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Date decided:

18th September 2025

Scope of request:

- 1. Any agreements, discussions, and/or related communications between KPMG and UTS made in relation to variations in requirements, timelines, or changes to the scope of deliverables as it relates to any of their OSI consultation contracts.
- 2. Any documents or communications relating to the "validation of the work" described in GIPA2025/04 doc 3, and relating to the Deliverable 2, "this list", and the "Master Excel spreadsheet", between the dates 7/8/2024 and 12/3/2025, when this contract was signed by Andrew Parfitt. In addition, any outputs from consultant or contractor work from 2024 that could have reasonably expect to act as inputs for such a list of research.
- 3. All emails or memos between 30/6/2025 and 29/7/2025 inclusive, between 5 named accounts, with the terms "master list", "master spreadsheet", "research performance", "course performance", "not meeting research expectations", "research strengths", or similar or equivalent phrases.
- 4. All emails or memos between 30/6/2025 and 29/7/2025 inclusive, between 5 named accounts, with the terms "KPMG contract", "effective date", or "March 12th"
- 5. All ULT meeting agendas, including lists of papers tabled, since August 2024 (inclusive).
- 6. Information produced since 20/3/2025, derived or produced from, based on, providing updates to, etc., the "UTS Sustainable Finance" report, and "Research productivity and investment" report.

The following is excluded:

- Emails directly with the applicant for GIPA2025/04 or GIPA2025/10
- Emails that relate to processing the final internal review report for GIPA2025/04.
- Emails/documents relating to external agencies consulting UTS under separate FOI/GIPA applications.
- Emails/documents relating to routine processing of information for the Register of Contracts.
- Any information that is incidental personal information, or external party's names, and personal or health matters that can sometimes be included in email communications.

Disclosure Log version 1

This pack excludes:

- Information that has been withheld under the GIPA Act, either from release generally, or inclusion on the disclosure log.
- Information that is not in scope of the application.

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KPMG Detailed Design Support

Draft for discussion

22 October 2024

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Acknowledgement of Country

KPMG acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the First Peoples of Australia. We pay our respects to Elders past, present, and future as the Traditional Custodians of the land, water and skies of where we work.

At KPMG, our future is one where all Australians are united by a shared, honest, and complete understanding of our past, present, and future. We are committed to making this future a reality. Our story celebrates and acknowledges that the cultures, histories, rights, and voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People are heard, understood, respected, and celebrated.

Australia's First Peoples continue to hold distinctive cultural, spiritual, physical and economical relationships with their land, water and skies. We take our obligations to the land and environments in which we operate seriously.

Guided by our purpose to 'Inspire Confidence, Empower Change', we are committed to placing truth-telling, self-determination and cultural safety at the centre of our approach, Driven by our commitment to achieving this, KPMG has implemented mandatory cultural awareness training for all staff as well as our Indigenous Peoples Policy. This sincere and sustained commitment has led to our 2021-2025 Reconciliation Action Plan being acknowledged by Reconciliation Australia as 'Elevate' – our third RAP to receive this highest level of recognition. We continually push ourselves to be more courageous in our actions particularly in advocating for the Uluru Statement from the Heart,

We look forward to making our contribution towards a new future for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples so that they can chart a strong future for themselves, their families and communities.

We believe we can achieve much more together than we can apart.



Following the diagnostic review phase, KPMG is well positioned to extend its support to deliver detailed analysis of the prioritised areas of focus, including validation of benefits and investment needs, in a detailed design phase

Completed as of 17 Oct 2024, pending feedback

Scope of next phase

Strategic trade-off and diagnostic

Objective: Evaluate the strategic levers within the university and

Objective: Detailed analysis of the prioritised areas of focus,

Key activitles:

High level evaluation of strategic levers including:

identify prioritised areas of transformation focus

- Teaching / research portfolios
- Academic structures
- Professional services
- Campus footprint
- Retention
- New revenue streams
- Other cost opportunities
- High level quantification of benefits that may be derived from
- Prioritise growth and efficiency opportunities

Outcomes:

- Diagnostic analysis across key levers
- Draft and Final Summary Executive Report
- Facilitated Executive Trade-Off Workshop

Detailed design

including validation of benefits and investment needs

Example of key activities may include:

- Detailed current state analysis across whole universities (e.g., FTE / \$ across each portfolio, spans and layers, geographic footprint, current projects. EFTSL load, CAT1-4 research. benchmarking) aligned with key strategic levers
- Course and unit review remediation
- Individual academic workforce analysis
- Functional blueprinting of the university
- Value chain analysis in targeted areas (incl. people, process, systems)
- Sentiment staff / student assessment
- Whole of university organisational design
- Development of a detailed service catalogue including recommendations for improvement
- Profession service delivery model redesign

Outcomes:

- Detailed design to support prioritised investment across UTS
- Development of business case for investment
- Transformation program commences

Execution and implementation

Objective: Translating the recommendations from the detailed design into action / business as usual

Key activities:

- Line by line validation of position impacts
- Change and communication plans including mail mergers to notify stakeholder groups
- Development of position descriptions
- Exec role play / prep sessions
- Implementation of new ways of working
- Supporting process transitions
- Implementation of new technology platforms

- Implementation of university-wide executive-led decisions
- Initiation of change and communications plan
- Benefits realisation achieved over agreed timeframe



We have developed and validated with UTS a high-level overview of how the detailed design phase could be sequenced

Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Stage Gate: July/August 2025 Stage Gate Stage Gate

Commencement of benefits realisation

Based on the strategic levers with the highest gross benefit potential, KPMG has identified an initial suite of key activities that will be integral to the detailed design phase of UTS' transformation journey – to be confirmed during program establishment

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Professional Academic Strategic Lever 5: Increasing the Strategic Lever 1: Course / Subject Strategic Lever 2: Identification of Strategic Lever 4: Potential Changes to Effectiveness and Efficiency of Your Portfolio Research Areas of Scale and Focus Academic Structure **Professional Services (Operational** Sustainability) s.14, cl.4(d)



Proposed immediate support (4-5 weeks): Rapid acceleration of a program establishment phase is essential to agree the key strategic levers and associated scope requirements for detailed design, and set the program up for success





Proposed ongoing support (3 months): A transition into the detailed design phase with clarity on specific areas of focus, objectives and key outcomes across academic and professional services workstreams



s.14, cl4(d)	Strategic Lever	UTS Executive Sponsor	KPMG Team	Key Activities / Outputs include:
			s.14, cl3(a)(b)	S.14, cl4(d)
		TBD with UTS		
		TBD with UTS		
		TBD with UTS		

Proposed ongoing support (3 months): KPMG has proposed core teaming optionality, each with corresponding weekly pricing options for your consideration, depending on your requirements

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Assumptions

Our estimated pricing and ability to deliver the detailed assessment engagement within the stipulated timeframes is subject to the following assumptions. This proposal is subject to satisfactory completion of KPMG's internal risk management processes. We welcome further discussion with you to test and confirm these assumptions.

Assumptions	Detail	
Risk disclaimer	s.14, cl.4(d)	
Data		
Stakeholder availability		
Timeframes		
Management of scope of works		
Feedback turnaround		
Availability of documents and access to systems		
Deliverable and output branding		
Resources		
General		
Expenses		
Fees		
Invoicing		





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KPMG has identified a range of strategic levers across UTS – Phase 1 provided the evidence base for a university-led decision on the areas to explore further in detailed design phase





It is critically important to focus on benefit categories (both financial and non-financial) to ensure and proposed changes deliver the intended benefits



There are a range of key risks that need to be considered as UTS look forward to the detailed design phase; KPMG have identified critical success factors that will help manage these risks and delivery annualised savings for UTS





Stakeholder engagement: Our university led approach to stakeholder engagements ensures the right people are involved at critical stages to ensure informed decision-making and support for the detailed design phase







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To: Emma Baker

 Subject:
 FW: UTS Operational Sustainability Contract

 Date:
 Thursday, 28 November 2024 8:21:12 AM

 Attachments:
 FW UTS Operational Sustainability Contract.msg

This is the latest I could find – do you have anything signed?

Ta

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From: Emma Baker < Emma.Baker@uts.edu.au>
Sent: Thursday, 19 September 2024 10:52 AM
To: Steve Livett < Steve.Livett@uts.edu.au>

Cc: Mark Sandham <Mark.Sandham@uts.edu.au>; Michelle Callen <Michelle.Callen@uts.edu.au>

Subject: RE: UTS Operational Sustainability Contract

Hi Steve

I'm good with this, please swap my name out for Belindas.

Thanks

Emma

From: Steve Livett < Steve.Livett@uts.edu.au > Sent: Monday, 16 September 2024 9:14 AM
To: Emma Baker < Emma.Baker@uts.edu.au >

Cc: Mark Sandham < Mark.Sandham@uts.edu.au >; Michelle Callen < Michelle.Callen@uts.edu.au >

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Sent: Friday, September 13, 2024 5:09 PM **To:** Steve Livett < Steve.Livett@uts.edu.au>

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: UTS Operational Sustainability Contract

Steve,

Many thanks for this and please see attached an updated document and supporting brief as agreed with Michelle.

Happy to discuss

Have a good weekend



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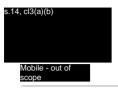
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Subject: FW: UTS Operational Sustainability Contract

Date: Thursday, 28 November 2024 9:23:00 AM

Attachments: UTS Operational Sustainability Advisory Services KPMG Agreement 1.0.pdf

KPMG Submission - UTS Whole of University Diagnostic.pdf

Importance: High

Emma Baker (she/her)

University Portfolio Management Office

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From: s.14, cl3(a)(l

To: <u>Steve Livett; Sarah Meaney</u>

Subject: Re: Operational Sustainability - Additional scope under new contract

Date: Thursday, 6 February 2025 11:52:40 AM

HI Steve.

Thank you for the note. <u>@Sarah Meaney</u> will be able to provide you with an update on the development of the UTS contract for KPMG.



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s.14, cl3(a)(b)

Operational Sustainability Initiative

From: Steve Livett <Steve.Livett@uts.edu.au>

Sent: 06 February 2025 11:46

To: Sarah Meaney < Sarah. Meaney@uts.edu.au>

Subject: RE: Operational Sustainability - Additional scope under new contract



Just following up to see if there has been any progress on agreeing a scope of works and cost proposal. I am ready and waiting to support when the contract has been drafted.

Regards, Steve Livett

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From: Steve Livett

Sent: Wednesday, 29 January 2025 11:33 AM

Fo: Sarah Meaney < Sarah. Meaney@uts.edu.au>

Subject: Operational Sustainability - Additional scope under new contract

Hi s.14, cl3(a)(b)

Thanks for your time yesterday, summarising the points I believe we agreed:

- 1. A new contract should be drafted for the implementation phase of work with a separate scope clearly defined. This also allows a clean break for billing and delivery of the first 3 phases of work.
- 2. This separate contract will continue to follow the T&Cs of the NSW Government Scheme 0005.
- 3. The new contract will treat the implementation phase as an extension of the same Ops Sust

project from a large project discount perspective. Large project rate discounts are therefore protected.

- 4. The scope of work will be broken down into separate objectives/tasks to be delivered with a resource allocation shown and then a fixed cost associated with each milestone instead of time and materials.
- 5. KPMG will propose a tracking process that allows continuous monitoring of billing v budget, clearly calling out extra workload (for proposed roles) and new roles that are added outside of the agreed phase 4 scope so that UTS has the opportunity to manage any potential overspend or pull back on agreed resources to compensate.

Actions

- Sarah and sign off scope of works and proposed costs that can then be included in the contract
- s.14, to provide draft contract for review and then execution
- Sarah to share with Steve current budget position and the tracking spreadsheet being used (as provided by KPMG)
- Steve to bring Elyse Murray up to speed and confirm her support role

Please let me know if I missed anything or have not reflected it accurately.

Regards, Steve Livett
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Operational Sustainability Contract - KPMG executed

Date: Tuesday, 11 March 2025 4:56:14 PM

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UTS Operational Sustainability Advisory Services KPMG Agreement 0.1 as at 11032025 KPMG

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Dear Sarah, Michelle and Steve,

Thank you for the latest version of the UTS Operational Sustainability contract. We have now reviewed and made minor updates (as discussed with Sarah) to confirm Operating Model deliverables and include the latest version of the Preliminary Design ToC.

This version of the contract has now been executed by state of the contract has now been executed by ready for execution by the Vice Chancellor.

Please let me know if you have any questions,





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From: Steve Livett < Steve.Livett@uts.edu.au >

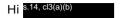
Sent: 07 March 2025 16:57

To: s.14, cl3(a)(b) uts.edu.au>

kpmg.com.au>; Sarah Meaney <<u>Sarah.Meaney@uts.edu.au</u>>;

Michelle Callen < Michelle. Callen@uts.edu.au>

Subject: Operational Sustainability Contract



Apologies, please find the most recent contract document now updated to include the VC as the contract signatory.

When you return this document, please copy in Michelle so she can progress this quickly at the UTS side.

Regards, Steve Livett

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Sent: Wednesday, 5 March 2025 6:24 PM

s.14, cl3(a)(b

Cc: Sarah Meaney <Sarah.Meaney@uts.edu.au>; Michelle Callen <Michelle.Callen@uts.edu.au>

Subject: Operational Sustainability Contract

Importance: High

Hi s.14, cl3(a)(b)

Apologies for the delay in returning this for execution. I was considering referring this to our Legal time to confirm their acceptance of the NSW Government Scheme 0005 T&Cs just to be sure, but in the interest of expediency will just accept the engagement letter as presented and you have provided reassurance on the confidentiality clause.

There is no content change other than replacing the signatory name for execution with the VC's name given the contract value. Given there is no other change I have left the file name the same to avoid confusion.

Given the time lapse from when this was first drafted, please amend any dates or values contained within the contract and then execute at your end. Please track any changes so I can just double check them and validate with the team before submission at our end for execution.

Happy to discuss anything.

Regards, Steve Livett

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Agreed outstanding analysis To be discussed and agreed with Program Sponsor No longer in scope for KPMG

Sustainable Teaching and Learning – Key Outputs (1/2)

The table below details the key deliverables agreed upon for the Sustainable Teaching and Learning (ST&L) program as part of KPMG's engagement with UTS. Any agreements and next steps detailed in the table are subject to change based on potential reprioritization of efforts due to ULT decisions and UTS' immediate needs

ID	Key Output	Status	Next Steps Required	Submitted Deliverable
1	Development of a UTS branded summary report that consolidates all analyses conducted to date, accompanied by a well-structured and compelling narrative. The report will include: • Current state analysis • Underpinning frameworks • Design principles • Current and future teaching capacity along with effort (hours & FTE) required to deliver the University's course portfolio	i) Current state analysis (Course and subject performance): COMPLETED Submitted via workbooks to Faculty Deans	i) Current state analysis (Course and subject performance): N/A.	discritication fremwork: Sicilar Sudjerts - L-166 subjects and S.B. and EL
		i) Current state analysis (Similar subjects): In progress	i) Current state analysis (Similar subjects): This activity is expected to be completed by the end of May, provided we receive timely inputs from UTS	
		ii) Underpinning frameworks: COMPLETED	ii) Underpinning frameworks: N/A.	See
		iii) Design principles: N/A Provided by UTS team	iii) Design principles: N/A. No action needed from KPMG	For the second s
		iv) Current and future teaching capacity: As agreed with the DVCES, given the lack of reliable data across the university and who would be able to advise an accurate approximation of teaching capacity, this analysis has been deprioritised	iv) Current and future teaching capacity. There is an option to still perform this analysis using the same assumptions as the Diagnostic phase. DVCES to confirm if this analysis is no longer required or if it would be preferred to do the analysis using the same assumptions in the Diagnostic phase	Note: Screenshots to be updated as needed
2	Master Excel spreadsheet that contains the future courses and subjects to be offered at UTS including an additional tab that outlines course and subjects proposed to be discontinued	In progress, with dependency from Faculty Deans / ADTL's / FGM's	 Once initial lists received from Faculty Deans, KPMG to validate and confirm final list of courses and subjects. This activity is expected to be completed ahead of the 7 May ULT presentation 	Pending
1	Excel spreadsheet that calculates the current and future state teaching capacity for the University's course portfolio including a chart that captures current and future state teaching capacity by Faculty. Spreadsheet will include all data sources used for the calculation, assumptions and parameters, and instructions for use	Refer to ID 1 status, item iv	Refer to ID 1 status, item iv	TBD

Agreed outstanding analysis To be discussed and agreed with Program Sponsor No longer in scope for KPMG

Sustainable Teaching and Learning – Key Outputs (2/2)

The table below details the key deliverables agreed upon for the Sustainable Teaching and Learning (ST&L) program as part of KPMG's engagement with UTS. Any agreements and next steps detailed in the table are subject to change based on potential reprioritization of efforts due to ULT decisions and UTS' immediate needs

D	Key Output	Status	Next Steps Required	Submitted Deliverable
4	Excel spreadsheet with teach-out timeframes that includes detailed timelines, key milestones, deadlines, and compliance and accreditation considerations	No longer in scope for KPMG As agreed with the DVCES, the priority of this task has been lowered to focus on the immediate additional effort required on the combined ST&L and RP&I workstream	DVCES to confirm if support is still required on this piece of work	N/A
	ULT briefing papers summarising the Preliminary Design	Submitted	N/A	Operational Sustainability Initiative 1/1 Parameter Susy that Sustainability Initiative 1/2 Parameter Susy that Sustainability Initiative 1/2 Parameter Susy that Susy



Additional Outputs Produced - ST&L

The table below outlines the additional analysis and outputs that the KPMG team has undertaken which was not included in the original program plans submitted on December 12, 2024 or in KPMG's contract.

ID	Relevant Program(s)	Additional Outputs Produced
1	ST&L	Three additional Program Plans Sustainable Teaching and Learning – Revised Work Plan 110225 Part of 31 March ULT paper Part of 7 May ULT paper
2		Additional version of current state analysis. KPMG was scoped to do one version; however, because of data availability, current state analysis needed to be completed twice to accommodate/recognise both 2023 and 2024 data



Additional Outputs Produced – TSAW (Combined RP&I and ST&L)

The table below outlines the additional analysis and outputs that the KPMG team has undertaken which was not included in the original program plans submitted on December 12, 2024 or in KPMG's contract.

ID Relevant Program(s) Additional Outputs Produced		Additional Outputs Produced
1	TSAW (Combined RP&I and ST&L)	Additional deep dive discipline analysis: Analysis of Field of Education to Field of Research offerings Analysis of Field of Research to Field of Education offerings Analysis on key drivers of negative margins by Field of Education Analysis on FoE's with the highest proportion of low-revenue subjects for all subjects in UTS and subjects with less than 25 headcount
2		Two versions of mapping of teaching effort associated with subjects in UTS' course portfolio (2023 and 2024 data). This was required to enable the calculation which was used as part of the Faculty workbooks Consolidation of 44 tabs across eight ACA WF Allocation workbooks to ensure format is usable for analysis Foundational activity to map teaching effort to subjects utilising ACA WF data against subject data Mapping of ACA WF Allocation data to Finance FTE to determine total effort Reconciliation and validation required to determine appropriate actions for outlier scenarios (e.g., staff member with 0% teaching allocation but with subject effort attached, staff member with teaching allocation but no effort allocated to subjects, default allocations – where a staff member might have multiple subjects with 1% allocation etc)
3		Scenario modelling on indicative workforce cost savings based on the different thresholds presented. Four scenarios were presented: Subjects with 0 – 25 headcount Subjects up to 50 headcount Subjects up to 75 headcount Subjects up to 100 headcount
4		Develop and pre-populating templates for Faculty strategic responses based on information provided by Faculties
5		Five Program Plans Part of 31 March ULT Paper Part of Academic Program Discussion 030425 Part of Academic Program Discussion v2 040225 Part of Academic Program Roadmap to 1 May submission 080425 Part of 7 May ULT paper

Additional Outputs Produced – All Programs

The table below outlines the additional analysis and outputs that the KPMG team has undertaken which was not included in the original program plans submitted on December 12, 2024 or in KPMG's contract.

