

16 January 2015

Mr Dave Lane
NZ Open Source Society
c/- <http://nzoss.org.nz>

Dear Mr Lane,

Thank you for your requests under the Official Information Act 1982 for information relating to the University's expenditure on proprietary software licences and subscription fees.

You requested the following information:

- An account of the University's total expenditure for proprietary software (end user and client access) licenses and subscription fees (e.g. for cloud services) over the past 5 years, broken down by vendor, for example: Microsoft, Google, Oracle, Apple, Adobe, etc.
- An account of total expenditure for proprietary software (end user and client access) licenses and subscription fees (e.g. for cloud services) over the past 5 years, broken down by year totals.

The table below summarises this expenditure over the past 5 years, broken down by year totals. (Note that the categorisation of information in earlier years, in particular 2009, may well be subject to internal coding differences.)

Account Description	Actual YTD Nov 2014	Actual 2013	Actual 2012	Actual 2011	Actual 2010	Actual 2009
<u>Computer Expenses</u>						
Bibliographic Software	95,552	101,782	99,055	99,643	72,513	
Computer Consumable	11,728	12,951	33,361	33,601	19,887	24,838
Hardware Maintenance	13,477	44,689	56,754	217,029	149,009	74,228
Software Maintenance	814,816	759,101	586,734	669,567	385,125	704,769
Software Purchases	32,921	49,922	45,111	38,514	57,640	19,230
Total Expenses	968,494	968,444	821,015	1,058,354	684,174	823,065

You also requested a breakdown of the expenditure by vendor. The University accepts there is a legitimate public interest in the quantum of such spending, as provided above. However, the University is withholding the expenditure breakdown by vendor under sections 9(2)(i) and 9(2)(j) of the Official Information Act 1982 as release would prejudice or disadvantage the University's commercial activities and negotiations with suppliers where there is commercial sensitivity around the cost of the service provided, and public disclosure would impact on future activities and negotiation of business opportunities. The University does not accept that any public interest in the expenditure by vendor may outweigh this prejudice or disadvantage.

Please note that you are entitled, under section 28 of the Official Information Act 1982, to have this response reviewed by the Office of the Ombudsmen.

Yours sincerely


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