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Tēnā koe J

I refer to your information request dated 13 November 2024 made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You have requested mark and grade distributions for the following papers offered by the University of Otago during Semester 1 2023 and 2024; and Semester 2 2023:

FINC402, FINC403, FINC405, FINC406, FINC420, FINC425

Subject to the following comments, please see attached the information you have requested. Please note that there are three pages in the attached document (one for each teaching period).

- the data is correct as at 18 November 2024.
- on occasions where fewer than five students have failed a paper (i.e. received a grade of Fail D, Fail E, Failed Compulsory Assessment or Failed Terms), we have determined that it is necessary to withhold the marks and specific grades for these students to protect their privacy and wellbeing. We consider that withholding this information is necessary to protect against the identity of these students being determined or inferred, and their personal information (i.e. their marks) being disclosed. We therefore withhold this information pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
- please note that not all papers were offered each year, therefore we have only provided mark and grade breakdowns for the years and semesters that the papers were offered. We also note that FINC420 was not offered in 2023 or 2024.

I trust that this information will be helpful.

In the above cases, we consider that good reasons exist for withholding information, and this is not outweighed by other considerations which would make it desirable, in the public interest, to make the information available. 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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