ID	Relevant Program(s)	Additional Outputs Produced
1	All programs	 Levels of reconciliation required for the various data sets needed to conduct the analyses, as the data was not provided in the required formats, incomplete or other: Identifying and confirming the number of courses and subjects available across UTS Reconciliation of academic workforce allocation effort (i.e., staff with teaching effort but no subjects allocated, staff with subjects allocated but no teaching effort etc) Reconciling research expenditure data as faculty investment was incomplete due to tagging in the finance systems, 2024 data was not yet audited and CRB data had to be manually added to UTS strategic fund Reconciling research capital expenditure data as CAPEX type was previously missing for 2024 Data transformation that was required to enable the analysis on FTE per discipline. Some issues include having 2/3 of total records attributed to Language, Communication and Culture Reconciling CAT 1 – 4 ERI by discipline due to reasons below: Approximately \$10m ERI per year could not be attributed to an FoR code. Where possible Research Finance looked up blank records from another dataset and manually added. FoR codes were linked to proportions in string format (e.g. FoR1.23.FoR2.37.FoR3.40 indicated that the ERI should be allocated 23% to FoR 1, 37% to FoR 2 etc.). Due to this data format manual intervention was required to split out the fields and allocate each activity code ERI proportionally. For around 115 records (4% of all records) the proportions did not add up to 100% despite being linked to FoR codes. Research Finance advised manual intervention was required to allocate equally across the available codes, and that this would not be material. Mapping of teaching effort to subjects (as outlined in TSAW section)
2		Observation notes on ACV data / methodology to date based on feedback by Faculty





Research Productivity and Investment – Key Outputs (1/2)

The table below details the key deliverables agreed upon for the Research Productivity and Investment (RP&I) program as part of KPMG's engagement with UTS. Any agreements and next steps detailed in the table are subject to change based on potential reprioritization of efforts due to ULT decisions and UTS' immediate needs

ID	Key Output Summary	Output Item	Status	Next Steps Required	Submitted Deliverable ink
1	Development of a UTS branded summary report that consolidates all analyses conducted to date, accompanied by a well-structured and compelling narrative: Current State Analysis FWCI Research investment HDR deep dive Research Concentration (University Centres) Benchmarking analysis	Current state report	In progress, Submitted by KPMG	 Pending feedback from DVCR, RP&I Program to be tentatively reactivated week commencing May 5. Agreed analysis include finalisation of current state analysis and analysis on research areas of scale and focus framework by the end of May 	Research Productivity and Investment - DRAFT Curren State Analysis as of 14022025,pdf
2	Development of a UTS branded summary report that consolidates all analyses conducted to date, accompanied by a well-structured and compelling narrative: Future State Recommendations	Future state recommendations	N/A. No longer in scope for KPMG As advised by the DVCR, the priority of this task has been lowered to focus on the combined efforts of ST&L and RP&I	 DVCR has advised that this work will be undertaken post-May RP&I Program Director to develop a program plan that specifies the necessary resources to complete the work originally outlined in the Program Plan submitted on Dec 12 	N/A
3	Research areas of scale and focus framework (incl. underpinning analysis)	Research areas of scale and focus framework	In progress, Latest version sent on 1 May for DVCR review	Pending feedback / direction from DVCR	Research Areas of Scale and Focus Framework Workshop - WIP Draft for Discussion 060525,pptx
4	Insights based on evaluation of research areas of scale and focus along with clear next steps that the University should consider based on the insights generated	Insights document on research areas of scale and focus	N/A. No longer in scope for KPMG As advised by the DVCR, with the engagement scheduled for the end of May, KPMG team to focus only on completing the underpinning analysis	 RP&I Program Director to develop a program plan that specifies the necessary resources to complete the work originally outlined in the Program Plan submitted on Dec 12 	N/A

Research Productivity and Investment – Key Outputs (2/2)

The table below details the key deliverables agreed upon for the Research Productivity and Investment (RP&I) program as part of KPMG's engagement with UTS. Any agreements and next steps detailed in the table are subject to change based on potential reprioritization of efforts due to ULT decisions and UTS' immediate needs

ID	Key Output	Output Item	Status	Next Steps Required	Submitted Deliverable
5	Master Excel spreadsheet that contains the list of proposed Level C to Level E, SSS and SSG academic staff members that are not meeting research expectations	Excel spreadsheet	N/A. Activity was undertaken by DVCR with no involvement from KPMG.	N/A	N/A
6	Excel spreadsheet with calculations undertaken as part of the conducted analysis. This will include data sources used for the calculation, assumptions and parameters, and instructions for use	Excel spreadsheet(s)	Excel spreadsheets are available but will require tidying and finalisation	DVCR to advise if the supporting Excel spreadsheets are needed. If yes, to be finalised for submission at the end of May	Pending
7	ULT briefing papers summarising the Preliminary Design (ULT Retreat)	ULT Preliminary Design Paper	COMPLETED	N/A	ULT 31 March Paper_DRAFT_270325,ppt



Additional Outputs Produced - RP&I

D	Relevant Program(s)	Additional Outputs Produced	Indicative level of effort (days)
1		Two additional Program Plans Part of 31 March ULT paper Part of 7 May ULT Paper	4 days
2	Research Productivity and Investment (RP&I)	Analysis of research projects at UTS which was submitted as part of the current state analysis report on 14 February (page 23 to 28) • Success rates of research projects that commenced external funding applications across 2021 – 2024 period • Distribution of application amounts for research projects that successfully an unsuccessfully received external funding • Distribution of application amounts and outcomes by lead CI level • Count and value of successful, unsuccessful/rejected and withdrawn applications by Faculty / org unit	2 days
3		HDR theses analysis compilation which was submitted as part of the current state analysis report on 14 February (page 58 to 59) Analysis on HDR theses over 2020 – 2024 Analysis on areas where UTS HDR theses were more prevalent that	2 days



Additional Outputs Produced – RP&I & SAEOM

ID	Relevant Program(s)	Additional Outputs Produced	Indicative level of effort (days)
4	Research Productivity and Investment and Supporting Academic Endeavours Operating Model (SAEOM)	Intersection of work required between RP&I and SAEOM Developed work plans to guide analysis leading up to the end of May [In progress] Synthesising current state analysis for all Centres in scope, including: Status (University/Faculty Centre) Taxonomy type FoR allocations Staffing information (core vs. associate members and academic vs. professional staff) Total income, expenses and net operating result (2024) Total CAT 1-4 income (2021-2024) Relative proportions of CAT 1-4 income Ranked CAT 1-4 income against Centre average Ranked ERI per FTE against Centre average Ranked FWCl of core members against Centre average Ranked HDR completions associated with Centres against Centre average Ranked HDR completions associated with Centres against Centre operations across: Staffing allocations - technical and administrative staff UTS co-investment allocations These have been further differentiated into baseline allocations (proportionate with size and income) and strategic/discretionary allocations (dependent on Centre alignment with UTS strategy and areas of focus). The strategic/discretionary allocation KPIs have been indicatively defined as: FWCl of core members, ERI per core FTE, ERI growth trajectory, FoR alignment with overall research portfolio areas of scale and focus, HDR completion rate, and number of associate members — to be tested further with program sponsors. [To be completed] Benchmarking technical service models [To be completed] Progress analysis and consult with DVCR and FEIT Dean (program sponsors) to agree future state business models and key characteristics	12 days (plus ongoing)



Additional Outputs Produced - TSAW (Combined RP&I and ST&L)

ID	Relevant Program(s)	Additional Outputs Produced	Indicative level of effort (days)
1		Additional deep dive discipline analysis: Analysis of Field of Education to Field of Research offerings Analysis of Field of Research to Field of Education offerings Analysis on key drivers of negative margins by Field of Education Analysis on FoE's with the highest proportion of low-revenue subjects for all subjects in UTS and subjects with less than 25 headcount	5 days
2	TSAW (Combined	Two versions of mapping of teaching effort associated with subjects in UTS' course portfolio (2023 and 2024 data). This was required to enable the calculation which was used as part of the Faculty workbooks Consolidation of 44 tabs across eight ACA WF Allocation workbooks to ensure format is usable for analysis Foundational activity to map teaching effort to subjects utilising ACA WF data against subject data Mapping of ACA WF Allocation data to Finance FTE to determine total effort Reconciliation and validation required to determine appropriate actions for outlier scenarios (e.g., staff member with 0% teaching allocation but with subject effort attached, staff member with teaching allocation but no effort allocated to subjects, default allocations — where a staff member might have multiple subjects with 1% allocation etc)	50 days
3	RP&I and ST&L)	Scenario modelling on indicative workforce cost savings based on the different thresholds presented. Four scenarios were presented: Subjects with 0 – 25 headcount Subjects up to 50 headcount Subjects up to 75 headcount Subjects up to 100 headcount	1 day
4		Develop and pre-populating templates for Faculty strategic responses based on information provided by Faculties	1 day
5		Five Program Plans Part of 31 March ULT Paper Part of Academic Program Discussion 030425 Part of Academic Program Discussion v2 040225 Part of Academic Program Roadmap to 1 May submission 080425 Part of 7 May ULT paper	10 days



Additional Outputs Produced - All Programs

ID	Relevant Program(s)	Additional Outputs Produced	Indicative level of effort (days)
i	All programs	Levels of reconciliation required for the various data sets needed to conduct the analyses, as the data was not provided in the required formats, incomplete or other: Identifying and confirming the number of courses and subjects available across UTS Reconciliation of academic workforce allocation effort (i.e., staff with teaching effort but no subjects allocated, staff with subjects allocated but no teaching effort etc) Reconciling research expenditure data as faculty investment was incomplete due to tagging in the finance systems, 2024 data was not yet audited and CRB data had to be manually added to UTS strategic fund Reconciling research capital expenditure data as CAPEX type was previously missing for 2024 Data transformation that was required to enable the analysis on FTE per discipline. Some issues include having 2/3 of total records attributed to Language, Communication and Culture Reconciling CAT 1 – 4 ERI by discipline due to reasons below: Approximately \$10m ERI per year could not be attributed to an FoR code. Where possible Research Finance looked up blank records from another dataset and manually added. FoR codes were linked to proportions in string format (e.g. FoR1.23.FoR2.37.FoR3.40 indicated that the ERI should be allocated 23% to FoR 1, 37% to FoR 2 etc.). Due to this data format manual intervention was required to split out the fields and allocate each activity code ERI proportionally. For around 115 records (4% of all records) the proportions did not add up to 100% despite being linked to FoR codes, Research Finance advised manual intervention was required to allocate equally across the available codes, and that this would not be material. Mapping of teaching effort to subjects (as outlined in TSAW section)	25 days
2		Observation notes on ACV data / methodology to date based on feedback by Faculty [In progress]	2 days





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Addendum to the Operational Sustainability Initiative (OSI) Statement of Work

Introduction

KPMG has been engaged by the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) via the NSW Treasury Performance and Management Services Prequalification Scheme (SCM0005).

This document serves as an addendum to the current Statement of Work executed by both parties in March 2025, which details the agreed services provided by KPMG to the UTS for the University-led OSI Program.

This addendum outlines the ongoing services and support to be provided by KPMG from 1st July 2025 and the proposed commercial terms.

Scope of services

The nature of support, deliverables and all terms and conditions remain the same as detailed in the OSI Statement of Work executed on 12th March 2025.

Timing and commercials

The OSI Statement of Work contract end date is extended until 31st August 2025, and all KPMG work from 1st July 2025 is conducted on a time and materials estimated at \$150,000-\$180,000 per week (excluding GST); should UTS requirements exceed this range KPMG will seek to agree this in advance with UTS.

From 1st July, UTS and KPMG agree to review progress against deliverables on a fortnightly basis with an agreed two-week notice period to revise the level of ongoing KPMG support.

As per the current agreement, KPMG will invoice UTS monthly, inclusive of time and materials costs and expenses incurred. Each invoice will be accompanied by a status update report outlining progress against agreed deliverables, forward priorities, and any identified risks/opportunities. KPMG invoicing will include any discount rate required by the Performance Management Services Scheme SCM0005.

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KPMG will continue to seek direction on services, and report progress as required, to the UTS Principal Representative, Sarah Meaney (Director, UPMO), as well as Michael Ioannides (Operating Model Program Director).

Signed





Status Report Summary

Status Update		
CATEGORY	DETAIL	
Time Period Reported	 Four-week time period: 09.12.24 – 24.01.25 All programs under OSI Portfolio are reported on: 	
Programs of work reported	Research Productivity & Investment Sustainable Learning & Teaching Operating Model Workstream 1: Service Delivery Model Workstream 2: Academic Structures Workstream 3: Functional Design	
Acronyms	 OSI – Operational Sustainability Initiative RP&I – Research Productivity & Investment ST&L – Sustainable Learning & Teaching 	
Major Risks	• N/A	
Total WIP \$	s.14, cl4(d)	



	From	To
Period (dates)	09/12/24	24/01/25
Overall strong confidence	70,100	

RP&I Program Status Report (1/2)

Program Tracking				
CATEGORY	CURRENT PROGRESS AND PLANNING	KEY INFORMATION & NEXT STEPS	PROGRESS	KEY OUTPUT
Program Plan	 Team worked on refining and finalising the program plan for endorsement at ULT on 12 December 2024 Team developed an additional overview document that outlines how the academic program comes together and the different tranches of impact, mapped against an indicative timeline. This was presented back to the VC 	• N/A	100%	RP&I Program Plan
Framework	Team presented the second iteration of the research areas of scale and focus framework to the DVCR on 17 Dec 2024. The DVCR has provided feedback on the framework on 16 Jan 2025 Team has been liaising with the broader stakeholder group to request and gather the data required to update the framework	 Team is in the process of revising the framework with an aim to share the next iteration with the DVCR during week commencing 27 Jan 2025 for further feedback For the qualitative component of this framework: Team to reach out to Tania Bezzobs (i) on the survey data that was sent out to all funders that provided funding to understand if UTS is delivering against market demand and (ii) to understand if there is any other internal data that can be used to support the understanding of market opportunities and whether UTS is appropriately responding to variation in market demands Team to reach out to Ivan Smirnoff to understand the work that has been done on comparator analysis for us to understand how we are comparatively different in the market, our strengths and where there may be critical mass that other universities are focusing on 	40%	UTS branded summary report that consolidates all analyses conducted to date Excel spreadsheet with all calculations undertaken as part of the conducted analysis UTS branded summary report that consolidates are specificated.

RP&I Program Status Report (2/2)

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CATEGORY	CURRENT PROGRESS AND PLANNING	KEY INFORMATION & NEXT STEPS	PROGRESS	KEY OUTPUT
Initial Data Request Validation	 Team has requested the initial list of data required to commence the analysis Team have been liaising with Scott McWhirter, Renee Estrella and Helene de Burgh-Woodman on provided data for areas that require clarification, items that may be pending or specific cuts of data that is needed but have not been provided 	Team is continuing to follow up and work closely with the team for anything that is outstanding, requires clarification or where additional layer of data cuts are needed	70%	
	Note: Pending data from UTS is list of non-research Centres to be included as part of this engagement			
Stakeholder Engagement	 Team has set up regular weekly meetings with Kate McGrath as our regular touchpoints for the program. These sessions will be used to provide a status update, raise any challenges and be used as a working session to test any analysis and developed materials. During this period, the team met with Kate McGrath on 17 Dec 2024 and 16 Jan 2025 Team has been invited to regular weekly Research Productivity and Investment meetings with the broader RP&I leadership team. These sessions are used to test strategic ideas, provide a brief update on progress, and outline any challenges that we may be facing throughout the engagement. During this period, the sessions were on 10 Dec 2024 and 14 Jan 2025 Team has engaged with Kerry Knott and Prath Shinde from UTS' change management team to provide an overview on the RP&I program 	 Continue using these sessions and set up additional sessions as needed to progress the work in the Program Continue engaging with broader stakeholders as needed to support the Operational Sustainability Initiative 	N/A - Ongoing	UTS branded summary report that consolidates all analyses conducted to dat Excel spreadsheet with all calculations undertaken as part of the conducted analysis
Current State Analysis	 Team has commenced current state analysis for research productivity, research investment, HDR deep dive and research concentration (University Centres – research and non-research) 	 Team will continue progressing the current state analysis with an aim to start sharing and testing different cuts of current state analysis with the DVCR from week commencing 27 Jan 2025 	5%	

	From	To
Period (dates)	09/12/24	24/01/25
Overall strong confide	nce in project deliver	v against plan.

within scope and achieving outcomes as aimed

ST&L Program Status Report (1/2)

overview on the ST&L program

Program Tracking CATEGORY	CURRENT PROGRESS AND PLANNING	KEY INFORMATION & NEXT STEPS	PROGRESS	KEY OUTPUT
Program Plan	Team worked on refining and finalising the program plan for endorsement at ULT on 12 December 2024 Team developed an additional overview document that outlines how the academic program comes together and the different tranches of impact, mapped against an indicative timeline. This was presented back to the VC	• N/A	100%	ST&L Program Plan
Initial Data Request / Validation	 Team worked with Jacqui McManus to identify relevant business units that we would need to engage for the different data requests required for the program Individual packs were developed and sent out per business unit outlining the request and timeline Team had data meetings with DAIU (Craig Napier) to discuss the different data sources required and point of contacts from his team that we were able to engage with Team has continued working with DAIU (Craig Napier and David Hockridge) to clarify / confirm our understanding of the data and the parameters, and where relevant, have asked follow up questions 	 Follow up and continue working closely with the team for anything that is outstanding or requires clarification. Note that team is still pending data from FP&A, noting that Lee Pruden is returning from leave on 23 Jan 2025 Team is in the process of reconciling the master lists noting that there are gaps in some of the data that have been identified and raised to the relevant team members Team has been informed that UTS runs SfL and Enterprise Learning very separately to mainstream UTS from student management (Salesforce instead of CASS) to curriculum, so datasets are being delivered separately and not integrated University Academic Program Office (Georgina Allen) has confirmed that UTS does not use any co-requisites and so our data set and analysis will only look at pre-requisites and anti-requisites 	25%	UTS branded summary report tha consolidates all analyses conducted to date
Stakeholder Engagement	 Team has set up regular weekly meetings with Kylie Readman, Joanne Gray and Jacqui McManus as our regular touchpoints for the program. These sessions will be used to provide a status update, raise any challenges and be used as a working session to test any analysis and developed materials. During this period, the sessions were held on 12 Dec 2024, 16 Jan 2025 and 23 Jan 2025 Team has engaged with Kerry Knott and Prath Shinde from UTS' change management team to provide an 	 Continue using these sessions and set up additional sessions as needed to progress the work in the Program Continue engaging with broader stakeholders as needed to support the Operational Sustainability Initiative 	N/A - Ongoing	

ST&L Program Status Report (2/2)

Program Tracking	CURRENT PROCESSOR AND SI ANNING	VEV INCODE ITION A VEVT OTERS	PROCEERS	MEN OF TRAIN
CATEGORY	CURRENT PROGRESS AND PLANNING	KEY INFORMATION & NEXT STEPS	PROGRESS	KEY OUTPUT
Framework(s)	Team has developed the first draft of the below frameworks: Identification framework: similar subjects Framework to enable decision on future state courses Framework to enable decision on future state subjects Team presented the first draft of frameworks to assess similar subjects and identify future state courses and subjects on 23 Jan 2025 Team had a follow up meeting with Jacqui McManus on 24 Jan 2025 for further feedback and direction Travis Bransgrove and Susan Gibson have also provided a dataset that contains a machine learning assessment of subject similarity based on text algorithm applied over the subject descriptions and learning outcomes from the curriculum management system to identify subjects for further investigation for potential consolidation. Team has advised that additional attributes can be added however if we decide to proceed with the algorithm, we will need to discuss feasibility and additional resourcing considerations if required	Team is in the process of refining the frameworks with an aim to share with Kylie Readman, Joanne Gray, and Jacqui McManus on week commencing 27 January for further feedback Team will work on organising a meeting with Jacqui McManus and Travis Bransgrove to discuss feasibility and reliability of using the POC machine learning algorithm developed to assess and expedite the analysis on similar subjects	20%	UTS branded summary report that consolidate: all analyses conducted to da
Current State Analysis (Course and Subject Performance)	Team has continued progressing current state analysis. Specifically, the team has been working on analysing: Overview of courses and subjects offered in UTS including subjects that are core vs. elective Student enrolment numbers (headcount) per course and subject over the past three years Curriculum related e-requests over the past three years by course and subject	Continue progressing current state analysis where data is available while the team works on clarifying information provided with relevant team members	5%.	



