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Liam Stoneley

By email: fyi-request-9807-bffcdco@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Liam

Official information request for the number of law students/Māori law students

I refer to your official information request dated 9 March 2019:

For the academic years of 2016, 2017 and 2018 (the "Period"), please provide the following data sets:

- a) "The number of students enrolled in an LLB program. If possible, it would be helpful if this could be split into those in "pre-law" (i.e. first year) and "law students" (i.e. those who have made it into Law School);*
- b) The number of students who are Māori who are enrolled in an LLB program. If possible, it would be helpful if this could be split into those in "pre-law" (i.e. first year) and "law students" (i.e. those who have made it into Law School); and*
- c) any other information related to the number/proportion of Law students to Māori Law students at your university for the Period."*

The information you have requested is enclosed.

Please see the table below for the total number of students enrolled in the first year Law course (LAWS121).

2016	861
2017	913
2018	832

Please see the table below for the total number of students who have made it in to the Law School. Students progressing to second year of the Bachelor of Laws (LLB) program must enroll in LAWS297. Therefore, we have based the answer to this question on the enrolment numbers for that course. Please note these figures may include students who are repeating the course.

2016	311
2017	336
2018	332

Entry into the second year of the LLB is limited. From 2018 the Faculty of Law now accepts up to 330 students into the second year of the LLB each year. Prior to 2018 this limit was 300 students.

Please see the table below for the number of Māori students enrolled in LAWS121.

2016	123
2017	132
2018	113

Please see the table below for the total number of Māori students who have been accepted into second year of the LLB. The University has again based these figures on the enrolment numbers for LAWS297. Therefore, we have based the answer to this question on the Māori enrolment numbers for that course. Please note these figures may include students who are repeating the course, as well as Māori students who gained entry based on the normal selection criteria, rather than the Māori admissions process outlined below.

2016	44
2017	46
2018	51

The Faculty of Law has a Māori Admissions Process for entry into the second year of the LLB program. This is a supplementary admission process to assess tangata whenua students for entry. Ten percent of available places into the second year program are reserved for Māori students applying under the admissions process.

13% of all students enrolled in a program through the Faculty of Law, including postgraduate students, during the period 2016 - 2018 were Māori students.

If you wish to discuss this information with us, please feel free to contact me at georgia.tawharu@vuw.ac.nz or 04 463 5249.

Yours sincerely



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