number of vending machines on campus

The table below contains the number of vending machines at Te Herenga Waka Victoria University of Wellington:

Location	Number of Vending Machines
Kelburn	33
Piptea	4
Te Aro	2
Halls	14

Different items contained in the vending machines

The attached documents contain information regarding the contents of the vending machines. Please note, there are currently two vending machine suppliers to the University who provide differing reports regarding current stock levels.

Mix of healthy vs. unhealthy food

The University is committed to offering a range of healthy food options on campus for both staff and students at a reasonable cost. Vending machines are just one of our many and varied food offerings which include outlets such as Milk and Honey, Wishbone, Maki Mono, The Lab, NamD, Subway, and Krishna Food. Catering provided in our catered Halls of Residence must meet strict health and nutritional requirements.

However, the University does not hold information regarding the 'healthy' or 'unhealthy' status of items contained in vending machines on its campuses and halls. Therefore this aspect of your request is refused in accordance with s18(g) of the Act as the information is not held by the University.

Reporting of revenue and sales

The University receives monthly statements of sales figures and revenue from its vendors but does not receive reports about the number of sales of each individual product.

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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