	From	To
Period (dates)	09/12/24	24/01/25

Operating Model Program: Workstream 1 - SDM

Overall strong confidence in project delivery against plan, within acope and achieving outcomes as aimed

CATEGORY	CURRENT PROGRESS AND PLANNING	KEY INFORMATION & NEXT STEPS	PROGRESS	KEY OUTPUT
Program Plan	 In collaboration with the UTS Operating Model Program team, several working sessions to develop the workstream 1 program plan in preparation for endorsement at ULT on 12 December 2024 Operating Model workshop held at KPMG 11 December Additional material developed to detail the service delivery model workshop schedule and planned outputs for Program Sponsors 22 January 2025 	Status Updates to continue to monitor progress against plan, with risks raised as required	100%	Workstream 1 Program Plan
Design Princip l es	 ULT Endorsed Design Principles have been iterated for the context of Operational Sustainability, inc. weightings added to suit imperative of cost out over process improvement Initial socialisation / involvement of key Operating Model Program stakeholders for input / comment including socialisation with Program Sponsors 	Further socialisation as required	95%	Operating Model Program Design Principles
Validation Workshop 1 Preparation	 Collaboratively with the UTS Operating Model Program team, developed a detailed approach and agenda for validation workshop 1 Worked with key UTS stakeholder to arrange logistics for the in person session Developed and continuously validated over a number of sessions with UTS operating model program team the workshop materials Commenced development of the pre-reading materials for socialisation with attendees prior to workshop 1 	 Pre-read materials to be socialised with attendees and approved by Operating Model Program leadership Finalisation of workshop materials and socialisation with Operating Model Program leadership 	75%	Validation Workshop 1
Validation Workshop 2 Preparation	 Collaboratively with the UTS Operating Model Program team, developed an approach and agenda for workshop 2 Commenced drafting of workshop materials Iterated the Functional taxonomy/blueprint to support the draft allocation of services to functional owners for the purposes of workstream 3 to be validated in workshop 2 	Begin development of pre-read materials Continue development of workshop materials	10%	Validation Workshop 2
Workshop 3 Preparation	 Collaboratively with the UTS Operating Model Program team, developed an approach and agenda for workshop 3 	 Begin development of pre-read and workshop materials Iterate deliverables based off results in Workshop 1 and 2 in preparation for Workshop 3. 	0%	SDM Workshop
Enterprise Service Delivery Model	Commence drafting of final template: SDM guidebook to support functional owners in workstream 3	 Conceptual guidebook and model to be created iteratively from workshops and used to support the design of the SDM in workstream 3 	5%	 Future State Enterprise SDM Blueprint Guidebook to support Functional Detailed Design

Operating Model Program: Workstream 2 – Academic Structures

	From	To
Period (dates)	09/12/24	24/01/25

Overall strong confidence in project delivery against plan, within scope and achieving outcomes as aimed

CATEGORY	CURRENT PROGRESS AND PLANNING	KEY INFORMATION & NEXT STEPS	PROGRESS	KEY OUTPUT
Program Plan	 Development of a high-level Workstream Plan in collaboration with Executive Sponsor for the purposes of broader Operating Model Program plan endorsement at ULT on 12 December 2024 Continued to iterate and further develop a detailed Workstream Plan in collaboration with Executive Sponsor and key Workstream team members, including through collaborative working sessions (scheduled 16/01 and 22/01). 	 Continue to refine and finalise a draft Workstream in preparation for the next working session on 31 January 2025 Seek endorsement of workstream 2 Workstream Plan from ULT Develop data request and review background information Further develop stakeholder engagement plan, including through initial briefings 	75%	Workstream 2 Plan
Academic Structures Guidelines	 Drafted the academic structure guidelines and received initial feedback at the working session #2 Continued to iterate and refine the guidelines based on feedback 	 Socialise the guidelines with key stakeholders to gather further feedback Review feedback and make necessary updates Seek approval from the Sponsor and endorsement from relevant governance forum 	60%	 Academic Structures Guidelines
nternal Academic Architecture	 Initial session with Operating Model Program team to understand data collated to date, and pre-work that 	 Gather current state data Following program plan endorsement, begin workstream activities including building out a current state view and identify and engage key stakeholders to gather insights and validate data 	10%	 Internal Academic Architecture Model Summary Report
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Other activities

Program Tracking							
CATEGORY	CURRENT PROGRESS AND PLANNING	KEY INFORMATION & NEXT STEPS	PROGRESS	KEY OUTPUT			
Executive Engagement and Alignment	 Fortnightly Vice Chancellor meetings Bi-weekly Sponsor meetings Tri-weekly UPMO/CoS meetings 	 Ongoing preparation for 12 December ULT meeting Planning for early-2025 activities Contract discussions with procurement Resourcing planning 	N/A	Program plans, agenda and briefings, as required			



Resource tracking by expenditure to date

Leadership Team

Core Delivery Team





Additional information in response to request 2, GIPA2025/10

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As outlined in the OSI Initial Consultation Discussion Paper released in November 2024, KPMG were engaged to aid the leadership team in benchmarking and assessment of options to achieve \$100million in savings.

KPMG were engaged by UTS to undertake a preliminary scoping exercise in October – November 2024 and this work was based on limited input and data and was never intended to serve as the foundation for final decision-making. This work was subject to a validation process with key members of the ULT.

As part of this work at that time KPMG began developing a list of D to E researchers but the Deputy Vice Chancellor Research intervened, and upon reviewing and seeking to validate this data with our own research data insights team, the work was discontinued.

Instead, the data contained in the university's own *Researcher Insights*, data base has been relied upon for subsequent work undertaken in 2025. This work has assessed research productivity using Fields of Research data in aggregate in order to consider whether any proposed OSI changes would impact on our research activities. This analysis was undertaken alongside the courses and subject evaluations and Field of Education context.

The analysis undertaken to identify proposed changes for the academic change proposal, factors considered included research productivity, course viability, and subject viability. The analysis showed that when considering changes through these lenses, the same insights were gained on where there was potential to remove the workload in accordance with the FTE reductions being sought.

All academic staff have access to their individual data through <u>Researcher Insights</u>, in the Research360 app. All academic staff are already able to validate their data. Supervisors can see the data of all their direct reports and the DVCR can see data for all academic staff.

From: s.14, cl3(a)(b)

To: <u>Kate McGrath</u>
Cc: s.14, cl3(a)(b)

Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Research list of names

Date: Monday, 21 October 2024 4:48:17 PM

Attachments: <u>UTS Sustainable Finance - Research List for DVCR - Oct 2024.xlsx</u>

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SCI	5 publications or less	\$154,340 or less	
FoH	6 publications or less	\$112,756 or less	
BUS	4 publications or less	\$36,824 or less	
FASS	3 publications or less	\$47,216 or less	
DAB	4 publications or less	\$28,065 or less	
LAW	6 publications or less	\$47,755 or less	
TDI	5 publications or less	\$27,488 or less	
DVCR	5 publications or less	\$228,533 or less	

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High level program activities tracking

AREA OF FOCUS	CURRENT PROGRESS AND PLANNING	KEY INFORMATION & NEXT STEPS
Summary of Operational Sustainability governance arrangements	Development of conceptual governance model for Operational Sustainability programs for initial feedback Development of decision rights framework for initial discussion with Sponsors	 Further iteration and discussion with Operational Sustainability Sponsors, as well as validation and feedback from Vice Chancellor in meeting scheduled 26/11 Draft summary regarding proposed Operational Sustainability governance, including decision rights (with worked examples)
Executive engagement and alignment	Weekly Vice Chancellor meetings Bi-weekly Sponsor meetings Tri-weekly UPMO/CoS meetings	Ongoing Preparation of agenda for 12 December ULT meeting
Summary Plan: Sustainable Teaching and Learning	Program plan template developed and shared on 25/11 Next layer of analysis plan drafted and shared on 25/11 Initial data request drafted Weekly cadence with Kylie and Joanne set up	Drafted analysis plan and key activities to be tested on 26 November To test initial data request, confirm source of truth and UTS data owner To discuss UTS resourcing support for the Program, and any capacity / capability gaps that need to be filled KPMG to continue progressing the schedule, workstream interdependencies, risks and mitigation strategies and others
Research Productivity and Investment	Met with Kate on 14 Nov and was provided an overview of the analysis scope Had subsequent working sessions with Renee Estrella, Scott McWhirther and Hellene de Burgh-Woodman to test KPMG's understanding of the ask and the level of granularity possible for the requested analysis based on UTS' available data Follow up meeting with Kate on 22 Nov where our understanding of the analysis was validated and confirmed by Kate Commenced drafting program plan	Followed up with Renee and Helene to confirm and initiate the request for the data needed for th HDR deep dive and research investment key activities Following our discussion with Kate on 22 Nov, we have developed a detailed methodology for th key activities of the workstream and outlined an initial potential sequencing. This will be further reviewed and tested with Kate and other key stakeholders in the coming week. Test parameters of analysis with Kate Continue drafting the remaining sections of the program plan.
Operating Model	Met with Mark on 19 Nov for an overview of work packages planned to date and areas for alignment Met with Belinda on 21 Nov to further unpick Operating Model Portfolio work completed to date Program plan initial template developed Review and ongoing synthesis of background information/documentation provided High level structure of template shared with Mark on 22 Nov Operating model current state meetings scheduled with lan Menz and Dave Holme w/c 25/11	Operating Model planning meetings have been scheduled to discuss the requirements for the Service Delivery Model plan before EOY break, these are currently scheduled for: 28/11 (13:30 = 2h) 27/11 (10:00 = 1,5h) 28/11 (08:00 = 1h) 29/11 (09:30 = 2h) Obtain key stakeholder information to commence planning meetings, developing the project plan documentation template
Summary paper outlining UPMO future state function, structure, including identification of future state capability / resourcing requirements	Detailed documentation review of materials and artefacts which have been provided initiation of current state assessment, broken down by: Current structures, Roles and Responsibilities Approach to undertaking this workstream Leading Practice Overview High Level Observations (including barriers and constraints) What is working well Readiness assessment	Further discussion and validation scheduled for Thursday the 28th of November with UPMO Director Emma Baker to confirm current state assessment and initial readiness assessment observations Agree key stakeholders for engagement before EOY break



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High level program risk tracking

Key Ris	sks STATUS: 🧶	Proposed Mitigation Steps
1	The authoritative source for UTS academic workforce data.	Work with UTS to establish a single source of truth by agreeing on a specific workforce baseline dataset and agreeing on an approach to validating it with the respective Faculties to ensure consistency / 'line in the sand' across the analysis.
2	Stakeholder engagement availabilities and/or delay in receipt of stakeholder feedback.	Timely distribution of meeting invitations to stakeholders for consultation including pre- planning required meetings Identification of critical milestones and the timely achievement of these milestones to support delivery and the incorporation of feedback

Resource tracking by expenditure (by fortnight [11/11 - 22/11])





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From:

To: <u>Kate McGrath</u>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Research list of names

Date: Monday, 4 November 2024 11:32:48 AM

Hi Kate,

Cc:

Thank you for bringing this to our attention.

Noted that Scott will start working on this for you. We will ensure that we work closely with Scott in the detailed design as we work through the methodology used / data sources and any reconciliation required in terms of identification of active and inactive researchers.



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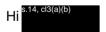
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I have been working with the data but unfortunately many of the named people on both lists appear to be much more active than what this profiling is indicated.

For example in the bottom 25% there is a s.14, cl3(a)(b) who has published well over this year, supervises students and brings in \$.

So on face of it in the inactives there are nearly 60 people but actually there are fewer than 20

once I look them up.

I spoke to the VC this morning and he has agreed that Scott McWhirter, copied here now comes in to exploring this with me.

Scott will start working on this for me now – and I have asked him to work with you to really understand the methodology – the numbers etc all look right – the actual people don't is the issue.

Happy to have a meeting including me, but also good if you just work with Scott.

Thanks

Kate

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From: Deborah Naray To Bill Paterson Subject: Response to SK

Tuesday, 1 July 2025 2:45:00 PM Date:

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Bill

Running this past you. I'm following up on a few elements with Michelle.

draft response email 30june.docx

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Sent: Monday, 30 June 2025 9:29 AM

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Subject: FW: GIPA and contacts register enquiries - this one from SK

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From: Simon Knight <Simon.Knight@uts.edu.au>

Sent: Monday, 30 June 2025 8:00 AM

To: Deborah Naray < Deborah. Naray@uts.edu.au> **Subject:** GIPA and contacts register enquiries

Dear Deborah

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My concerns relate to Division 5 (Sections 27-35) of the GIPA Act which sets out that:

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"As this contract was signed by the Vice-Chancellor on 12 March 2025, could you please clarify why this deliverable was included in the executed contract if the spreadsheet was not required or produced? Further, I note that according to the documents released in response to the GIPA request, the RP&I program was delivered to UTS on 12 December 2024. Specifically, Activity 1.1 (Validate diagnostic analysis) was shown as completed at that point, and this activity explicitly includes a "stage gate" for final approval of the list of Level C to Level E, SSS, and SSG staff not meeting research expectations (as documented in the program milestone

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I remain appreciative of your support in addressing these questions, and mindful of the workload that the operational sustainability has placed on you/the GSU team alongside all UTS staff.

Best

Simon

 From:
 Deborah Naray

 To:
 Michelle Callen

 Cc:
 Bill Paterson

Subject: RE: GIPA and contacts register enquiries - this one from SK

Date: Wednesday, 2 July 2025 9:46:00 AM

Attachments: gipa-uts-register-contracts-form - KPMG OSI contracts 2024 2025.zip

Importance: High

Hi Michelle

I'm working on a response to Simon's email below. I have some questions, happy to chat.

- Extension to current KPMG contract? Given KPMG 2025 contract had an expected end date 30 June, has there been a formal extension/variation (something provided/agreed to between UTS and KPMG).
- 2. Data on the Register of Contracts Register of Contract lodgement forms for the 2 KPMG contracts: Simon is questioning the accuracy of data provided for the 2 KPMG contracts on the Register, although noting the 2024 contract is due to be removed later this week in our next update. In his original response to his application he asked for the Register of Contract lodgement forms for the 2 contracts, I believe I had provided them to you to review but we didn't' settle on doing anything as other GIPA matters overtook us.

Are there any concerns providing these informally with my response? They have little to add to what is already reported. See them in the attached zip file.

3. **Dates in the 2025 contract**: He is requesting information re the "discrepancy" of the dates again I the KPMG contract, I believe this was also asked for by as was the existence or non-existence for the master spreadsheet. As with I propose they be referred to the VC Office for response.

Thanks, Deborah

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Simon



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Contact University Records on extension 1243 or 1245, or via register of contracts@uts.edu.au. See also lodging contract data on the Records and Archives Hub (SharePoint).

Contacts and contract

a.	Staff member lodging form Name: Steve Livett				
b. Contract manager		Name: Sarah Meaney			
	i.e. the staff member who will manage the contract obligations				
C.	. Vital record number for this contract ³		V25/599		
	This is NOT you project or Content Manager TRIM folder number. Note: If you lodge this form with the vital record lodgement form, this number will be added for you.				

Confirm the reporting threshold

a.	Contract's actual or estimated total cu	ontract's actual or estimated total cumulative value is at or above \$150,000 (inc. GST)					
b.	Contract is between UTS and any par (e.g. with a private company, University in an	⊠ Yes	□ No				
C.	Contract is for one of the following activities: a party agreeing to undertake a specific project (e.g. construction, design, etc.), or a party agreeing to provide specific goods or services (e.g. IT support, service provision), or a party agreeing to transfer or lease real property to another party to the contract. ACTION REQUIRED						
(1)	1) Yes to ALL 3 of the above criteria Reporting is required. Complete and lodge this form.						
(2)	No to any of the above criteria Reporting is NOT required.						

¹ For exclusions to lodgment obligations, see withholding information from publications

² Refer to the records management policy, ³ Refer to the <u>vital records program</u>.

a.		d contract was not made publicly available and the terms and	Yes □ No	Deleted: □	
	conditions were negotiated directly with the contractor?			Deleted: ⊠	
b.	Was the contract part of a tender proce conditions have been substantially neg	ess (whether or not publicly available) where the terms and otiated with the successful tender?	☐ Yes ☒ No		
C.	Are one or more parties obliged to main	ntain or operate infrastructure or assets for 10 years or more?	☐ Yes ☒ No		
d.	d. Does the contract involve a privately financed project (PFP) as defined by NSW Treasury? ⁴		☐ Yes ⊠ No		
e.	Does the contract involve the transfer of a significant UTS asset to another party in exchange for the transfer of an asset to UTS?		□ Yes ⊠ No		
		ACTION REQUIRED			
(1)	No to ALL 5 questions	Complete sections 1 and 3 of Attachment One.	Class 1	Deleted: ⊠	
(2)	Yes to ANY question, AND value < \$5million (inc GST)	Complete ALL sections in Attachment One. Monitor the value and re-assess if it may reach \$5m.	Class 2	Deleted: □	
(3)	Yes to ANY question, AND value => \$5million (inc GST)	Complete ALL sections in Attachment One, and the contract is required to be included on the Register.	□ Class 3		

4 Withholding information

If any of the following criteria may apply, discuss your concerns with University Records before lodging this form.

a.	Attachment A of this form (applies to all contracts):						
	i) Is there any information req	⊠ Yes □ No					
	ii) Would any information requ	☐ Yes ⊠ No					
	iii) Would any information requ	☐ Yes ⊠ No					
	iv) Do you have any other con-	⊠ Yes □ No					
		responses, identify the information required and your concerns over tainability, scope and price are highly sensitive	its release:				
).	The Contract (for a class 3 co	The Contract (for a class 3 contracts only)					
	i) Is there any information in t	☐ Yes ☐ No					
	ii) Are there details of any unsuccessful tender in the contract?						
	iii) Would any information in th	☐ Yes ☐ No					
	iv) Do you have any other con-	□ Yes □ No					
	v) If YES to any of the above 4 responses, identify the relevant contract sections and your concerns over their release:						
	ACTION REQUIRED						
(1) No to ALL questions Continue to complete and lodge this form.							
(2) Yes to ANY question Contact University Records to discuss BEFORE lodging to If information is withheld, you will need to complete part 3 University Records can assist.							

⁴ i.e. where the private sector is responsible for supplying & operating physical infrastructure that traditionally would have been provided by UTS.

COMPLETE ATTACHMENT A

ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES

REGISTER OF CONTRACTS ENTRY

Note: Once completed, the following Attachment A will be published on the UTS public website in the university's Register of Contracts.

If you have any concerns about the inclusion of Attachment One of the public Register of Contracts, contact University Records BEFORE you lodge this form.

Contact University Records on extension 1243 or 1245, or via register.of.contracts@uts.edu.au.

