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Tēnā koe Georgia

I refer to your information request dated 26 November 2024 made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You have requested the mark and grade distributions for the POLS326 paper offered by the University of Otago in Semester 2 2024.

Subject to the following comments, please see attached the information you have requested.

- the data is correct as at 18 December 2024.
- as there were fewer than five students who failed the 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.
- students who withdrew from the paper or received an Aegrotat Pass (not a grade or mark) are excluded from the data.

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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