



Thank you for your email of 15 August 2017 to the Ministry of Education requesting the following information about Victoria University of Wellington's (VUW's) Karori Campus:

- 1. The date when negotiations on the sale of that campus to Victoria University of Wellington commenced;*
- 2. The date a sale and purchase agreement was signed;*
- 3. The amount of money that Victoria University paid to the Ministry to purchase the campus;*
- 4. The date that legal title to the campus was transferred from the Ministry (or the government) to Victoria University.*

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

The Karori Campus was transferred from the Ministry to VUW ownership under the Crown Asset Transfer and Disposal Policy (the policy) administered by the Tertiary Education Commission. The policy allows Tertiary Education Institutions (TEIs) to obtain legal ownership of Crown assets that are core to their educational purposes and to dispose of those which are surplus to requirements.

The intention of the policy is to provide a clear framework for ownership and control of Crown title assets and to encourage TEIs to manage these assets in an efficient manner.

On 14 September 2010, VUW applied to have the Karori Campus property transferred to its title. The Sale and Purchase of Real Estate agreement covering the campus was signed on 16 March 2015. The Gazette Notice was then issued on 2 April 2015 and the Land Transfer Register was updated on 8 April 2015.

The Karori campus was transferred to VUW at no cost. For legal reasons a nominal sum of \$10 was payable by VUW in respect of the transfer, as recorded in the sale and purchase agreement, and acknowledged as received. Although VUW did not formally hold the title until April 2015, it had been responsible for any maintenance, insurance, upgrades and operational costs since 2005 when the Karori Teachers' College and VUW's School of Education merged to form VUW's Faculty of Education.

Further information on VUW's acquisition of Crown-owned land and buildings on Karori Campus, as well as, key decision documents are publicly available on VUW's website at: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/explore-victoria/campuses/karori/ownership.

Please note, the Ministry now proactively publishes OIA responses on our website. As such we may publish this response on our website after five working days. Your name and contact details will be removed.

Thank you again for your email. You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely



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