



OIA 0194

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Dear Mr Hawke

Thank you for your email of 7 August 2014 concerning an Official Information Act request. You requested the following information as held by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (the Ministry).

“Can you please advise me, for the period from 1 January 2010 until 7 July 2014, how many requests did MBIE or its predecessor organisations receive where The University of Canterbury would be one of the parties involved, either lodging the request or as the respondent?”

Of these requests, can you let me know the number that fall into each of four categories:

- Mediation request withdrawn prior to going to mediation.
- Mediation went ahead.
- Mediation refused by The University of Canterbury or their representative.
- Mediation refused by the staff member, alleged staff member, or their representative.

If you hold the information in an easily accessible format, can you also break these statistics down by whether or not the staff (or alleged staff) member was represented by a Union?”

The information you have requested relates directly to the functions of the Employment Relations Authority and for that reason I am declining your request on the grounds that the information requested is confidential and the Official Information Act does not apply under section 148(4) of the Employment Relations Act 2000. Please note, it is only non-identifiable statistics that are able to be released by the Ministry specifically for research and educational purposes under section 148(6)(b).

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision to decline your request. The relevant contact details are:

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Yours sincerely



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