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Education Vice President of the New Zealand Law Students' Association

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Dear Education Vice President,

### Official Information Request – Law Student Numbers and Diversity

I refer to your requests for official information of 30 April 2024 and clarification of 3 May 2024 respectively, in which you have requested the following information:

1. *The total number of law students who are enrolled at the university in 2024 by headcount.*
2. *The number of law students by year level from 1st year - 5th year and above.*
3. *The number of law students who identify as Asian, European, Māori, MELAA (Middle Eastern, Latin American, and African), Pasifika, and other.*
4. *The number of law students who identify as Male, Female, and Gender diverse.*

Under the Official Information Act 1982 (**Act**) the University of Waikato (**University**) has considered your request and provides the following information.

1. The total number of law students enrolled at the University in 2024 is **1,318**.
2. The number of law students within each year is as follows:

Year 1 449

Year 2 290

Year 3 218

Year 4 213

Year 5 or more of study 148

3. The number of law students by ethnicity. Please note that ethnicity is **self-reported**, and students can choose up to 3 ethnicities which means a student may be counted more than once in any of the following ethnicities.

European 759

Māori 404

Asian 234

Pasifika 196

MELAA 68

Other 51

4. The number of law students who identify as male, female, and gender diverse.

Male 337

Female 979

Other gender 2

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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