



**14 December 2020**

**Morteza**

By email: [fyi-request-14142-e2931857@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-14142-e2931857@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Dear Morteza

**Official information request for the number of PhD students who failed their viva voce in 2020, 2019, and 2018**

I refer to your request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) dated **17 November 2020**:

*“Please let me know how many PhD candidates at Victoria University of Wellington received an outright failure (no degree awarded) as the outcome of their oral examination in 2020, 2019, and 2018 respectively.”*

Please see the table below, which sets out the information requested.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of candidates receiving an outright failure</b>
2018	0
2019	1
2020	1

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact me at [oiarequests@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:oiarequests@vuw.ac.nz).

Yours sincerely

**Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington**