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Tēnā koe Samuel

### **Official information request regarding LAWS 211 reconsideration requests**

I refer to your request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) dated 19 November 2022:

*“This request concerns reconsideration requests for the LAWS 211 (Law of Contract) mid-trimester test, which took place on 19 August 2022.*

- 1. How many applications for a reconsideration were received?*
- 2. How many reconsideration applications resulted in a change to the student’s grade?*
- 3. What was the average length of time taken to process a request (from receipt of the request to notification of the final outcome) for reconsideration for this piece of assessment?*
- 4. What is the average length of time taken to process a request for reconsideration for all items of assessment in LAWS courses generally?*
- 5. On what date was the reconsideration process for this assessment completed?*
- 6. Please provide complaints and any internal correspondence relating to the processing of reconsideration requests for this assessment.”*

#### **1. How many applications for a reconsideration were received?**

Thirty-six applications for reconsideration were received.

#### **2. How many reconsideration applications resulted in a change to the student’s grade?**

Three reconsideration applications resulted in a change to the student’s grade.

#### **3. What was the average length of time taken to process a request (from receipt of the request to notification of the final outcome) for reconsideration for this piece of assessment?**

The deadline for reconsideration applications was 18 October 2022. Students were notified of outcomes on 18 November 2022. The University has not calculated the average length of time to process reconsideration requests for LAWS211. To compile this

information would require substantial collation and research and therefore is refused in accordance with s18(f) of the Act.

**4. What is the average length of time taken to process a request for reconsideration for all items of assessment in LAWS courses generally?**

The University has not calculated the average length of time to process reconsideration requests for all items of assessment in LAWS courses generally. To compile this information would require substantial collation and research and therefore is refused in accordance with s18(f) of the Act.

**5. On what date was the reconsideration process for this assessment completed?**

18 November 2022.

**6. Please provide complaints and any internal correspondence relating to the processing of reconsideration requests for this assessment.**

This information is contained in the attached document. Please note, additional correspondence the University holds on this matter, has been withheld in accordance s9(2)(a) of the Act in order to protect the privacy of natural persons, and s9(2)(g)(i) in order to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members of an organisation or officers and employees of the University in the course of their duty

Please note, the responses above refer only to requests for reconsideration. Information regarding any further appeals has not been included.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of the decisions made regarding this request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

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).

Ngā mihi nui

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