UTS Register of Contracts Entry

1. Contract details				
a. Contract class	⊠ Class 1 □ C	lass 2	☐ Class 3	
b. Vital record number	V25/599			
c. Name of contractor	крмд			
d. Business address of contractor	Tower 3, 300 Barangaroo Avenue, Sydney NSW 2000			
e. Details of any related body corporate of the contractor who will be involved in carrying out any of the contractor's obligations	None			
f. Contract effective date	07/08/2024			
g. Duration of contract	4 months estimated			
h. Description Short one-sentence summary including what service or project this relates to.	Review the UTS strategy and ope	erating model		
i. Total value (inc. GST)	i) \$ 386,200			
	ii) 🗆 Actual	⊠ Estimate		
j. Can the amount payable under the	i) 🛛 Yes (continue below)	☐ No (go to	question 1(k))	
contract be varied?	ii) Relevant clause of the contra	ct: NSW Govt	scheme 0005 contract terms	
	iii) Provide details about how am may be varied:		riation based on agreed cope at an agreed cost	
k. Can the contract be renegotiated?	i) Yes (continue below)	⊠ No (go to	question 1(I))	
A new contract of the	ii) Relevant clause of the contra	ct:		
	iii) Provide details about how the contract can be renegotiated:			
I. Did the contract involve a tender?	i) 🛛 Yes (continue below)	☐ No (go to	question 1(m))	
	ii) Specify method of tendering	UTS consu of work. Th	der to 4 participants on the Itant panel for an initial phase is was later varied but could en anticipated at the initial	
	iii) Summarise the criteria agains tenders were assessed: (Indicate if details are attache	Relevant e Capability Project me 2 Price and	xperience and capacity thodology contract criteria of NSW scheme T&Cs	
m. Is the contractor being paid for	i) ☐ Yes (continue below)	⊠ No (go to	section 2)	
providing operational and/or maintenance services?	ii) Relevant clause of the contra	ct		
	iii) Summarise or attach details of for payment: (Indicate if details are attached)	2.5		

2.	Additional details (Class 2 and 3	contracts only	y)	(Skip this section for Class 1 contracts)	
a.	Provide details of future transfers of significant assets to UTS or the State, at zero or nominal cost to UTS or the State, including date of proposed transfer:	Nil			
b.	Provide details of future transfers of significant assets to the contractor, including date of their proposed transfer:	Nil			
c.	Provide the results of any cost- benefit analysis of the contract conducted by UTS: and Provide the components and quantum of the public sector comparator (if used):	Not conducted			
d.	Provide a summary of information used in the contractor's full base case financial model:	Full presentation pack supported by a rate card for resources aligned to grades in NSW scheme			
e.	Provide particulars of how risk, during construction and operational phases of a contract to undertake a specific project, is to be apportioned between the parties: and Quantify, where practical, in net present-value terms and specifying the major assumptions involved.			r marked out for each stage of the project d UTS roles determined in advance.	
f	Provide particulars of any other key elements of the contract.				
3.	Identifying information withheld	from release u	ınder section 32 of the	GIPA Act	
a.	Has any information required on this form been withheld?	□ Yes	⊠ No		
b.	Has any part of the contract been withheld? (Class 3 only)	□ Yes	□ No		
107	Summarise what has been withheld and why. e.g. revealing commercial in confidence provisions, or an overriding public interest against disclosure under the GIPA Act.				



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1 Contacts and contract

a. Staff member lodging form	Name: Sharon Allen Name: Sarah Meaney		
b. Contract manager			
i.e. the staff member who will manage the contract obligations	Faculty/Unit: UPMO		
c. Vital record number for this	Vital record number for this contract ³		
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2 Confirm the reporting threshold

Contract's actual or estimated total cu	⊠ Yes □ No		
	⊠ Yes □ No		
a party agreeing to undertake a spea party agreeing to provide specific	⊠ Yes □ No		
	ACTION REQUIRED	1	
Yes to ALL 3 of the above criteria Reporting is required. Complete and lodge this form.			
No to any of the above criteria	criteria Reporting is NOT required.		
	Contract is between UTS and any part (e.g. with a private company, University in and Contract is for one of the following act - a party agreeing to undertake a spe - a party agreeing to provide specific - a party agreeing to transfer or lease Yes to ALL 3 of the above criteria	Yes to ALL 3 of the above criteria Reporting is required. Complete and lodge this form.	

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3 Identify the contract's "class"

The contract's "Class" will determine how much information is required. Contracts are categorised as Class 1, 2 or 3.

d.	There was no tender, and the proposed contract was not made publicly available and the terms and conditions were negotiated directly with the contractor?				
e.	Was the contract part of a tender proce conditions have been substantially nego	□ Yes	⊠ No		
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	i) Is there any information requ	ested on this form that is commercial-in-confidence?	⊠ Yes	□ No			
	ii) Would any information reque	sted on this form reveal details of any unsuccessful tender?	☐ Yes	⊠ No			
	iii) Would any information requested of this form affect public safety or security?						
	iv) Do you have any other concerns regarding publishing the information requested on this form?						
		responses, identify the information required and your concerns over in confidence; Scope confidential	its release:				
	The Contract (for a class 3 contracts only)						
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ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES

REGISTER OF CONTRACTS ENTRY

Note: Once completed, the following Attachment A will be published on the UTS public website in the university's Register of Contracts.

If you have any concerns about the inclusion of Attachment One of the public Register of Contracts, contact University Records BEFORE you lodge this form.

Contact University Records on extension 1243 or 1245, or via register.of.contracts@uts.edu.au.

UTS Register of Contracts Entry

1.	Contract details				
a.	Contract class	□ Class 1	□ Class 2		☑ Class 3
b.	Vital record number	V25/600			
c.	Name of contractor	KPMG			
d.	Business address of contractor	Tower 3 Barrangaroo Avenue, Sydney NSW 2000			
e.	Details of any related body corporate of the contractor who will be involved in carrying out any of the contractor's obligations	n/a			
f.	Contract effective date	13 January 2025			
g.	Duration of contract	6 months (Jan – June	2025)		
h.	Description Short one-sentence summary including what service or project this relates to.	Design and implmenta	ation support for UT	S Operationa	lly sustainability.
i.	Total value (inc. GST)	i) \$ 4.821M (fixed price contract) + c \$0.2M additional support as mutually agreed [excl GST]			
		ii) 🗆 Actual		⊠ Estimate	3
j.	Can the amount payable under the	i) Yes (continue be	low)	□ No (go to o	question 1(k))
	contract be varied?	ii) Relevant clause o	f the contract:	Clause 5.3	
		iii) Provide details ab may be varied:	out how amount	Mutually agr	reed change in scope or upport.
k.	Can the contract be renegotiated?	i) Yes (continue be	low)	□ No (go to o	question 1(I))
		ii) Relevant clause o	f the contract:	Additional s	upport available / optional
		iii) Provide details ab contract can be re		Mutually agr	reed change in scope or upport.
I.	Did the contract involve a tender?	i) Yes (continue be	low)	⊠ No (go to o	question 1(m))
		ii) Specify method of	tendering		
		iii) Summarise the cri tenders were asse (Indicate if details	essed:		
m.	Is the contractor being paid for providing operational and/or maintenance services?	i)	low)	⊠ No (go to s	section 2)
		ii) Relevant clause o	f the contract		
		iii) Summarise or atta for payment: (Indicate if details			
2.	Additional details (Class 2 and 3	contracts only)		(Skip	this section for Class 1 contracts)
a.	Provide details of future transfers of significant assets to UTS or the State, at zero or nominal cost to UTS or the State, including date of proposed transfer:				

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	proposed transfer:						
c.	Provide the results of any cost- benefit analysis of the contract conducted by UTS: and Provide the components and quantum of the public sector comparator (if used):	Not applicable					
d.	Provide a summary of information used in the contractor's full base case financial model:	Not applicable	Not applicable				
e.	Provide particulars of how risk, during construction and operational phases of a contract to undertake a specific project, is to be apportioned between the parties: and Quantify, where practical, in net present-value terms and specifying the major assumptions involved.	Risk mitigation is a project plan, milestones and deliverable tracker. Clear delineation of KPMG and UTS role.					
f	Provide particulars of any other key elements of the contract.	Contract is executed with NSW Government Scheme 0005 (performance and management services) terms and conditions. These are publicly available via https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.info.buy.nsw.gov.au%2F data%2Fassets%2Fword doc%2F0003%2F589062%2FP-and-MS-Scheme-Rules_July-2024-Updated.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK					
3.	Identifying information withheld	from release u	nder section 32 of the G	IPA Act			
a.	Has any information required on this form been withheld?	□ Yes	⊠ No				
b.	Has any part of the contract been withheld? (Class 3 only)	□ Yes	□ No	□ N/a, not a Class 3 contract			
100	Summarise what has been withheld and why. e.g. revealing commercial in confidence provisions, or an overriding public interest against disclosure under the GIPA Act.		L				

From: Michelle Callen

To: <u>Deborah Naray</u>; <u>Sarah Meaney</u>; <u>Ann-Maree Ashburn</u>

Cc: Bill Paterson

Subject: RE: GIPA and contacts register enquiries - this one from SK

Date: Wednesday, 2 July 2025 10:01:02 AM

Hi Deborah

Looping in Sarah as she is the key contact on this – Sarah, what do we have in terms of the extension – and noting if we were proposing to release it, KPMG would need to agree to it.

As for point 2, again Sarah, happy to be guided by you on what we would release.

Re. the response Ann-Maree is working on a response from the VC's office re the Master spreadsheet, so we can use that to respond to Simon (point one of the final section). As for the other questions, highlighted at the end of Simon's email, perhaps a quick discussion might be easiest as there is a lot of detail there, I'll see if I can find a slot for later this afternoon.

Cheers

Michelle

From: Deborah Naray < Deborah. Naray@uts.edu.au>

Sent: Wednesday, 2 July 2025 9:47 AM

To: Michelle Callen < Michelle.Callen@uts.edu.au> **Cc:** Bill Paterson < William.Paterson@uts.edu.au>

Subject: RE: GIPA and contacts register enquiries - this one from SK

Importance: High

Hi Michelle

I'm working on a response to Simon's email below. I have some questions, happy to chat.

- Extension to current KPMG contract? Given KPMG 2025 contract had an expected end date 30 June, has there been a formal extension/variation (something provided/agreed to between UTS and KPMG).
- 2. Data on the Register of Contracts Register of Contract lodgement forms for the 2 KPMG contracts: Simon is questioning the accuracy of data provided for the 2 KPMG contracts on the Register, although noting the 2024 contract is due to be removed later this week in our next update. In his original response to his application he asked for the Register of Contract lodgement forms for the 2 contracts, I believe I had provided them to you to review but we didn't' settle on doing anything as other GIPA matters overtook us.

Are there any concerns providing these informally with my response? They have little to add to what is already reported. See them in the attached zip file.

3. Dates in the 2025 contract: He is requesting information re the "discrepancy" of the dates again I the KPMG contract, I believe this was also asked for by as was the existence or non-existence for the master spreadsheet. As with I propose they be referred to the VC Office for response.

Thanks, Deborah

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From: Deborah Naray

Sent: Monday, 30 June 2025 9:29 AM

To: Bill Paterson < William. Paterson@uts.edu.au >; Michelle Callen < Michelle. Callen@uts.edu.au >

Subject: FW: GIPA and contacts register enquiries - this one from SK

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Thoughts?

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From: Simon Knight < Simon. Knight@uts.edu.au >

Sent: Monday, 30 June 2025 8:00 AM

To: Deborah Naray < <u>Deborah.Naray@uts.edu.au</u>> **Subject:** GIPA and contacts register enquiries

Dear Deborah

I'm emailing you in your capacity as Head of Corporate Information.

I have become aware of some inconsistencies in information received or published, and wish to raise these concerns with you.

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following questions:

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I remain appreciative of your support in addressing these questions, and mindful of the workload that the operational sustainability has placed on you/the GSU team alongside all UTS staff.

Best

Simon

From: Deborah Naray
To: s.14, cl3(a)(b)

Cc: Michelle Callen: Sarah Meaney: \$.14, cls(a)(b)

Subject: CM: RE: Reporting Addendum of KPMG contract on Register of Contracts

Date: Friday, 4 July 2025 9:15:00 AM

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Thanks case for responding so quickly. I will ensure the name and signature are both redacted.

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From: s.14, cl3(a)(b) kpmg.com.au>

Sent: Friday, 4 July 2025 7:45 AM

To: Deborah Naray < Deborah. Naray @uts.edu.au>

Cc: Michelle Callen < Michelle.Callen@uts.edu.au>; Sarah Meaney < Sarah.Meaney@uts.edu.au>;

kpmg.com.au>; s.14, cl3(a)(b) kpmg.com.au>; s.14, cl3(a)(b)

Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Reporting Addendum of KPMG contract on Register of Contracts

Good morning Deborah,

Thank you for your email. We confirm KPMG is comfortable to release of the document as you have indicated below, provided you redact both (13(a)(b)) name and signature. I think in the version attached the proposed redaction only captured the signature and not (13(a)(b)) name underneath so if you can please amend this that would be great.

Thank you, and please let me know if you have any questions.



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From: Deborah Naray < Deborah. Naray@uts.edu.au >

Sent: Wednesday, 2 July 2025 5:13 PM

To: s.14, cl3(a)(b) kpmg.com.au>; s.14, cl3(a)(b) kpmg.com.au>
Cc: Michelle Callen < Michelle.Callen@uts.edu.au>; Sarah Meaney < Sarah.Meaney@uts.edu.au>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reporting Addendum of KPMG contract on Register of Contracts

Importance: High

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Hi^{s.14, cl3(a)(b)}

Michelle asked me to reach out to you.

As you will know, UTS and KPMG just entered into an addendum to extend the KPMG contract for the operational sustainability initiative (OSI) project (13/1/2025-30/6/2025). The extension will take the contract to 31/8/2025.

We were required to report the original contract on our Register of Contracts under the Government Information (Public Access) Act (the GIPA Act), including the contract itself. We consulted KPMG previously on reporting the original contract that was executed in March. KPMG asked for some specific detail on fees to be withheld, and names and contact detail of KPMG staff, but were OK for the other information to be released, including the expected total value.

Currently a redacted version of the contract is on our public <u>Register of Contracts</u>. Here is a link to the existing contract so you can see what was withheld and released based on our previous consultation: <u>v25-600-redacted.pdf</u>.

We need to update the Register of Contract entry to reflect the extended contract duration and cost, and update the contract PDF accordingly by adding the new addendum.

Response required: Can you please advise if KPMG have any concern over the release of

any of the content in the attached Addendum on our Register of Contracts please? I've proposed redactions based on the feedback on our last consultation, being KPMG names and signature. Although the addendum include a weekly estimated cost it doesn't include specific fee breakdowns so given KPMG hadn't objected to the overall cost being disclosed I haven't marked that up for redact.

We will be updating the Register by the end of this week so if we can get a response that soon that would be great, otherwise as soon as you can (we can put a placeholder note for any update to the actual redacted contract pending your response if required).

Happy to discuss if needed.

Deborah

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From: Ann-Maree Ashburn

To: Jennifer Turner; Deborah Naray

Cc: Sarah Meaney

Subject: RE: Response to SK on latest email re register of contracts

Date: Friday, 4 July 2025 2:00:51 PM

Attachments: RE EXTERNAL Informal requests under GIPA.msq

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Jennifer, are you able to look at response I sent re master spreadsheet (email attached)

Deborah what do we need to say re the KPMG 2025 contract date – is it something along the lines of formal execution and when planning etc might have commenced?

From: Michelle Callen < Michelle. Callen@uts.edu.au>

Sent: Wednesday, 2 July 2025 8:15 PM

To: Deborah Naray < Deborah. Naray@uts.edu.au>; Bill Paterson < William. Paterson@uts.edu.au>

Cc: Ann-Maree Ashburn < AnnMaree. Ashburn@uts.edu.au>; Sarah Meaney

<Sarah.Meaney@uts.edu.au>; Mark Lillis < Mark.Lillis@uts.edu.au>
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Thanks Deb

Ann-Maree I know the response is hand, grateful if you could also have a crack at the contract issue, essentially work was continuing while it was being finalised, happy to have quick chat tomorrow if helpful.

Once the VC offices responses have been drafted please run them by Andrew and Sam can then handle despatching them. I've CC'ed in Mark as well, welcome Mark – we can discuss further tomorrow.

Cheers

Michelle

From: Deborah Naray < Deborah. Naray@uts.edu.au>

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To: Bill Paterson < William. Paterson@uts.edu.au>

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Hi Bill

Internet is back on now. I've updated the following based on the meeting just now. draft response email 30june.docx

Please advise if OK to send.

Noting we will refer to VC office for response to both Simon and re the master spreadsheet question and the KPMG 2025 contract date issue.

Deborah

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From: Deborah Naray

Sent: Tuesday, 1 July 2025 2:45 PM

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Subject: Response to SK

Bill

Running this past you. I'm following up on a few elements with Michelle.

draft response email 30june.docx

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From: Ann-Maree Ashburn
To: Jennifer Turner

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Informal requests under GIPA

Date: Tuesday, 1 July 2025 12:33:00 PM

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Hi Jen – Michelle C has requested we develop a response for VCO to send to someone who has requested through informal GIP process regarding master excel spreadsheet that was prat of KPMG scope of work ...below in yellow highlight is the question asked

Proposed response in blue is below for your input please ..particularly response to query as to why providing such a list and validating it was shown as completed as part of a stage gate deliverable..thanks

No such spreadsheet has been provided to KPMG and no staff have been individually identified in the academic workforce work.

Research productivity is being considered using Fields of Research data, in aggregate, as we consider the impact of any change on our research activities and their impact. This analysis has been undertaken alongside the courses and subject evaluations and Field of Education context. The analysis showed that when considering research productivity, course viability or subject viability the same insights were gained pertaining to where there was the potential to remove the required workload. Hence, the three considerations aid us in ensuring that an appropriate amount of work will be removed in accordance with the FTE reductions being sought.

In addition, I would appreciate clarification regarding one matter from your recent email. In your reply regarding my earlier request about the Master Excel spreadsheet listing proposed Level C to Level E, SSS, and SSG academic staff not meeting research expectations (referenced in my email of 27 May), you indicated that "this master spreadsheet did not eventuate and was no longer required as an output of the OSI program."

However, I note that this spreadsheet was included in the contract disclosed here:

https://www.uts.edu.au/about/leadership-governance/governance/right-to-information/publicly-available-uts-information/disclosure-log/contentassets/gsu-utsdisclosure-gipa-2025-04.pdf — see Document 3, under Deliverable 2.

As this contract was signed by the Vice-Chancellor on 12 March 2025, could you please clarify why this deliverable was included in the executed contract if the spreadsheet was not required or produced?

Further, I note that according to the documents released in response to the GIPA request, the RP&I program was delivered to UTS on 12 December 2024. Specifically, Activity 1.1 (Validate diagnostic analysis) was shown as completed at that point, and this activity explicitly includes a "stage gate" for final approval of the list of Level C to Level E, SSS, and SSG staff not meeting research expectations (as documented in the program milestone materials). This appears to directly contradict the recent advice that such a list "did not eventuate."

From: Michelle Callen < Michelle. Callen@uts.edu.au>

Sent: Tuesday, 1 July 2025 10:36 AM

To: Ann-Maree Ashburn <AnnMaree.Ashburn@uts.edu.au> **Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Informal requests under GIPA

Morning

Just following up on this – are you able to work with Jen to draft something that can go back to There are more comms coming in, so keen to close the loop on this one as more are coming!

Cheers

Michelle



From: Deborah Naray

To: <u>Ann-Maree Ashburn</u>; <u>Jennifer Turner</u>

Cc: Sarah Meaney

Subject: RE: Response to SK on latest email re register of contracts

Date: Friday, 4 July 2025 2:25:00 PM

Attachments: <u>image001.png</u>

Hi Ann-Maree

KPMG 2025 contract date questions may be a question for Sarah now Michelle out of scope. I understand from what I was verbally told, that the project team agreed informally to keep working on the program in the knowledge the contract for 2025 was being finalised, so although it wasn't executed and signed until March, it formally commenced in January. Sarah should confirm her understanding of this. There was no extension document or letter otherwise to my knowledge, only an internal exemption approval to progress the new contract. That wasn't in scope of the GIPAs to date.

