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Tēnā koe

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

"I would like to request the breakdown of results from each of the subject modules as well as overall performance for the written component of MICN201a and b (incl both SAQ and MCQ performance) with how many students achieved each grade (fail, achieve, merit and excellence) and then how many students failed, passed and achieved distinction for 2024."

Please see below our response to your request.

1. Breakdown of results from each of the subject modules as well as overall performance for the written component of MICN201a and b (incl both SAQ and MCQ performance) with how many students achieved each grade (fail, achieve, merit and excellence)

Staff in the Otago Medical School produce a report each year that contains the information you have requested for this part of your request. This report is made available to students. The report containing information for the 2024 MICN201 programme will not be finalised until April or May 2025. Staff do not have the capacity to complete their report any earlier, and asking them to produce the report now would cause an unreasonable and significant impact on their ability to carry out other critical operations. On that basis, this part of your request is declined pursuant to section 18(f) of the Act, as the information cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

If you were enrolled in MICN201 in 2024, the report will be made available to you in April or May this year. If you are not a student, or were not enrolled in MICN201 in 2024, we would be happy to consider a new request from you closer to the time.

2. How many students failed, passed and achieved distinction for MICN201 for 2024

We are pleased to advise that anonymised statistical academic results data for papers offered by the University will soon be published on our website: <https://www.otago.ac.nz/about/quickstats>. We are doing this so that all students can access this information at any time, without having to submit a request for information under the Act.

The published information will indicate the number of students who achieved a particular grade or percentage mark for Semester 1, Semester 2, Full Year, and Summer School papers for each year from 2019. This mark and grade distribution data will essentially be the same as that which we would provide in response to individual information requests made under the Act.

The University will continue to withhold information where necessary to avoid the identities of students being determined or inferred and their personal information being disclosed, to protect their privacy and wellbeing. Data will **not** be published:

- for any students in a paper, if fewer than ten (<10) students were enrolled in that paper; or
- for fail grade and mark data, if fewer than five (<5) students have failed a paper (i.e., a grade of Fail D, Fail E, Failed Compulsory Assessment or Failed Terms); or
- for students who withdrew from a paper or received an Aegrotat or Compensation Pass (where no final marks are awarded).

The first set of data will be published as it was held as at 31 December 2024. If the mark and grade distribution data for any papers was not confirmed at this date (e.g., if special examinations are outstanding), data for those papers may not be initially published. Grade and mark distribution data will be updated later based on data as held at 31 March 2025 and again as held at 31 July 2025, to ensure the data becomes complete over time.

Accordingly, the University declines this part of your request pursuant to section 18(d) of the Act, as the information you have requested will soon be made publicly available. We will endeavour to contact you to advise when the data will be or has been published.

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.

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