



3 December 2019

Chris Johnston

By email: fyi-request-11357-12c9e3b1@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Chris

Official information requests for emails searches related to scientists

I refer to your request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) dated 30 October 2019:

"I need a count from the email system (which VUW have shown that they can search) a completed table with the following counts:

- a) 3 Column Headers - each with the names of the authors mentioned in this OIA as follows: Dr Frank, Patrick Frank, Pat Frank*
- b) 11 Row headers: please search and count in the email system for the following combinations of keywords in addition to the author's name. So for example where "Climate" is the keyword then the search would be for: Climate + "Dr Frank". The keyword list that would initially be useful is: Stanford, Climate, Global Warming, CO2, IPCC, Greenhouse, Zero Carbon, Propagation, "Global Air Temperature", Frontiers, SLAC"*

On 30 October you also made a similar request for email search results relating to a different set of authors and a different set of keywords.

Given the amount of resource required to process these searches, the University has decided to charge for executing these 33 requested email searches. As set out in the University's response letter to your other request, each search takes approximately 20 minutes to complete and therefore the University estimates it would take approximately 11 hours of dedicated work. Following the Ombudsman's charging guidelines, we estimate that the maximum charge will be \$760.00. Any unused component of this charge will be refunded to you.

Before we proceed further with your request, please confirm your agreement to the charge and pay the full amount. The payment can be deposited in to the following account with reference 'Chris Johnston – Frank OIA request':

ANZ Bank New Zealand Limited
Account number: 06-0606-0100241-00
Victoria University of Wellington

Please note that if you pay the charge an email must be sent to oiarequests@vuw.ac.nz confirming the time and date on which the payment was made. We will send you the information within 20 working days of your payment.

You also asked the University to “point to other OIAs where the same chain logic has been used to decline OIA requests”. The University has addressed this in your other response.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of the University’s decision to charge. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "GTawharu". The letters are cursive and connected.

Georgia Tawharu

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