Separately, the 2025 KPMG contract has been extended (approval letter was dated 17th June I think). It will extend from 1/7/2025-31/8/2025. We have just updated the Register of contracts accordingly, including with the extension document (following consultation with KPMG). Just pending the Web team to publish. I'll advise once the Register of Contract updates are published.

Deborah

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From: Ann-Maree Ashburn < AnnMaree. Ashburn@uts.edu.au>

Sent: Friday, 4 July 2025 2:01 PM

To: Jennifer Turner < Jennifer. Turner-1@uts.edu.au>; Deborah Naray

<Deborah.Naray@uts.edu.au>

Cc: Sarah Meaney <Sarah.Meaney@uts.edu.au>

Subject: RE: Response to SK on latest email re register of contracts

Jennifer, are you able to look at response I sent re master spreadsheet (email attached)

Deborah what do we need to say re the KPMG 2025 contract date – is it something along the lines of formal execution and when planning etc might have commenced?

From: Michelle Callen < <u>Michelle.Callen@uts.edu.au</u>>

Sent: Wednesday, 2 July 2025 8:15 PM

To: Deborah Naray < Deborah. Naray@uts.edu.au >; Bill Paterson < William. Paterson@uts.edu.au >

Cc: Ann-Maree Ashburn < AnnMaree Ashburn@uts.edu.au >; Sarah Meaney

<<u>Sarah.Meaney@uts.edu.au</u>>; <u>Mark Lillis < Mark.Lillis@uts.edu.au</u>>

Subject: RE: Response to SK on latest email re register of contracts

Thanks Deb

Ann-Maree I know the response is hand, grateful if you could also have a crack at the contract issue, essentially work was continuing while it was being finalised, happy to have quick chat tomorrow if helpful.

Once the VC offices responses have been drafted please run them by Andrew and Sam can then handle despatching them. I've CC'ed in Mark as well, welcome Mark – we can discuss further tomorrow.

Cheers

Michelle

From: Deborah Naray < Deborah. Naray@uts.edu.au>

Sent: Wednesday, 2 July 2025 3:50 PM

To: Bill Paterson < William. Paterson@uts.edu.au>

Cc: Ann-Maree Ashburn <<u>AnnMaree.Ashburn@uts.edu.au</u>>; Sarah Meaney <<u>Sarah.Meaney@uts.edu.au</u>>; Michelle Callen <<u>Michelle.Callen@uts.edu.au</u>>

Subject: RE: Response to SK on latest email re register of contracts

Hi Bill

Internet is back on now. I've updated the following based on the meeting just now. draft response email 30june.docx

Please advise if OK to send.

Noting we will refer to VC office for response to both Simon and re the master spreadsheet question and the KPMG 2025 contract date issue.

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From: Deborah Naray

Sent: Tuesday, 1 July 2025 2:45 PM

To: Bill Paterson < William. Paterson@uts.edu.au>

Subject: Response to SK

Bill

Running this past you. I'm following up on a few elements with Michelle.

draft response email 30june.docx

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From: Deborah Naray

Sent: Monday, 30 June 2025 9:29 AM

To: Bill Paterson < William. Paterson@uts.edu.au>; Michelle Callen < Michelle. Callen@uts.edu.au>

Subject: FW: GIPA and contacts register enquiries - this one from SK

Hi Bill and Michelle

I received this early this morning. [514,613(b)] had cc'd her last email to UTS NTEU email re her questions on the KPMG contract and master spreadsheet, as well as questions re the completeness of the Register of Contracts. Simon has now asked further questions of UTS.

Although myself and Bill can likely respond to the specific Register questions (similar to those provided to 5.14.6.3(b) re completeness and timing and work being done to address this), we should not be responding to the questions re the contract details themselves, dates of signing, and outputs such as this master spreadsheet everyone seems to want. Again, similar to 14,d,3(b) s last set of questions, these should be referred to VC Office.

Thoughts?

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From: Simon Knight < Simon. Knight@uts.edu.au >

Sent: Monday, 30 June 2025 8:00 AM

To: Deborah Naray < <u>Deborah.Naray@uts.edu.au</u>> **Subject:** GIPA and contacts register enquiries

Dear Deborah

I'm emailing you in your capacity as Head of Corporate Information.

I have become aware of some inconsistencies in information received or published, and wish to raise these concerns with you.

My concerns relate to Division 5 (Sections 27-35) of the GIPA Act which sets out that:

- 1. Contracts must be entered into the contracts register within 45 days from their effective date (Section 27.(2))
- 2. If a class 2 contract has (or is likely to have) a value of \$5 million or more (a class 3 contract), the register must include a copy of the class 3 contract. (Section 31)
- 3. Section 30.(2) sets out that a Class 2 (and by extension, 3) contract must be entered in the contracts register with: (c) the results of any cost-benefit analysis of the contract conducted by the agency; (d) the components and quantum of the public sector comparator if used; (e) if relevant, a summary of information used in the contractor's full base case financial model (for example, the pricing formula for tolls or usage charges).
- 4. Section 31 indicates that material variations to contracts must be published.

These concerns relate to the following particulars:

- 1. The GIPA request listed in the disclosure log as GIPA2025/04. GIPA2025/04 began 21/03/2025, and was decided 9/5/2025 (with an agreed extension).
- 2. As part of that request, all contracts relating to Operational Sustainability were requested.
- 3. Information disclosed included a contract with KPMG. That contract made reference to work *already completed* that included delivery and sign off on a Master spreadsheet of academics B-E and in senior staff groups who were 'underperforming' on research. For the purposes of the Act, this disclosure is the reviewable decision.
- 4. The KPMG effective contract dates are: 13/01/2025, and 7/08/2024.

My concerns are as follows:

1. As you will know, the NTEU Branch has since been copied in on correspondence, dated June 19th, from mail.com. In that correspondence, the Master Spreadsheet is mentioned. I do not know who the individual is, and I do

not have access to the chain of correspondence and thus detail regarding the request. I am concerned that in this correspondence, you say, "I can advise however, that this master spreadsheet did not eventuate and was no longer required as an output of the OSI program." The individual notes:

"As this contract was signed by the Vice-Chancellor on 12 March 2025, could you please clarify why this deliverable was included in the executed contract if the spreadsheet was not required or produced? Further, I note that according to the documents released in response to the GIPA request, the RP&I program was delivered to UTS on 12 December 2024. Specifically, Activity 1.1 (Validate diagnostic analysis) was shown as completed at that point, and this activity explicitly includes a "stage gate" for final approval of the list of Level C to Level E, SSS, and SSG staff not meeting research expectations (as documented in the program milestone materials). This appears to directly contradict the recent advice that such a list "did not eventuate." Could you please clarify this apparent inconsistency?"

I am in agreement with the individual, and am particularly surprised given our correspondence regarding the same spreadsheet.

- 2. Regarding the specifics of the KPMG contract:
 - a. 45 working days from the effective date of January 13th is March 18th 2025. The KPMG contract was not entered into the Contracts Register until some time after the GIPA decision (i.e., May 9th).
 - b. The KPMG contract effective in August 2024 should have been treated as a Class 3 contract, given it would have been apparent that this contract was "likely to have" a value of \$5 million or more (i.e., to be a class 3 contract).
 - c. The Contracts Register and contract do not provide adequate information with respect to Section 30.(2) of the GIPA Act, for Class 2 or 3 contracts. Specifically, we would expect:
 - i. A cost-benefit analysis of the contract
 - ii. Information regarding, "the Public Sector Comparator", i.e., what it would have cost for the agency to pay for and deliver a service by itself, compared to the cost of KPMG.
 - iii. Information regarding the contractor's financial model (noting that this is omitted in the contract released under GIPA)
 - iv. Information regarding material changes to the contract, such as changes to major milestone reports.
- 3. We are also aware that other contracts are in effect for work related to Operational Sustainability (indeed, the Vice-Chancellor has referred to some of these, including a contract relating to psychosocial risk assessment, from some time ago). I am further concerned that these contracts do not appear in the Contracts Register (noting that 45 working days prior is, I believe, Wednesday, 23 April 2025).

In addition to any information you can offer/direct me to regarding concerns with information under the contracts register, I would appreciate responses to the following questions:

- 1. Could you please confirm or elaborate on what "did not eventuate", i.e., is there, or was there ever, a Master spreadsheet of this nature produced by or in partnership with KPMG?
- 2. Could you please indicate whether there are other material variations in the KPMG contract, noting that a part of that contract was (and perhaps remains) uncosted, and those eventual costs represent a material variation?
- 3. Can you confirm whether any contracts relating to Operational Sustainability have been excluded from the Contracts Register on the grounds that "there is an overriding public interest against disclosure", or under any other considerations?
- 4. Can you confirm that the Contracts Register reflects all contracts related to Operational Sustainability? (or, those up to a date no earlier than April 23rd).
- 5. Can you provide any information regarding how the KPMG contract with an effective date of January 13th was executed when the Vice Chancellor appears to have signed this contract on March 12th?

I remain appreciative of your support in addressing these questions, and mindful of
the workload that the operational sustainability has placed on you/the GSU team
alongside all UTS staff.

Best

Simon

From: <u>Deborah Naray</u>

To: <u>Hugh Stowe</u>; <u>Andrew Mullen</u>

Subject: RE: Approved extension of time GIPA2025/04 internal review

Date: Monday, 7 July 2025 3:42:00 PM

Attachments: UTS Annual Report 2024 volume one consultants.pdf

Thanks, Hugh, see most of the responses in red to get you started.

I need to review more closely the Request 12nd point and will hopefully get back by 10am.

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From: Hugh Stowe <hugh.stowe@5wentworth.com>

Sent: Monday, 7 July 2025 3:11 PM

To: Andrew Mullen <Andrew.Mullen@uts.edu.au> **Cc:** Deborah Naray <Deborah.Naray@uts.edu.au>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Approved extension of time GIPA2025/04 internal review

Dear Andrew and Deborah

I refer to the document titled "Scope of Internal Review from Simon Knight", which contains a schedule of the issues raised on the application for Internal Review ("Schedule")

To facilitate the completion of the review, I would be grateful if you could arrange for the provision of the following responses

The reference to "request" number is by reference to the numbered request on the Schedule

Request 1

- 1. In the right hand "Comment" column, it is stated that "Follow up and checking with the Business". As to this:
 - a. Has the follow-up and checking been completed? YES there were no additional contractual document held by UTs at the time of the application refer to their response in the evidence "20250604_MC-DN_KPMG contracts". Re the dates, Simon and another separate party have questioned the dates and will be responded to separately by the VC Office. A question around the alleged discrepancy of the start date for the 2025 contract (doc 3) being 13/1/2025 and its signing being in March, isn't relevant to the GIPA processing as it's a question about the content that was released.
 - b. Does the comment remain an accurate summary of the result of those follow-

- ups and checkings? YES
- c. Who made the inquiries? Deborah Naray, inquired from the VC Office (see evidence "20250604_MC-DN_KPMG contracts")
- d. To whom were the inquiries made? Michelle Callen, Chief of Staff, VC Office (see evidence "20250604_MC-DN_KPMG contracts")
- e. In the email dated 4 June 2025, in the section numbered 2, in subparagraph (a) it is stated that "MC mentioned there were variations to the 2024 contract... Those documents should have been included in the application". Were the variations to the 2024 contract included in the materials disclosed? There were no contract variations documents of letters found. There was an internal decision for UTS only, no contract or formal variation document with KPMG (see evidence "20250604_MC-DN_KPMG contracts"). I was advised the UTs and KPMG staff worked together at the time and simply kept working. The 2024 contract end date is "estimate" only within the document. That's all I know. I can chase up tomorrow if further is required.
- 2. In relation to paragraph 3 of the "Review Comment" relating to the identity of consultants:
 - a. I refer to the email dated 5 June 2025 at 1.05pm (Behind Tab 5 of the brief):
 - i. The opening paragraph refers to the Operating Model Program in 2024. What is the nature of purpose of that document? Why (if at all) is it relevant to the definition of "consultants"? Please provide a copy
 - ii. The second paragraph says "I believe the email was referring to the Scheme 5.....". What is the email referred to? Please provide a copy
 - iii. What is nature and purpose of the "Scheme 5 Performance And Management Services Scheme"? Please provide a copy.
 - iv. There is a reference to Mozaic Management Consultants. Do they have anything to do with the UTS Operational Sustainability Program ("Sustainability Program")_? If so, please explain what role, and why no documents produced
 - v. There is a reference to Sandham. In the Schedule (in the Comment to Request 1) it is stated that "the individual was engaged as part of a separate recruitment process but just happens to also be part of this firm". Please explain what is meant by the expression "but just happens to be part of this firm".
 - vi. What is the nature and purpose of "Scheme 20 The ICT Service Scheme"? Please provide a copy. Does it have anything to do with the Sustainability Program? If so, please explain
 - vii. What are "ICT goods and services"
 - viii. What is the nature and purpose of the "Scheme 7 Contingent

Workforce Prequalification Scheme". Please provide a copy

- ix. Are each of HCM and Hayes recruitment organisations? Were they engaged to find temps/contractors?
- x. Were the persons referred to as being engaged from HCM and Hayes, engaged as temps/contractors in the Sustainability Program?
- xi. Speaking generally, how did the role of the "temps/contractors" differ from the role of the KPMG consultants?
- xii. The email presupposes that there is a mutually exclusive dichotomy between "consultants" (on the one hand) and "temps/contractors" employed through HCM and Hayes" (on the other hand). What is the basis for that presupposition? Does it derive from the protocols and "Schemes" of UTS, or is that simply an assumption based on a view as to the ordinary meaning of the word "consultant" (or the specialised meaning of "consultant" in projects such as the Sustainability Program? Please identify the facts and circumstances which UTS contends supports the distinction between "consultants" and "temps/contractors" in the context of the Sustainability Program
- b. I refer to the email of 4 June 2025 at 9.57am, which refers to the fact that "other parties" were "listed against the OSI in the annual report". As to this:
 - i. Please provide a copy of the Annual Report; The annual report is on our website at (<u>UTS Annual Report 2024 volume one.pdf</u>), and I've copied the relevant pages and attached them. This lists a range of consultants and contractors, as single line items for a range of different activities. They are not all consultancies. They are not all involved in the operational sustainability program.
 - ii. Who were the "other parties"? I believe you are referred to the application scope, Simon had requested under a number of requests in his application ""KPMG or other third party consultancy regarding operational sustainability....,". We found KPMG were the only consultancy involved. In his appeal, he has claimed others were involved, based on the annual report, however they were not consultancies so were not deemed in scope. The other parties he referred to in his internal review appeal, that he claims were involved, where Hayes Specialist Recruitment, HCM Australia, and Sandham Consulting. These 3 were not consultancies (despite Sandham having consulting in the name), they were all used to bring in additional workers, and were not providing consultancy services to Tus for the OSI program. This is responded to in Sarah Meaney's email to me 6th June (see evidence 20250606_btwMC-DN-SM_consultants)

iii. Is it UTS's position that the "other parties" were "temps/contractors" from HCM and Hayes, and that they were engaged in the Sustainability Program, but they were *not* properly characterised as "consultants"? Yes, as per previous response.

Request 2

3. Am I correct in assuming that UTS position in relation to Request 2 is that there are no further documents to produce in relation to communications involving KPMG about that subject matter; and that UTS is working on the assumption that there are no "other third party consultants" and therefore there are logically no communications involving "other third party consultants"? If not, please clarify the position Yes that is correct.

Request 3

- 1. Am I correct in assuming that UTS's position is that it is not contested that the Master Spreadsheet" would be subject to disclosure (if it existed), but the simple fact is that the document does not exist? Yes that is correct. Simon claims it should have been provided as part of his requests for "reports from KPMG". Evidence in "EXTRACT from status report 2May2025" clearly states that KPMG will not be developing this spreadsheet. Therefore, the spreadsheet was Not a report to UTS from KPMG. Separately, we have been advised that the spreadsheet was not produced.
- 2. There is reference to "follow up". From whom, and to whom, was the follow-up?

 This was questioned with Michelle Callen and Sarah Meaney. Sarah had advised that the spreadsheet was not produced, and had also provided the extract from the status report as evidence that KPMG were no longer required to provide it.
- 3. There is a "Separate Note" at the end of the "Comment". Could you please clarify what is meant by the statement that document 17 "is also relevant here to request 3"? Is it simply that document 17 also falls within the scope of Request 3? Yes the latter. We listed Doc 17 as part of request 8 (assessment of research productivity), but it was identified as also being a report from KPMG. This is more for clarity.

Request 5, 7-10

4. Am I correct in assuming that UTS's position here is that there are no documents which fall into the categories with respect to KPMG, but UTS has not made any assessment of these categories on the assumption that "third party consultants" include the "temps/contractors" engaged through HCM and Hayes? I think so? You response is a little vague. Basically, we have only searched and provided information relevant to KPMG. If those other third parties are not deemed to be consultancies and providing consultancy services to UTS, no action is required. This will depend on the previous question over the status of those parties.

Depending on the nature of these responses, I can complete the Internal Review by 5pm tomorrow, if I receive these responses by 10am tomorrow. If I don't receive the responses by 10am tomorrow, I think it safe to say that I will need 2 days from the time of receipt, to

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Consultants

The university paid \$44.14 million for external consulting services in 2024, of which \$12.84 million was for capital works. A total of \$9.36 million was paid for consultancies consisting individually of less than \$50,000.

Consultants were contracted by the university in support of the execution and delivery of strategic and operational projects including capital building and information technology programs of work and supporting the university's teaching and research activities.

Payments in excess of \$50,000 totalled \$34.77 million and are listed below.

