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Tēnā koe

I refer to your request for information dated 16 August 2024 made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You have requested:

“the exam papers for STAT 210 for the years 2019 to 2023.”

Your request has been carefully considered and the University is declining your request pursuant to section 9(2)(k) of the Act, as it is necessary to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage.

Copies of past exam papers for STAT210 are embargoed so that the department is able to re-purpose exam questions. Exams are intended to test what students have learned and the depth of their understanding of the concepts taught in papers. Releasing embargoed exam papers would amount to an improper advantage as the questions would then be known to you, thus providing additional time to prepare for the exam, and enhanced grades could then be achieved.

In case it is helpful, we note that the University’s website has an [online search tool](#) for past exam papers. Departmentally-run exams, terms tests, answers, and embargoed exams are not available via this tool. Copies of exam papers will usually be available two months after the relevant exam period has concluded. Only staff and students are able to search for exam papers – if accessing this search tool off-campus, you may be prompted to log in.

With respect to the information we have withheld, we do not consider there are any other factors which would make it desirable, in the public interest, to make the information available to you.

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.

Ngā mihi



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