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Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato

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John

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Dear John,

Official Information request – Lease Payments

I refer to your request for official information of 24 February 2023 in which you have requested the following:

“The amount of lease payment for the land occupied by the University. For the first payment to the latest.”

The University of Waikato (**University**) has given due consideration to your request and provides the following responses:

1. Information about the University’s lease payments can be found in its Annual Reports which are publicly available and accessible at <https://www.waikato.ac.nz/annual-report/> under **Download Previous Reports**.
2. By way of explanation and context, in 1996 the land occupied by the University campus was transferred by the Crown to Waikato-Tainui, as part of the Crown’s settlement of the Raupatu claim. Prior to this, the University did not make lease payments because the land was owned by the Crown.

The University is refusing part of your request under section 18(d) of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) on the basis that the information requested will soon be publicly available.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

Jim Mercer
Chief Operating Officer