Building works

Company	Category	Project	\$
H20 Architects Pty Ltd	Architect/design	CB15 Decant project, UTS College relocation project, Adavanced Prototype Packing Facility project	931,865.00
HDR Pty Limited	Architect/design	Campus Master Plan	579,268.00
Jones Lang Lasalle (Nsw) Pty Limited	Commercial real estate agent	UTS National First Nations College, CB01ITU Refurbishment Project-Workplace Strategy and Change Management	384,627.50
Tranzformd Pty Ltd	Contractor	Operations Division Office - Workforce Management & Planning	358,539.50
CCG Architects Pty Ltd	Structural engineer	UTS DAB - Good Line access improvement project, CB01.19 Flexible Workspace	302,361.80
Burtenshaw Scoufis Architecture Pty Ltd	Architect/design	FEIT Tech Lab - Block D fit out, Yura Mudang carpet replacement, CB01L7 & 8 Podium/Balcony areas remedial waterproofing works	277,973.00
RPS AAP Consulting Pty Ltd	Architect/design	CB15 Decant project, UTS College relocation project, Goods Line South/Building 6 access improvement	224,479.75
Marsh Pty Ltd	Insurance broker	Insurance broker and risk management solutions, Valuation fee - Land & buildings	222,884.07
The Trustee For BGE Unit Trust	Energy/BMS consultant	Building optimisation, NSW Energy Savings Certificate accreditation	162,826.69
Johnson Controls Australia Pty Limited	BMS/HVAC consultant	CB04 & CB10 miscellaneous HVAC controls replacement, Campus EMS upgrade project	156,811.03
Turf Design Studio Pty Ltd	Landscape architect	Campus Domains Landscape Architecture, Goods Line South / Building 6	155,348.00
Warren and Mahoney Living Australia Pty Limited	Architect/design	UTS National First Nations College -Briefing Refinement inc Design Workshops and Studies	139,450.97
DJMT Pty Limited & The Trustee for Ajaycee Trust & Wish Estates Pty Limited T/A Cook Wish Ellison	Commercial real estate agent	Leasing agents fee - for Create NSW, B5B L5 CAPA	131,981.33
Arup Australia Pty Ltd	Engineers	CB03 remedial works, CB01 Façade replacement - Level 3&4, CB01 Façade spalling – priority remediation work	127,720.80
Foran Design Pty Ltd	Architect/design	CB11.06.101 TO 103 Cyber Security Teaching labs, FEIT Control Lab CB11.11.300, CB11.B1.203-204 MME Manufacturing Workshop	113,090.00
NDY Management Pty Ltd T/A Norman Disney & Young	Electrical engineer	City Campus Electrification Strategy Report	104,300.00
Kinrite Building Services Pty Ltd	Project management consultant	CB05 - All Blocks - Remediation works for roofs & hazardous materials removal, CB10 - Replacement of fire indicator panel, CB01 façade spalling - priority remediation work	94,600.00
Hoslab Services Pty Ltd	Gas reticulation consultant	CB04 - Gas Sensor Upgrade Works	90,529.50
All Aces Clean Pty Ltd	Cleaning and restoration consultant	CB05 - All Blocks - Hazardous materials investigations & remediation works	75,330.10

Company	Category	Project	\$
DJRD Unit Trust	Architect/design	CB01 Façade replacement - Levels 3 & 4	60,560.00
Wilde & Woollard Pacific Pty Limited T/A Wilde and Woollard Pacific Pty Ltd	Quantity surveyor	CB15 Decant, UTS College relocation project, Advanced Prototype Packaging Facility(APPF)	60,400.00
RLK Oceania Pty Ltd	Electrical engineer	CB02 Replacement of UPS Batteries	59,650.00
Donald Cant Watts Corke (Nsw) Pty Ltd	Quantity surveyor	Advanced Prototype Packaging Facility - CB04A Cleanroom facilities	55,884.00
Buildings Alive Pty Ltd	Engery/BMS consultant	Electricity demand management & Central plant optimisation - UTS Buildings BMS & EMS points audit	51,874.00

Consulting

Company	Category	Project	\$
Deloitte Risk Advisory Pty Limited	Business consulting	Agreed hours remediation - Project Staff Cost, HR Transformation - Planning and Select Modern HR Platform (ERP), Identity Governance and Administration (IGA) project	3,715,503.29
KPMG	Business consulting	Operational Sustainability, Optimisation of CASS, Maintain and Enhance Cybersecurity Posture	2,075,449.20
The Trustee for The Thriving Trust T/A Beyond Excellence	Business consulting	Facilitating executive leadership and team development forums	762,000.00
UTS Research And Innovation Institute (Shenzhen) Co Ltd	Business consulting	UTS Shenzhen Intercompany Service Fee	342,847.61
Minter Ellison T/A Minter Ellison Lawyers	Legal consultant	Legal advise for agreed hours remediation - Project Staff Cost	281,601.35
N.J Abrahams & Others T/A Norton Rose Fulbright	Legal consultant	UTS National First Nations College - Legal advice for electricity procurement	240,437.55
S.W Cameron & B.C Chau & D.B Fischl & P Hendriks & R.R Irvine & C.I Leaver & N Marhaba & N.D Tancred & Q.K Wong T/A Hicksons	Legal consultant	HR Transformation - Planning and Select Modern HR Platform - ERP Program	222,846.88
Cloudrock Asia Pacific Pty Ltd	Business consulting	ERP Program Director	221,921.87
Era Co Pty Ltd	Placemaking consultant	UTS Campus Masterplan 2040 Strategy -Future Needs Analysis addendum, UTS Creative Industries Project Space Needs Analysis	216,770.00
Endpoint IQ Pty Ltd	Business consulting	Data Sharing Architecture Strategy and high-level roadmap	207,350.00
Peter Berry Consultancy Pty Ltd	Executive coaching/ assessment	Executive Coaching for UTS Business Futures course participants coaching, along with Hogan assessments	178,440.00
Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu	Business consulting	UTS National First Nations College	173,786.88
The Trustee for Policy Insights Trust	Public policy consultant	IPPG public policy and organisational strategy project - Neighbourhood Facilities Portfolio Review	160,940.00
De Luxe & Associates Pty Limited	Website marketing consultant	DAB - Creative Industries Visualisation Project, Transform UTS online presence	151,050.00
AWS Consulting	Business consulting	In Country Liaison - Europe	148,239.53
Parthipan S/O Poospernathan	Business consulting	In Country Liaison - Singapore	130,957.08
ABM Technologies Australia Pty Ltd	Business consulting	Build of Activity-Based Models (cost allocation) Model to replace current excel model	130,000.00
O'Connor Marsden & Associates Pty Limited	Probity audit services	UTS National First Nations College, HR Transformation - Planning and Select Modern HR Platform (ERP program)	127,387.75
Patternmakers Pty Ltd	Business consulting	Market Research for UTS Creative Industries	124,938.00
Punika Jaiswal	Business consulting	In Country Liaison - India	110,928.25
Shibashis Sengupta	Business consulting	In Country Liaison - India	109,186.56
Fixinc Consulting Partners	Business consulting	Business Continuity Management Program	108,270.00
Nguyen Nhut Hung (Hugo)	Business consulting	In Country Liaison - Vietnam	105,459.68

Company	Category	Project	\$
Goodnews Strategy & Communications Pty Ltd	Business consulting	FEIT - Project management and proofreading for various projects and research grant applications	100,200.00
Hays Specialist Recruitment (Australia) Pty Limited	Business consulting	Contractor for Operational Sustainability	98,294.17
Vesna Event Crafters Pvt.ltd	Business consulting	In Country Liaison - India	95,446.34
Ruth John	Business consulting	In country Liason - Africa	84,304.90
Picnic Customer Intelligence Pty Ltd	Market researcher	Postgraduate segmentation	84,000.00
Pricewaterhousecoopers	Business consulting	Maintain and Enhance Cybersecurity Posture Project	83,428.00
Saptarshi Roy	Business consulting	International Business Development - Offshore Expansion India	82,050.00
Utopia Digital Group Pty Ltd	Business consulting	Create virtual representation of a physical system (Digital Twins) for FEIT microcredential courses e.g. Building Information Modelling (BIM) course, Digital Engineering for Design Managers	81,999.98
Pham Huong Tra	Business consulting	In Country Liaison - Vietnam	79,941.68
Siska Yaputra	Business consulting	In Country Liaison - Indonesia	77,808.72
Unconscious Potential Pty Ltd	Coaching	ISF transformation project -CSI Renewal Capability Project Support, DAB & UTS Health Academic Supervisor Program	76,774.00
Ann Toh Lai Yin	Business consulting	In Country Liaison - South East Asia(Malaysia), International Business Development- Offshore Expansion	76,399.92
Azra Barodawala	Business consulting	In Country Liaison - South Asia Country Liaison (Nepal)	67,240.06
Hifsa Mukhtar	Business consulting	International Business Development - Offshore Expansion - Pakistan	64,294.00
GJW Enterprises Pty. Ltd.	Business consulting	Facilitation & Partnerships - Application Writing Services - ARC Centres of Excellence Grant	60,000.00
DT Gilbert & S Nickless & WR Spain	Legal consultant	Al Safety Standard - NAIC / UTS Human Technology Institute project, UTS Rowing Club Endowment Fund	59,362.00
Moody's Investors Service Pty Limited	Investment consulting	Management fee - credit ratings	58,142.20
HCM Australia Pty Ltd	Business consulting	Consultant for Operational Sustainability	58,102.89
Neva Danielle Collings	Legal consultant	Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property Stage 2 Guidelines	57,600.00
Bobi Bestari	Business consulting	International Business Development - Offshore Expansion Indonesia	52,007.48
Serendis Pty Ltd	Coaching	Research Professional Development Schemes - Mentoring Program 2024	51,800.00
Growth Mantra Pty Ltd	Business consulting	Creative Industries Strategic Lead - develop a Creative Industries Strategy	50,000.00

Research

Company	Category	Project	\$
Creative Activation Pty Ltd	Research	ISF external research project - Uber Eats order sprints	403,822.00
Design & Industry Pty Ltd	Research	FEIT external research project - Miniature Physiological Sensors with Integrated Brain Signal Decoders for Brain-Robot Interaction	345,569.07
The University of Wollongong T/A University Of Wollongong	Research	Eastern Australia Regional University Centre Partnership Consortium, FASS externl research project-PNG Pilot: FFA Indicator framework to monitor contributions to sustainable development for Pacific Tuna Industries	308,503.78
Clothing Stewardship Australia Limited	Research	ISF external research project - Product Stewardship - National Clothing Product Stewardship Scheme	286,256.79
Lembaga Teknologi Ftui	Research	ISF external research project- Lifecycle costs for rural piped schemes	283,439.36
Uber Pacific Pty Ltd	Research	ISF external research project - Uber Eats order sprints	223,380.66
Center For Regulation Policy And Governance	Research	ISF external research project - Lifecycle costs for rural piped schemes, Future proofing a basic social service: climate-resilient community-based rural water supply	174,164.30
University of New South Wales	Research	Various research projects e.g Australia-EU Hydrogen Climate Dialogue, Achieving Circularity: Development of a sustainable and viable model to reuse hospital waste, 3D Printed Self-Deployable Antenna Arrays for CubeSat Applications	171,387.05
Universitas of Indonesia	Research	ISF external research projects - Indonesia sanitation emissions, KONEKSI Future proofing a basic social service: climate-resilient community-based rural water supply, Groundwater and Climate Resilient WASH - Indonesia	169,211.21
Australian Genome Research Facility Limited	Research	Faculty of Science research projects e.g The infectome of NSW dairy calves, a genomic microbial surveillance, Understanding the origins and molecular epidemiology of Bluetongue virus serotypes in NSW	165,616.00
Kwan, Ka Shun T/A Ka Shun Kwan	Research	FEIT external research project- Revolutionising Mineral Separation using Additive Manufacturing	147,474.78
Deloitte Consulting Pty Limited	Research	"Australian Ocean Energy Group - Fisheries Research & Development Corporation Microgrids in the Aquaculture Industry"	136,709.67
Zhao, Ming T/A Ming Zhao	Research	FEIT exetrnal research project- Hyperspectral imaging and Artificial Intelligence-driven diary food and plastic waste provenance, Blockchain-based Melanoma data management	125,990.00
Pureprofile Pty Limited	Research	CHERE external research projects - Measuring and valuing changes in child health to facilitate robust decision making, Equitable funding for health care: integrating social outcomes	120,756.40
Testpoint Pty Ltd	Research	Faculty of Health external research project - Development and Evaluation of an Internet-based Clinic for Stuttering	115,243.32
University of New South Wales T/A The Ramaciotti Centre For Gene Function Analysis Biological Sciences Building (D26)	Research	Various research projects - e.g Development of a molecular mRNA signal assay that assesses the infectious potential and growth dynamics of Chlamydia trachomatis (CT) present in clinical samples, ARC Research Hub for Solutions and Stewardship to fight AMR	98,186.70
Outside Opinion Pty Ltd	Research	Advice on research grants e.g. ARC, DAB - MCR Emerging Leaders Program	92,840.00

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Syntro Pty Ltd	Research	Faculty of Health external research projects - Support for Cancer Clinical Trials Program, Better Treatments For Breathlessness In Palliative and End of Life Care	86,988.09
The Hanover Research Council LLC	Research	Increase international funding opportunities for Academics -connect internationally and engage in mutually beneficial collaborative projects	85,637.02
Aurecon Australasia Pty Ltd	Research	ISF external research project - Telecommunications Resilience Investment Pilot	85,344.39
Schoen Initiatives Pty Ltd	Research	ISF external research project - European Union Climate Dialogues Green Hydrogen project	75,257.30
Mineral Carbonation International Pty Limited	Research	FEIT external research project -Low carbon footprint supplementary cementitious materials for concrete and blended cement use from mineral carbonation	75,000.00
Cantho University	Research	ISF external researh project- Groundwater and Climate Resilient WASH - Vietnam	66,920.00
Syncline Energy Pty Ltd	Research	Australian Ocean Energy Group - Fisheries Research & Development Corporation Microgrids in the Aquaculture Industry	66,000.00
The University of Queensland	Research	SCI Climate Change Cluster (C3) external research project - Young Henry Brewery and Meat and Livestock Australia investigate if micro-algae can reduce methane emissions	64,732.12
Marine Environment and Resources Foundation, Inc	Research	FASS external research project - Enhancing Marine Environmental Governance in Indonesia and the Philippines	63,746.00
Howard Partners Pty Limited	Public policy consultant	IPPG research project - Regional Activation Strategy and related research for Office of Regional Economic Development	62,411.90
Adam Edmond Thompson Bryant	Research	FEIT external research project - Development of industry code and technical evidence base to implement Optus Outage Review Recommendation 3	60,060.00
Healthcare Information And Management Systems Society - HIMMS	Research	CHERE external research projects - Valuing digital health maturity: Evaluation of the health economic impact of increasing regional digital health ecosystem maturity	60,000.00
South Western Sydney Local Health District	Research	Faculty of Health external research - The APRICA program - Accelerated translational research in Prlmary Liver Cancer	54,137.65
Smart MCS Pty Ltd	Research	FEIT external research project - Intervertebral disc-on- a-chip: a precision-engineered platform for low back pain studies	53,649.00
Michelle Anne Webb	Research	Faculty of Health Nursing external research project - Improving coverage, confidence and knowledge about COVID-19 vaccination among Aboriginal Women of child-bearing age in Western Australia	51,394.13
Connell, John T/A John Connell	Research	Faculty of Health external research project - Improve Quality of Nursing and Midwifery Education and Regulation with a long term aim to address shortage of nurses and midwives in the Pacific Island countries and areas - Phase 1	50,279.37
Scimita Operations Pty Ltd	Research	"Technology, Development and Commercialisation Roadmap for UTS Novel Sodium-ion Battery Commercial Review	50,000.00

Information technology and software

Company	Category	Project	\$
Levo Digital Pty Ltd	Digital transformation consultant	Transform UTS digital presence program - Digital strategy	3,952,721.24
Testpro Pty Ltd	Software consulting	CASS to the Cloud Project - Testing Services including Automation Testing Services, Curriculum Management Modernisation	1,235,340.76
Cybercx Pty Ltd	Cybersecurity specialist	Maintain & Enhance Cybersecurity Posture Program, Data retention project	630,532.87
TMlabs Pty Ltd	Software implementation	Service Management and ServiceNow engineering services, Build & Integration (SCP Program)	522,099.98
ISG Information Services Group Americas, Inc	Software consulting	UTS ERP Procurement Consultancy Services	442,820.00
Capgemini Australia Pty Limited	Software development	Salesforce Test Analyst, Build & Integration (ESM Program)- replacement of the UTS existing ServiceNow Platform	431,205.00
DXC Connect Pty Limited	Software consulting	Solutions Consultant for Microsoft 365, Enhance Identity Platforms	400,468.49
Simplus Australia Pty Ltd	Software implementation	Enchance data foundations of the Salesforce platform - Customer Interaction	395,048.96
Australian Centre For Advanced Computing And Communication Pty Ltd T/A Ac3 Pty Limited	Software development	Build & Integration (ESM Program) - replacement of the UTS existing ServiceNow Platform	374,463.56
Grimmer Pty Ltd	Software consulting	CASS to the Cloud - Tertiary Collection of Student Information (TCSI) functionality setup and configuration	226,400.00
M & S B Solutions Pty Ltd	Software consulting	Data Sharing Architecture Strategy Delivery	211,400.00
The Trustee For Core Ideas Unit Trust	Software consulting	Content strategy and design for a refreshed digital onboarding campaign	185,149.44
Accenture Australia Pty Ltd	Software development	"IT Operating Model Program - Transformation Office, Change Readiness, Agile New Ways of Working, Organizational Design and Skills"	175,286.55
Anatas Pty Ltd T/A Atturra Data & Integration	Software consulting	CASS to the Cloud	164,854.70
DXC Red Rock Pty Ltd T/A Red Rock Consulting Pty Ltd	Software consulting	Database support consultant for HR Transformation - Planning and Select Modern HR Platform (ERP program)	147,200.00
CourseLoop Pty Ltd	Software development	Curriculum Management Modernisation	144,827.00
Agile Analytics Pty Ltd	Software development	Generative AI Framework, Designing, build and deploying an AI chatbot solution with supporting components for students	134,000.00
One Diversified (Aust.) Pty Ltd	Audio visual consultant	CB01.19 PU meeting rooms AV upgrade	121,638.99
Enterprise IT Resources Pty Ltd	Software consulting	Agreed Hours Remediation - Project Staff Cost	75,433.33

Marketing and communications

Company	Category	Project	\$
Peter Berry Consultancy Pty Ltd	Executive coaching/ assessment	Executive Coaching for UTS Business Futures course participants coaching, along with Hogan assessments	178,440.00
De Luxe & Associates Pty Limited	Website marketing consultant	DAB - Creative Industries Visualisation Project, Transform UTS online presence	151,050.00
Enigma Communication Pty Limited	Marketing agency	Transform UTS digital presence program - UTS's Digital Stories Hub	113,000.00
Grainger Films Pty Ltd	Film production consultant	International profiling and branding	105,975.70
Picnic Customer Intelligence Pty Ltd	Market researcher	Postgraduate segmentation	84,000.00
Symmetry Media Pty Limited	Creative agency and production consultant	Creative development & production of - UTS Impact Report Content, VC Video Production, Donor Impact Cutdown Package	68,565.50
Writemedia Pty Ltd	Media & internet, publishing consultant	Content strategists - Review, edit, advise and report writing on various research projects	56,443.85

Teaching and learning

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Peter Berry Consultancy Pty Ltd	Executive coaching/ assessment	Executive Coaching for UTS Business Futures course participants coaching, along with Hogan assessments	178,440.00
Transport For Nsw	Short course facilitator	Short course - NSW Movement and Place workshops, FASS external research project - Transport for NSW AVAS Soundscape	161,486.75
Proctoru, Inc.	Remote proctoring consultant	Provision of Online Examinations	157,927.78
Batyr Australia Limited	Counselling service	BATYR Project - programs for mental health and crisis intervention	105,000.00
Empowering Engagements Pty Ltd	Short course facilitator	Plus UTS Business Futures course - e.g ACCIONA - Future Leaders (2024 - 2026), Acciona: Senior Leaders Program	92,284.37
The Trustee For Skinner Family Trust T/A Sandal Consulting Pty Ltd	Short course facilitator	Faculty of Business Short Courses - Lean Six Sigma program	70,520.00
Serendis Pty Ltd	Coaching	Research Professional Development Schemes - Mentoring Program 2024	51,800.00
Engineers Without Borders Australia Ltd	Course facilitator	UTS Program - STEM X NSW Schools Outreach Program	50,000.00

Contractors

Company	Category	Project	\$
Tranzformd Pty Ltd	Contractor	Operations Division Office - Workforce Management & Planning	358,539.50
The Trustee For SDC Squared Trading Trust	Contractor	Agreed hours remediation - Project Staff Cost	314,934.29
Sandham Consulting Pty Limited	Contractor	Operational Sustainability	270,750.00
Alexander, Kathryn T/A The Unfolding Space	Contractor	UTS Business Futures- short course programs	200,561.64
FJS Workplace Solutions Pty Ltd	Contractor	Legal Advice for Agreed Hours Remediation - Project Staff Cost	191,000.00
Five Whys Consulting Pty Ltd	Contractor	Research Translation services	135,160.16
Gabrielle Carney	Contractor	Fellow at the UTS Human Technology Institute - Policy, law and strategy expert	132,418.35
Art of Coaching Pty Ltd	Contractor	Research project - UTS Climate Change Cluster (C3) Algenie development	126,021.16
Irene Ann-Kerstin Schofer	Contractor	Strategic Lead Global and Digital Educa4on Innova4on	116,432.38
Birch, Suzzanne Maree T/A Sue Birch Consulting	Contractor	UTS Advancement Unit - Services	100,744.93
Crocker and Company Pty Ltd	Contractor	Strategy Advisor - Sydney Technology Innovation Precinct	96,750.00
Wallwork, Myfanwy Cein T/A Myfanwy Wallwork	Contractor	Centre for Social Justice and Inclusion - UTS Human Technology Institute operationalise the NSW AI Assurance Framework Fellowship program.	94,499.28
Prendergast Projects Pty Ltd	Contractor	Renewable Energy consultant - UTS Energy projects	89,955.22
Vanessa Chan Consulting Pty Ltd	Contractor	UTS Institute for Public Policy and Governance - short course programs with a focus on Local Government e.gCommunity Engagement Strategy for Bathurst Regional Council, Willoughby Council Planning Weekend	82,656.00
Prospect Research & Marketing Pty Ltd T/A Robert Lawrence & Associates	Contractor	Market Research for the Creative Industries Project in international regions	80,000.00
Melissa Louise Goodrope	Contractor	Creating Marketing communications for Indigenous Campaign Lead	62,804.26
Nicole Elizabeth Dryden	Contractor	Report writing - IPPG projects - Lead Partner Interviews and Draft Report	59,801.17
Equity By Design Pty Ltd	Contractor	Unpacking the Australian University's Accord's recommendation of reshaping outreach. UTS Centre for Social Justice - UTS Pathways Strategy - student equity strategy, program evaluation and inclusive service design	59,641.17
Campo Capital Pty Ltd	Contractor	Wage Remediation Project	58,050.00
Gaul Christopher Dominic T/A Parallel Lines	Contractor	Design consultant for DAB & ISF research projects - Values and Vulnerabilities Exhibition, Energy Ready: empowering energy-resilient communities	56,710.00
Robert Thomson	Contractor	Agree Hours Remediation - Project Staff Cost - SME	54,800.00
Maria Luciana Cucchiara	Contractor	Photography consultant for Digital Presence Program photography & post production work	54,100.00
Jean Clews	Contractor	Report writing for Faculty of Health external research project - Strengthening Health Workforce Education in Papua New Guinea	53,301.90

From: Andrew Mullen
To: Deborah Naray

Cc: <u>Janelle Sheather</u>; <u>Kylie Gould</u>

Subject: FW: Right to Information, KPMG and Research Performance

Date: Wednesday, 16 July 2025 12:16:36 PM

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Hi Deborah

Understand that you of scope

When you are back at work, can you ring to discuss (and we go back through the GIPA determination).

