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Dear Roger

We refer to your request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) dated 13 October 2021. You have requested the median completion time from commencement of enrolment to submission for PhD candidates in the Division of Humanities.

The table below contains the number of PhD completions in subjects in the Division of Humanities, and the median Equivalent Full-Time Student (EFTS) consumed by PhD candidates to complete their studies from 2015 - 2020.

<b>Division of Humanities Subject</b>	<b>Number of PhD completions from 2015 - 2020</b>	<b>Median EFTS consumed by PhD candidates</b>
Anthropology	10	3.8
Computer Science	32	3.2
Economics	12	3.0
Education	14	3.7
English	17	3.1
Geography	26	3.2
Higher Education	18	3.1
History	12	3.3
Information Science	20	3.5
Law	14	3.4
Linguistics	13	3.3
Mathematics	14	3.2
Peace and Conflict Studies	27	3.1
Philosophy	11	3.1
Politics	21	3.3
Psychology	80	3.4
Theology	48	3.0

Please note the following points regarding this information:

- The table is based on EFTS consumed, which is a unit measure of a student's period of active enrolment as an equivalent full-time student. For example, if a student studies part-time for a year, they will consume 0.5 EFTS over the course of a calendar year. A student undertaking a typical full-time year's study will consume 1.0 EFTS.

- The University currently uses EFTS consumed as the basis for reporting, not the overall length of time between initial commencement and submission. In order to provide this data separately, and after consulting with our analysts, we have estimated that it will take a minimum of seven hours of staff time to produce the information requested. Accordingly, we need to decline providing this information separately as it would require substantial staff time to research and collate. Our decision is made pursuant to section 18(f) of the Act on the basis that the information requested cannot be made available without substantial research or collation that would affect the effective administration of the University.
- The table excludes subjects with fewer than 10 PhD completions between 2015 – 2020.

We trust that this information will be helpful.

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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