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Dear Jiarun Chambers

I write in response to your Official Information Act request, transferred to the University of Otago from the Ministry of Education on 1 October 2019, seeking a financial statement on what the Vice-Chancellors of the University of Otago, on behalf of the University, have spent in the years 2000, 2010 and 2018.

Taking a broad view, a great many University decisions with financial implications are made under the authority of the Vice-Chancellor (for example the employment of staff). Determining, tracking, and financially quantifying all such decisions for the years specified would not be practically possible and would need to be refused pursuant to section 18(f) of the Official Information Act. We have thus focused this response on expenditure from the approved annual budgetary allocation for the Vice-Chancellor, including the Vice-Chancellor's administrative operating budget and strategic and discretionary funds. On that basis, I attach financial statements showing expenditure for the three years you have requested.

Please note that some elements of the wider Vice-Chancellor's budget are excluded from the attached reports. This includes non-discretionary items, such as depreciation on assets and occupancy costs (e.g. internal rent for offices), plus budgets for other departments and services which structurally sit within the broader Vice-Chancellor's Cost Centre (for example the Office of Māori Development, which is considered part of the Vice-Chancellor's Office, but has its own Director); full details are provided in the notes to the attached reports. In short, the statements show discretionary expenditure under the direct budgetary control of the Vice-Chancellor.

It is noted that the University used a different financial system and categories ('dissections') in 2000; this year is therefore reported in a separate table. Comparisons across the three years reported should be made with caution, considering the impact of inflation, and changes in the University context across the last twenty years.

Kind regards

Chris Stoddart  
Registrar

## Vice-Chancellor Expenditure 2010 and 2018

Description	2010	2018
Academic Salaries	\$ 68,037	\$ 238,933
Accommodation	\$ 13,292	\$ 12,268
Affiliation Fees	\$ 6,314	\$ 88,265
Airfares - Domestic	\$ 11,130	\$ 7,623
Airfares - International	\$ 19,787	\$ 22,869
Books & Periodicals	\$ 3,407	\$ 298
Casual Academic Salaries		\$ 21,000
Catering/Entertainment	\$ 36,858	\$ 2,005
Conference Registration Fees	\$ 402	
Courier & Freight	\$ 18	
Discretionary Fund Transfer - Academic Division	\$ 1,738,072	\$ 365,903
Discretionary Fund Transfer - Service Division	\$ 107,500	\$ 148,154
Equipment Purchases (Minor)	\$ 137	\$ 67
External Grants Paid	\$ 180,944	\$ 259,359
Fringe Benefit Tax	\$ 633	\$ 173
Internal General Expenses	\$ 1,437	\$ 887
Land Line Call Costs	-\$ 263	
Land Line Rental Costs	\$ 1,349	
Membership Fees	\$ 778	\$ 1,892
Mileage Reimbursements	\$ 176	\$ 1,795
Mobile Phone/Device Costs	\$ 2,036	\$ 896
Other Staff Training Course Costs	\$ 240	
OU Print - Printing Costs	\$ 1,360	\$ 2,496
Photocopier/Printer Supplies	\$ 3,522	\$ 2,936
Postage	\$ 69	
Postage Expense - Internal	\$ 794	
Printing	\$ 20	
Professional & Consulting Fees	\$ 60,208	\$ 53,800
Publications	\$ 220	\$ 2,399
Scholarships - Other	\$ 7,742	
Software & Software Maintenance	\$ 143	\$ 406
Staff Health & Safety	\$ 136	
Stationery	\$ 1,880	\$ 417
Sundry Administration Expenses		\$ 228
Sundry Operating Expenses	\$ 3,519	\$ 31,929
Taxi & Car Rentals	\$ 3,332	\$ 5,478
Travel Other	\$ 2,966	\$ 2,861
Union Catering General	\$ 12,697	\$ 40,633
	<b>\$ 2,290,891</b>	<b>\$ 1,315,970</b>

## Vice-Chancellor Expenditure 2010 and 2018

Description	2000
Advertising	\$ 2,312
Affiliated Fees	\$ 1,501
Appointment Expenses	\$ 12,324
Books & Periodicals	\$ 2,386
Communications	\$ 6,999
Computing Costs	\$ 1,078
Computing Equipment	\$ 3,212
Conference Leave	\$ 246
Entertainment	\$ 37,678
Fringe Benefit Tax	\$ 6,616
Full-time/Part-time General Salaries	\$ 7,084
General Materials & Supplies	\$ 947
Internal Grants	\$ 66,701
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,770,177
Photocopier/Printer	\$ 27,871
Postage	\$ 2,233
Professional Consulting	\$ 55,657
Software & Software Maintenance	\$ 32
Staff Training	\$ 16,004
Stationery	\$ 1,115
Travelling Expenses	\$ 104,223
Vehicle Expenses	\$ 5,353
	<b>\$ 2,131,751</b>

### Notes:

1. Excludes other offices listed under the Vice-Chancellor's Cost Centre (General Services, 2000 & 2010; Office of Māori Development and associated activities/funds, 2010 & 2018).
2. Excludes receipt and distribution of specified trust funds under the Vice-Chancellor's Cost Centre (William Evans Fund, 2010 & 2018; Carl Smith Medal fund 2018) - these are cost neutral as expenditure equals income.
3. Includes University Lodge (2010 & 2018) and Vice-Chancellor's strategic/discretionary funds, including salaries paid from those funds (all years).
4. Excludes dissections/costs which are clearly non-discretionary: the Vice-Chancellor and office staff salaries (salaries paid from the Vice-Chancellor's funds under the Vice-Chancellor's discretion are included); staff-related costs (e.g. ACC, Superannuation); insurance; occupancy costs (e.g. internal rent, energy costs); depreciation, etc).