Thanks

Andrew

Andrew Mullen

Senior Legal Counsel

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From: Kylie Gould < Kylie.Gould@uts.edu.au> Sent: Wednesday, 16 July 2025 11:47 AM

To: Janelle Sheather < Janelle. Sheather@uts.edu.au>; Andrew Mullen

Andrew.Mullen@uts.edu.au

Subject: FW: Right to Information, KPMG and Research Performance

FYI

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Sent: Wednesday, 16 July 2025 11:45 AM

To: Kylie Gould < Kylie Gould@uts.edu.au>; Jo Blackwell < Jo.Blackwell@uts.edu.au>

Subject: FW: Right to Information, KPMG and Research Performance

For advice please.

Happy to discuss.

Andrew.

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From: NTEU UTS Branch < uts@nteu.org.au Date: Wednesday, 16 July 2025 at 11:39 AM

To: Andrew Parfitt < <u>Andrew.Parfitt@uts.edu.au</u>> **Cc:** Jo Blackwell < <u>jo.blackwell@uts.edu.au</u>>

Subject: Right to Information, KPMG and Research Performance

Dear Andrew, cc: Jo Blackwell

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Regards,

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To: Andrew Mullen

Subject: RE: Right to Information, KPMG and Research Performance

Date: Wednesday, 16 July 2025 2:58:00 PM

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Further to this matter, before Michelle left she wrote to me and Ann-Maree about this

"Ann-Maree I know the response is hand, grateful if you could also have a crack at the contract issue, essentially work was continuing while it was being finalised, happy to have quick chat tomorrow if helpful. Once the VC offices responses have been drafted please run them by Andrew and Sam can then handle despatching them. I've CC'ed in Mark as well, welcome Mark – we can discuss further tomorrow.

The response is pretty much the same questions Simon is requesting answers to.

Deborah Naray

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From: Andrew Mullen <Andrew.Mullen@uts.edu.au>

Sent: Wednesday, 16 July 2025 2:29 PM

To: Deborah Naray < Deborah. Naray @uts.edu.au>

Subject: RE: Right to Information, KPMG and Research Performance

Can I call in 15 minutes?

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From: Deborah Naray < Deborah. Naray @uts.edu.au>

Sent: Wednesday, 16 July 2025 2:28 PM

To: Andrew Mullen <Andrew.Mullen@uts.edu.au>

Subject: RE: Right to Information, KPMG and Research Performance

Ok I can call now but only till 3pm

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From: Andrew Mullen < Andrew. Mullen@uts.edu.au>

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Subject: RE: Right to Information, KPMG and Research Performance

Thanks

This email crossed with my email.

I need to read and understand it at some stage.

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From: Deborah Naray < <u>Deborah.Naray@uts.edu.au</u> >

Sent: Wednesday, 16 July 2025 12:56 PM

To: Kylie Gould <Kylie.Gould@uts.edu.au>; Bill Paterson <William.Paterson@uts.edu.au>;

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Thanks Kylie

The questions came in from Simon following his GIPA application, and we had since advised that they were referred to the VC Office for response. The GIPA Act doesn't extend to responding to questions and clarifying or explaining the content of documents released. Note that another individual had asked the same questions. It was considered more appropriate for the business to respond to him and the other party directly. I am surprised a response has not yet been provided. The only part relevant to the GIPA process was whether documents were omitted from the application, and this was addressed in the internal review report. Noting it took some time to clarify the scope of the internal review and what decisions were being challenged, separate to questions that were not technically relevant to the release of documents.

The questions were forwarded to on Michelle Callen to address with UPMO on the understanding a response would come from the VC Office (Michelle is Personal reference - out of scope), and I understood she was arranging a response separate to the GIPA process with the assistance of Ann-Maree in MCU. I don't know the progress on that. Ann-Maree may have more insight.

<u>@Andrew Mullen</u> re your follow-up email on this, I can be free between 1:30-3pm if required.

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Hi Bill and Deborah,

We've received the below request for advice from the VC. I am hoping that you can assist with the queries below.

Noting the Union's assertions about the GIPA process and status below, could you please clarify;

- The status of the GIPA application my understanding was that it had been refused on the basis of the size, the scope had been redefined and you are currently assessing the revised application?
- 'This question has been referred to the VC Office as they are better placed to provide a response.'- is this advice you provided to the NTEU?
- Re Q.1
 - o is this part of the revised scope of the new GIPA?
- are you aware if there are any documents which would meet this description?

Thanks in advance.

Regards

Kylie

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From: Sarah Meaney
To: Deborah Naray

Subject: Re: Update on access application received under the GIPA act - GIPA2025/07

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Thanks,

Hope you feel better.

Cheers Sarah

Sarah Meaney

Director, University Program Management Office

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From: Deborah Naray

Sent: Wednesday, 16 July 2025 3:28 PM

To: Sarah Meaney

Subject: RE: Update on access application received under the GIPA act - GIPA2025/07 [514cl.3] re

OSI]

Nothing at this time.

I'm still reviewing what I was sent to see if we have all the requested information.

Fortunately by removing drafts its has reduced it significantly.

I've been off sick this week so we have little time. It is due 24th but we haven't consulted

I have requested from an extension, hopefully to 31st July. I hope I can then get the consultation out Friday or Monday and provide them 1 week to respond. I'll keep you in the loop on progress there.

Deborah

Deborah Naray

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Sent: Wednesday, 16 July 2025 3:22 PM

To: Deborah Naray

Subject: Re: Update on access application received under the GIPA act - GIPA2025/07

re OSI]
Hey Deborah

Just re-reading this one and wanting to confirm if you needed anything additional

from me to cover this?

Cheers

Sarah

Sarah Meaney

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From: Deborah Naray < Deborah. Naray@uts.edu.au >

Sent: Monday, 14 July 2025 3:52 PM

To: Kylie Gould < Kylie.Gould@uts.edu.au>; Ann-Maree Ashburn

<a href="mailto:, Jen Rosenberg < Jen.Rosenberg@uts.edu.au>

Cc: Right to Information < right.to.information@uts.edu.au >; Sarah Meaney

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 $\textbf{Subject:} \ \textbf{Update on access application received under the GIPA act-GIPA 2025/07}$

14,cl.3(b)

re OSI]

Hi everyone

I refer to the GIPA application from re OSI documents.

On 9th July, we stopped processing the application on the grounds of size, being estimated at 160hours at least to process, due to the volume of drafts involved in the previous scope. The scope of her application. I've included the reduced scope below. Basically, she has removed drafts in favour of final draft or versions that exist at the time of the application. Although I need to go back and review what I have it is a significant reduction and likely to start the application moving again.

The application will restart from today so is now due to be decided by 24th July, which doesn't provide much time to review and consult with we may need to a further extension for this purpose.

Amended scope.

- "Request 1 and 2 The most recent version of documents which have been (1) sent to KPMG by UTS, or (2) sent to UTS by KPMG, including information about enrolment numbers, profitability, and productivity of specific subjects, in 2025.
- Request 3 and 4 -The most recent version of documents which have been (3) sent to KPMG by UTS, or (4) sent to UTS by KPMG, including information about the research output of staff members, in 2025.
- Request 5 A previous GIPA request revealed that a KPMG status report from February 10 noted that a "a full draft of research productivity" would be shared with the DVC (Research) by February 14 2025. I am requesting this full draft of research productivity.
- **Request 6** Previous GIPA requests have noted that KPMG suggests removing subjects with a negative or low direct margin. I am requesting only the most recent version of any documents from 2025 that show which subjects are estimated to have a negative or low margin.

This reduces the scope to only the most recent version of relevant documents from 2025 and removes the previous request for an excel spreadsheet that contains the list of proposed ... academic staff members that are not meeting research expectations. "

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From: Deborah Naray
To: Bill Paterson

Subject: FW: GIPA and contacts register enquiries

Date: Thursday, 17 July 2025 10:33:00 AM

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HI Bill

This one got lost among my backlog and other priorities. Simon seems to be targeting what he deems as omissions of data required for the KPMG contract on the Register of Contracts in particular. It doesn't look like acknowledge receipt at the time.

I've drafted an initial response but need to discuss with the Procurement team and possibly UPMO. I've set up a meeting with procurement first.

draft response email 7 july SK.docx

Unless we receive a response from Simon chasing up this response, or you have other thoughts, we can touch base on it next week.

Deborah

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From: Deborah Naray < Deborah. Naray@uts.edu.au>

Sent: Tuesday, 8 July 2025 8:59 AM

To: Bill Paterson < William. Paterson@uts.edu.au > **Subject:** FW: GIPA and contacts register enquiries

Hi Bill

Response from Simon re register of contracts requesting further details on the class 2 and 3 additional information.

We have more pressing deadlines at present, I'll send a general acknowledgement of his email later today and we can review and respond in more details later.

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From: Simon Knight < Simon.Knight@uts.edu.au>

Sent: Monday, 7 July 2025 2:35 PM

To: Deborah Naray < <u>Deborah.Naray@uts.edu.au</u>> **Subject:** Re: GIPA and contacts register enquiries

Hi Deborah

Many thanks for your reply. Apologies I should also have asked about the point below:

- c. The Contracts Register and contract do not provide adequate information with respect to Section 30.(2) of the GIPA Act, for Class 2 or 3 contracts. Specifically, we would expect:
 - i. A cost-benefit analysis of the contract
 - ii. Information regarding, "the Public Sector Comparator", i.e., what it would have cost for the agency to pay for and deliver a service by itself, compared to the cost of KPMG.
 - iii. Information regarding the contractor's financial model (noting that this is omitted in the contract released under GIPA)
 - iv. Information regarding material changes to the contract, such as changes to major milestone reports.

My understanding of the act is that these items are expected for all class 2 or 3 contracts. I don't think the contracts register meets this requirement (of course I may be mis-reading, and I'm happy to take on other information), nor does the information provided in published contracts. Obviously I am particularly concerned to receive this information regarding the KPMG contract(s) and other OSI related contracts, or/and to confirm that this information does not exist (noting that my understanding is that this would be non-compliant).

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Simon

From: Deborah Naray < <u>Deborah.Naray@uts.edu.au</u> >

Sent: Friday, 4 July 2025 9:43 AM

To: Simon Knight < Simon.Knight@uts.edu.au > **Subject:** Re: GIPA and contacts register enquiries

Dear Simon,

I refer to your email below and questions resulting from the email communication you received between UTS and [5.14,dl.3(b)]

In relation to our communication with and the master spreadsheet

In response to the outcome of your access application GIPA2025/04, you questioned the alleged omission of the master excel spreadsheet and additional contracts with KPMG. In considering those questions for the purposes of your internal review, we identified that there was no spreadsheet. That fact has been fed into the internal review in consideration of your claims that information was omitted from your application. I can only leave that for the internal review process to finalise. Otherwise, your questions on the master spreadsheet have been referred to the VC Office as they are best placed to respond.

In relation to compliance with the contract reporting obligations under the GIPA Act

I can assure you that we have made no decision to deliberately omit or withhold content from our Register of Contracts. We have an ongoing commitment to improve processes and overall compliance with reporting obligations. Despite our efforts, the capture and processing of details onto the Register of Contracts is still a manual process, and sometimes there are delays in information being provided for publication. We are working to improve compliance and where contracts are identified as meeting reporting thresholds they will be processed accordingly.

In relation specifically to the reporting of the KPMG contracts

It was identified during your access application that only the two KPMG contracts existed but they had not been reported for the Register of contracts. This was addressed once identified.

In relation to your other specific questions:

1. Could you please confirm or elaborate on what "did not eventuate", i.e., is there, or was there ever, a Master spreadsheet of this nature produced by or in partnership with KPMG?

This question has been referred to the VC Office as they are better placed to provide a response.

2. Could you please indicate whether there are other material variations in the KPMG contract, noting that a part of that contract was (and perhaps remains) uncosted, and those eventual costs represent a material variation?

An extension to the 2025 KPMG contract has only just been approved. We will update the relevant entry on the Register of Contracts once the information is received.

3. Can you confirm whether any contracts relating to Operational Sustainability have

been excluded from the Contracts Register on the grounds that "there is an overriding public interest against disclosure", or under any other considerations?

As already noted above, there have been no decision to omit contracts from the Register of Contracts.

4. Can you confirm that the Contracts Register reflects all contracts related to Operational Sustainability? (or, those up to a date no earlier than April 23rd).

The contracts register reflects contracts that have been identified for assessment. In making determinations as to what contracts meet the threshold for reporting on the Register, no decisions are impacted by whether they relate to Operational Sustainability. We are working on improving compliance, and if contracts are identified that are required to be reported they will be processed.

5. Can you provide any information regarding how the KPMG contract with an effective date of January 13th was executed when the Vice Chancellor appears to have signed this contract on March 12th?

This question has been referred to the VC Office as they are better placed to provide a response

Regards, Deborah

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From: Simon Knight < Simon. Knight@uts.edu.au>

Sent: Monday, June 30, 2025 8:00 AM

To: Deborah Naray < <u>Deborah.Naray@uts.edu.au</u>> **Subject:** GIPA and contacts register enquiries

Dear Deborah

I'm emailing you in your capacity as Head of Corporate Information.

I have become aware of some inconsistencies in information received or published, and wish to raise these concerns with you.

My concerns relate to Division 5 (Sections 27-35) of the GIPA Act which sets out that:

- 1. Contracts must be entered into the contracts register within 45 days from their effective date (Section 27.(2))
- 2. If a class 2 contract has (or is likely to have) a value of \$5 million or more (a class 3 contract), the register must include a copy of the class 3 contract. (Section 31)
- 3. Section 30.(2) sets out that a Class 2 (and by extension, 3) contract must be entered in the contracts register with: (c) the results of any cost-benefit analysis of the contract conducted by the agency; (d) the components and quantum of the public sector comparator if used; (e) if relevant, a summary of information used in the contractor's full base case financial model (for example, the pricing formula for tolls or usage charges).
- 4. Section 31 indicates that material variations to contracts must be published.

These concerns relate to the following particulars:

- 1. The GIPA request listed in the disclosure log as GIPA2025/04. GIPA2025/04 began 21/03/2025, and was decided 9/5/2025 (with an agreed extension).
- 2. As part of that request, all contracts relating to Operational Sustainability were requested.
- 3. Information disclosed included a contract with KPMG. That contract made reference to work *already completed* that included delivery and sign off on a Master spreadsheet of academics B-E and in senior staff groups who were 'underperforming' on research. For the purposes of the Act, this disclosure is the reviewable decision.
- 4. The KPMG effective contract dates are: 13/01/2025, and 7/08/2024.

My concerns are as follows:

1. As you will know, the NTEU Branch has since been copied in on correspondence, dated June 19th, from mail come In that correspondence the Ma

Spreadsheet is mentioned. I do not know who the individual is, and I do not have access to the chain of correspondence and thus detail regarding the request. I am concerned that in this correspondence, you say, "I can advise however, that this master spreadsheet did not eventuate and was no longer required as an output of the OSI program." The individual notes:

"As this contract was signed by the Vice-Chancellor on 12 March 2025, could you please clarify why this deliverable was included in the executed contract if the spreadsheet was not required or produced? Further, I note that according to the documents released in response to the GIPA request, the RP&I program was delivered to UTS on 12 December 2024.

Specifically, Activity 1.1 (Validate diagnostic analysis) was shown as completed at that point, and this activity explicitly includes a "stage gate" for final approval of the list of Level C to Level E, SSS, and SSG staff not meeting research expectations (as documented in the program milestone materials). This appears to directly contradict the recent advice that such a list "did not eventuate." Could you please clarify this apparent

inconsistency?"

I am in agreement with the individual, and am particularly surprised given our correspondence regarding the same spreadsheet.

- 2. Regarding the specifics of the KPMG contract:
 - a. 45 working days from the effective date of January 13th is March 18th 2025. The KPMG contract was not entered into the Contracts Register until some time after the GIPA decision (i.e., May 9th).
 - b. The KPMG contract effective in August 2024 should have been treated as a Class 3 contract, given it would have been apparent that this contract was "likely to have" a value of \$5 million or more (i.e., to be a class 3 contract).
 - c. The Contracts Register and contract do not provide adequate information with respect to Section 30.(2) of the GIPA Act, for Class 2 or 3 contracts. Specifically, we would expect:
 - i. A cost-benefit analysis of the contractii. Information regarding, "the Public
 - Sector Comparator", i.e., what it would have cost for the agency to pay for and deliver a service by itself, compared to the cost of KPMG.
 - iii. Information regarding the contractor's financial model (noting that this is omitted in the contract released under GIPA)
 - iv. Information regarding material changes to the contract, such as changes to major milestone reports.
- 3. We are also aware that other contracts are in effect for work related to Operational Sustainability (indeed, the Vice-Chancellor has referred to some of these, including a contract relating to psychosocial risk assessment, from some time ago). I am further concerned that these contracts do not appear in the Contracts Register (noting that 45 working days prior is, I believe, Wednesday, 23 April 2025).

In addition to any information you can offer/direct me to regarding concerns with information under the contracts register, I would appreciate responses to the following questions:

- 1. Could you please confirm or elaborate on what "did not eventuate", i.e., is there, or was there ever, a Master spreadsheet of this nature produced by or in partnership with KPMG?
- 2. Could you please indicate whether there are other material variations in the KPMG contract, noting that a part of that contract was (and perhaps remains) uncosted, and those eventual costs represent a material variation?
- 3. Can you confirm whether any contracts relating to Operational Sustainability have been excluded from the Contracts Register on the grounds that "there is an overriding public interest against disclosure", or under any other considerations?
- 4. Can you confirm that the Contracts Register reflects all contracts related to Operational Sustainability? (or, those up to a date no earlier than April 23rd).

5. Can you provide any information regarding how the KPMG contract with an effective date of January 13th was executed when the Vice Chancellor appears to have signed this contract on March 12th?

I remain appreciative of your support in addressing these questions, and mindful of the workload that the operational sustainability has placed on you/the GSU team alongside all UTS staff.

