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By email: fyi-request-21039-944fef6b@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Whom It May Concern

I refer to your information request dated 4 November 2022 made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You have requested grade and mark distributions of all 300 and 400 level LAWS papers in Semester 2 2022.

We note we contacted you 9 November 2022 to clarify whether you would also like Full-Year 300 and 400 level LAWS papers included with your request. Your response of 9 November 2022 confirmed that you were also requesting the grade and mark distributions of Full-Year 300 and 400 level LAWS papers.

Subject to the following comments, please find attached the information you have requested. Please note that there are two sheets in the attached document (one for Full Year papers, and one for Semester 2 papers).

- we note that the grade and mark distributions for LAWS301, LAWS398, LAWS463, LAWS490, LAWS498 and LAWS499 have not been finalised yet as there may be special examinations outstanding and grades for some students have not been finalised. We are not comfortable releasing the data before all grades have been confirmed – as this may affect students' wellbeing and disrupt students' performance in special examinations. We will release the grade and mark distributions for these papers once all student results have been finalised – we anticipate that these will be finalised over the coming weeks.
- on occasions where fewer than five students have failed a paper (i.e. received a grade of Fail D or Fail E), we have determined that it is necessary to withhold the marks and specific grades for these students to protect their privacy and wellbeing. We consider that withholding this information is necessary to protect against the identity of these students being determined or inferred, and their personal information (i.e. their marks) could be disclosed. We therefore withhold this information pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
- we also note that we decline providing the mark and grade distribution for the Semester 2 LAWS480 paper as there were low enrolment numbers in this paper. We consider that withholding this information is necessary to protect against the identity of these students being determined or inferred, and their personal information (i.e. their marks) could be disclosed. We also withhold this information pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
- in the attached grade and mark distributions, we note that students who withdrew from the papers are excluded from the data.

I trust that this information will be helpful. We will be in touch with regards to the remaining information once the grade and mark distributions for the unfinalised papers have been confirmed and are available.

In the above cases, we consider that good reasons exist for withholding information and this is not outweighed by other considerations which would make it desirable, in the public interest, to make the information available. 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kelsey Kennard', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kelsey Kennard
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