Best

Simon

From: Scott McWhirter

To: <u>Kate McGrath</u>; <u>Serena Ekman</u>

Cc: Chun Xiao

Subject: FW: Annual Plan Mid-year Council KPIs due by 11 July

Date: Thursday, 17 July 2025 2:34:06 PM

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HI There.

Chun has updated the indice measures (we have included the sector rank in brackets as the normalised score is a little difficult to interpret). We also just noticed the international measure 7.2.2 that Chris suggested and Chun will have a look at that one. I haven't sent these through to Fred yet as I think the channel is through Serena and thought you needed to check them in any case. Fred is keen to get them finalised.

At some point we should align these with the measures we use (i.e swap the non-academic measure to non university etc) and Fred has asked for a meeting to work things through.

I have an idea for a lead/trajectory quality metric which would be good to think through. I would like to compare the FWCI of new staff with exiting staff and the existing staff cohort. Something like ((New -Exiting)/Existing). In a like for like or static system the figure would be 0, in an improving system >0, and in a declining system <0. It has the virtue that is easy to understand and we can probably do some sector benchmarking if we wave our hands a little wrt bylining changes in data from Scival for each institution.

Should we have a play and see what it looks like or can you see some holes in the admittedly simple logic?

Regards.

From: Chun Xiao < Chun.Xiao@uts.edu.au> Sent: Thursday, 17 July 2025 1:29 PM

To: Scott McWhirter <Scott.McWhirter@uts.edu.au>

Subject: Re: Annual Plan Mid-year Council KPIs due by 11 July

Hi Scott,

thanks for the suggestion, I add the rank in the sector (42 institutions) in a pair of brackets to each measures.

UTS Council KPIs Performance Scorecard 2025 - Research June 25.xlsx

Detailed data this year: KPI 8 indicators 2025July.xlsx

Kind regards,

Chun

From: Chun Xiao < <u>Chun.Xiao@uts.edu.au</u>>

Sent: 16 July 2025 16:54

To: Scott McWhirter <Scott.McWhirter@uts.edu.au>

Subject: Re: Annual Plan Mid-year Council KPIs due by 11 July

Hi Scott,

I have input the research excellence and impact indicator values. Before we send and share, may I ask for your suggestion: if we need to normalise the % indicators - there are three of them?

UTS Council KPIs Performance Scorecard 2025 - Research June 25.xlsx

I would also like to discuss how to refresh the dashboard as currently only 4 indicators out of the 7 in the table above are included in the weighting calculation.

Kind regards, Chun

From: Scott McWhirter < scott.McWhirter@uts.edu.au>

Sent: 15 July 2025 13:58

To: Chun Xiao < Chun.Xiao@uts.edu.au>

Subject: FW: Annual Plan Mid-year Council KPIs due by 11 July

HI There. Just got the hurry up. Oddly enough – it only has that weird index in it?????

From: Frederique Balard < Frederique.Balard@uts.edu.au > On Behalf Of UTS Strategy

Sent: Tuesday, 15 July 2025 1:40 PM

To: Scott McWhirter < <u>Scott.McWhirter@uts.edu.au</u>>

Subject: Fw: Annual Plan Mid-year Council KPIs due by 11 July

Hi Scott.

I am reaching out to check if you have sent your input to us.

Amanda Jessup, who previously coordinated the collection and compilation of the Council KPIs, has left UTS and I am unsure if you had sent your input to her, which I could no longer access.

Could you please share it with us as soon as possible.

Thanks in advance and feel free to reach out on Teams if you have any questions.

Cheers.

Fred

From: Frederique Balard < <u>Frederique.Balard@uts.edu.au</u> > on behalf of UTS Strategy

<strategy@uts.edu.au>
Sent: 29 June 2025 23:11

To: Scott McWhirter < Scott.McWhirter@uts.edu.au >

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Cc: Kate McGrath < Kathryn.McGrath@uts.edu.au>; Chris Turney

<<u>Christian.Turnev@uts.edu.au</u>>; Renee Estrella <<u>Renee.Estrella@uts.edu.au</u>>

Subject: Annual Plan Mid-year Council KPIs due by 11 July

Dear Scott,

We are reaching out to you for the Council KPIs MY result (including June data if possible) and the EOY forecast (if relevant) in the attached 2025 Performance Scorecard Mid Year. Note that this year we have included both lag and lead indicators (in light blue). You also have 2024 results pending for FWCI score (red color cell), please confirm if the data is now available.

Note that I will get the HERDC Cat 1 and Cat 2-4 from Renee's report so you do not have to provide them.

Please provide <u>commentary to assist us in reporting on current and expected EOY performance</u>, highlight the challenges and opportunities.

If you are already reporting on these KPIs and have already developed any graphs, please share them as well as any reports, PowerBI dashboard links, or presentation.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could return your mid year results, using the template, by no later than Friday, 11 July 2025.

We have met with Chris to review some of the lead indicators. I will arrange a meeting with you to discuss the ideas and questions that arose.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out on Teams,

Frederique Balard

Program Manager, Strategy Integration

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I recognise the Gadigal people of the Eora nation as the Traditional Owners and holders of knowledge of the place where I work.

I acknowledge elders both past and present and recognise the contribution that Indigenous people make to the academic and cultural life of UTS.

From: Deborah Naray
To: Ann-Maree Ashburn

Subject: RE: Right to Information, KPMG and Research Performance

Date: Thursday, 17 July 2025 4:39:00 PM

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I can do now?

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From: Ann-Maree Ashburn < AnnMaree. Ashburn@uts.edu.au>

Sent: Thursday, 17 July 2025 4:17 PM

To: Deborah Naray < Deborah. Naray@uts.edu.au>

Subject: RE: Right to Information, KPMG and Research Performance

do you have 5 minutes this afternoon?

From: Deborah Naray < <u>Deborah.Naray@uts.edu.au</u> >

Sent: Thursday, 17 July 2025 9:11 AM

To: Ann-Maree Ashburn < <u>AnnMaree.Ashburn@uts.edu.au</u>>

Subject: RE: Right to Information, KPMG and Research Performance

Sure let me know when, I might be off part of the day

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From: Ann-Maree Ashburn < <u>AnnMaree.Ashburn@uts.edu.au</u>>

Sent: Wednesday, 16 July 2025 6:52 PM

To: Deborah Naray < <u>Deborah.Naray@uts.edu.au</u> >

Subject: FW: Right to Information, KPMG and Research Performance

Deborah can we touch base on this tomorrow please

From: Andrew Mullen < Andrew. Mullen@uts.edu.au>

Sent: Wednesday, 16 July 2025 3:40 PM

To: Ann-Maree Ashburn <<u>AnnMaree.Ashburn@uts.edu.au</u>>; Mark Lillis <<u>Mark.Lillis@uts.edu.au</u>> **Cc:** Kylie Gould <<u>Kylie.Gould@uts.edu.au</u>>; Janelle Sheather <<u>Janelle.Sheather@uts.edu.au</u>>

Subject: FW: Right to Information, KPMG and Research Performance

Hi Ann-Maree and Sarah

Deborah Naray thinks that you might have been helping Michelle Callan with an response.

The VC has received the below NTEU request and we understand that it is essentially the same as the question/response.

Grateful for guidance.

Thanks

Andrew

From: Kylie Gould < Kylie.Gould@uts.edu.au Sent: Wednesday, 16 July 2025 11:47 AM

To: Janelle Sheather < <u>Janelle.Sheather@uts.edu.au</u>>; Andrew Mullen

<<u>Andrew.Mullen@uts.edu.au</u>>

Subject: FW: Right to Information, KPMG and Research Performance

FYI

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If you wish to share this email with another person either inside or outside of UTS, please contact me.

UTS acknowledges the Gadigal People of the Eora Nation and the Boorooberongal People of the Dharug Nation upon whose ancestral lands our campuses now stand. We would also like to pay respect to the Elders both past and present, acknowledging them as the traditional custodians of knowledge for these lands.

From: Andrew Parfitt < Andrew.Parfitt@uts.edu.au >

Sent: Wednesday, 16 July 2025 11:45 AM

To: Kylie Gould < Kylie Gould@uts.edu.au>; Jo Blackwell < Jo.Blackwell@uts.edu.au>

Subject: FW: Right to Information, KPMG and Research Performance

For advice please.

Happy to discuss.

Andrew.

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From: NTEU UTS Branch < uts@nteu.org.au Date: Wednesday, 16 July 2025 at 11:39 AM

To: Andrew Parfitt < <u>Andrew.Parfitt@uts.edu.au</u>> **Cc:** Jo Blackwell < <u>jo.blackwell@uts.edu.au</u>>

Subject: Right to Information, KPMG and Research Performance

Dear Andrew, cc: Jo Blackwell We are emailing as we believe questions were passed to your office by the Right to Information team, before July 4th. We are yet to receive responses, despite the period for the GIPA review closing, and recieving a formal outcome.

1. Could you please confirm or elaborate on what "did not eventuate", i.e., is there, or was there ever, a Master spreadsheet [of C-E academics, etc. and research performance; and of courses and course performance] of this nature produced by or in partnership with KPMG?

This question has been referred to the VC Office as they are better placed to provide a response.

2. Can you provide any information regarding how the KPMG contract with an effective date of January 13th was executed when the Vice Chancellor appears to have signed this contract on March 12th?

This question has been referred to the VC Office as they are better placed to provide a response.

We look forward to a prompt response to these referred questions.

Regards,

Trevor, on behalf of NTEU UTS Branch

Trevor Murray (He/Him)

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I would like to Acknowledge the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation (City Campus), and the Boorooberongal people of the Dharug Nation (Western Sydney research Facility) who are the traditional custodians of the lands where UTS is located.

 From:
 Deborah Naray

 To:
 Ann-Maree Ashburn

 Cc:
 Sarah Meaney

Subject: RE: Response to SK on latest email re register of contracts

Date: Friday, 18 July 2025 2:07:00 PM

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Yes I believe it is only those 2. We have already advised, and he was advised as the outcome of the internal review, that no other KPMG contracts existed or were omitted.

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From: Ann-Maree Ashburn < AnnMaree. Ashburn@uts.edu.au>

Sent: Friday, 18 July 2025 2:04 PM

To: Deborah Naray < Deborah. Naray@uts.edu.au > **Cc:** Sarah Meaney < Sarah. Meaney@uts.edu.au >

Subject: FW: Response to SK on latest email re register of contracts

Deborah

Can you confirm that the only questions referred to the VCO for reply to Simon Knight are the yellow highlight? or is it all of the questions including blue highlight? (reproduced below from bottom of email for ease of reference)

In addition to any information you can offer/direct me to regarding concerns with information under the contracts register, I would appreciate responses to the following questions:

- Could you please confirm or elaborate on what "did not eventuate"
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From: Deborah Naray < Deborah. Naray @uts.edu.au >

Sent: Thursday, 17 July 2025 4:46 PM

To: Ann-Maree Ashburn < AnnMaree. Ashburn@uts.edu.au >

Subject: FW: Response to SK on latest email re register of contracts

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From: Michelle Callen < Michelle. Callen @uts.edu.au>

Sent: Wednesday, 2 July 2025 8:15 PM

To: Deborah Naray < Deborah. Naray@uts.edu.au >; Bill Paterson < William. Paterson@uts.edu.au >

Cc: Ann-Maree Ashburn < AnnMaree. Ashburn@uts.edu.au >; Sarah Meaney

<<u>Sarah.Meaney@uts.edu.au</u>>; Mark Lillis <<u>Mark.Lillis@uts.edu.au</u>> **Subject:** RE: Response to SK on latest email re register of contracts

Thanks Deb

Ann-Maree I know the response is hand, grateful if you could also have a crack at the contract issue, essentially work was continuing while it was being finalised, happy to have quick chat tomorrow if helpful.

Once the VC offices responses have been drafted please run them by Andrew and Sam can then handle despatching them. I've CC'ed in Mark as well, welcome Mark – we can discuss further tomorrow.

Cheers

Michelle

From: Deborah Naray < Deborah. Naray@uts.edu.au >

Sent: Wednesday, 2 July 2025 3:50 PM

To: Bill Paterson < William. Paterson@uts.edu.au>

Cc: Ann-Maree Ashburn < AnnMaree. Ashburn@uts.edu.au>; Sarah Meaney < Sarah. Meaney@uts.edu.au>; Michelle Callen < Michelle. Callen@uts.edu.au>

Subject: RE: Response to SK on latest email re register of contracts

Hi Bill

Internet is back on now. I've updated the following based on the meeting just now. draft response email 30june.docx

Please advise if OK to send.

Noting we will refer to VC office for response to both Simon and re the master spreadsheet question and the KPMG 2025 contract date issue.

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From: Deborah Naray

Sent: Tuesday, 1 July 2025 2:45 PM

To: Bill Paterson < William. Paterson@uts.edu.au>

Subject: Response to SK

Bill

Running this past you. I'm following up on a few elements with Michelle.

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From: Deborah Naray

Sent: Monday, 30 June 2025 9:29 AM

To: Bill Paterson < William. Paterson@uts.edu.au>; Michelle Callen < Michelle. Callen@uts.edu.au>

Subject: FW: GIPA and contacts register enquiries - this one from SK

Hi Bill and Michelle

I received this early this morning. had cc'd her last email to UTS NTEU email re her questions on the KPMG contract and master spreadsheet, as well as questions re the completeness of the Register of Contracts. Simon has now asked further questions of UTS.

Although myself and Bill can likely respond to the specific Register questions (similar to those provided to 14,0,30) re completeness and timing and work being done to address this), we should not be responding to the questions re the contract details themselves, dates of signing, and outputs such as this master spreadsheet everyone seems to want. Again, similar to 14,0,300 's last set of questions, these should be referred to VC Office.

Thoughts?

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From: Simon Knight <Simon.Knight@uts.edu.au>

Sent: Monday, 30 June 2025 8:00 AM

To: Deborah Naray < <u>Deborah.Naray@uts.edu.au</u>> **Subject:** GIPA and contacts register enquiries

Dear Deborah

I'm emailing you in your capacity as Head of Corporate Information.

I have become aware of some inconsistencies in information received or published, and wish to raise these concerns with you.

My concerns relate to Division 5 (Sections 27-35) of the GIPA Act which sets out that:

- 1. Contracts must be entered into the contracts register within 45 days from their effective date (Section 27.(2))
- 2. If a class 2 contract has (or is likely to have) a value of \$5 million or more (a class 3 contract), the register must include a copy of the class 3 contract. (Section 31)
- 3. Section 30.(2) sets out that a Class 2 (and by extension, 3) contract must be entered in the contracts register with: (c) the results of any cost-benefit analysis of the contract conducted by the agency; (d) the components and quantum of the public sector comparator if used; (e) if relevant, a summary of information used in the contractor's full base case financial model (for example, the pricing formula for tolls or

- usage charges).
- 4. Section 31 indicates that material variations to contracts must be published.

These concerns relate to the following particulars:

- 1. The GIPA request listed in the disclosure log as GIPA2025/04. GIPA2025/04 began 21/03/2025, and was decided 9/5/2025 (with an agreed extension).
- 2. As part of that request, all contracts relating to Operational Sustainability were requested.
- 3. Information disclosed included a contract with KPMG. That contract made reference to work *already completed* that included delivery and sign off on a Master spreadsheet of academics B-E and in senior staff groups who were 'underperforming' on research. For the purposes of the Act, this disclosure is the reviewable decision.
- 4. The KPMG effective contract dates are: 13/01/2025, and 7/08/2024.

My concerns are as follows:

1. As you will know, the NTEU Branch has since been copied in on correspondence, dated June 19th, from mail.com. In that correspondence, the Master oned. I do not know who the individual is, and I do not have access to the chain of correspondence and thus detail regarding the request. I am concerned that in this correspondence, you say, "I can advise however, that this master spreadsheet did not eventuate and was no longer required as an output of the OSI

program." The individual notes:
"As this contract was signed by the Vice-Chancellor on 12 March 2025,
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contract if the spreadsheet was not required or produced? Further, I note
that according to the documents released in response to the GIPA request,
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completed at that point, and this activity explicitly includes a "stage gate"
for final approval of the list of Level C to Level E, SSS, and SSG staff not
meeting research expectations (as documented in the program milestone
materials). This appears to directly contradict the recent advice that such
a list "did not eventuate." Could you please clarify this apparent
inconsistency?"

I am in agreement with the individual, and am particularly surprised given our correspondence regarding the same spreadsheet.

- 2. Regarding the specifics of the KPMG contract:
 - a. 45 working days from the effective date of January 13th is March 18th 2025. The KPMG contract was not entered into the Contracts Register until some time after the GIPA decision (i.e., May 9th).

- b. The KPMG contract effective in August 2024 should have been treated as a Class 3 contract, given it would have been apparent that this contract was "likely to have" a value of \$5 million or more (i.e., to be a class 3 contract).
- c. The Contracts Register and contract do not provide adequate information with respect to Section 30.(2) of the GIPA Act, for Class 2 or 3 contracts. Specifically, we would expect:
 - i. A cost-benefit analysis of the contract
 - Information regarding, "the Public Sector Comparator", i.e., what it would have cost for the agency to pay for and deliver a service by itself, compared to the cost of KPMG.
 - iii. Information regarding the contractor's financial model (noting that this is omitted in the contract released under GIPA)
 - iv. Information regarding material changes to the contract, such as changes to major milestone reports.
- 3. We are also aware that other contracts are in effect for work related to Operational Sustainability (indeed, the Vice-Chancellor has referred to some of these, including a contract relating to psychosocial risk assessment, from some time ago). I am further concerned that these contracts do not appear in the Contracts Register (noting that 45 working days prior is, I believe, Wednesday, 23 April 2025).

In addition to any information you can offer/direct me to regarding concerns with information under the contracts register, I would appreciate responses to the following questions:

- 1. Could you please confirm or elaborate on what "did not eventuate", i.e., is there or was there ever, a Master spreadsheet of this nature produced by or in partnership with KPMG2
 - Could you please indicate whether there are other material variations in the KPMG contract, noting that a part of that contract was (and nerhans remains) uncosted, and those eventual costs represent a material variation?
 - 3. Can you confirm whether any contracts relating to Operational Sustainability have been excluded from the Contracts Register on the grounds that "there is an overriding public interest against disclosure" or under any other considerations?
 - 4. Can you confirm that the Contracts Register reflects all contracts related to Operational Sustainability? (or, those up to a date no earlier than April 23rd)
 - 5. Can you provide any information regarding how the KPMG contract with an effective date of January 13th was executed when the Vice Chancellor appears to have signed this contract on March 12th?

I remain appreciative of your support in addressing these questions, and mindful of the workload that the operational sustainability has placed on you/the GSU team alongside all UTS staff.

Best

Simon

From: Kylie Gould

To: <u>Ann-Maree Ashburn</u>; <u>Deborah Naray</u>; <u>Sarah Meaney</u>

Cc: <u>Bill Paterson</u>; <u>Andrew Mullen</u>

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Informal requests under GIPA

Date: Sunday, 20 July 2025 5:36:08 PM

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Hi Ann Maree,

I'm away tomorrow morning however, will be able to review this tomorrow afternoon/early evening.

Thanks for providing me with a timeframe.

Regards

Kylie

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Sent: Friday, 18 July 2025 4:43 PM

To: Kylie Gould; Deborah Naray; Sarah Meaney

Cc: Bill Paterson

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Informal requests under GIPA

is Monday or Tuesday achievable kylie?

From: Kylie Gould < Kylie.Gould@uts.edu.au >

Sent: Friday, 18 July 2025 2:50 PM

To: Ann-Maree Ashburn <<u>AnnMaree.Ashburn@uts.edu.au</u>>; Deborah Naray <<u>Deborah.Naray@uts.edu.au</u>>; Sarah Meaney <<u>Sarah.Meaney@uts.edu.au</u>>

Cc: Bill Paterson < William. Paterson@uts.edu.au >

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Informal requests under GIPA

Hi all

Could you please let me know when you need a response?

Thanks

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Sent: Friday, 18 July 2025 2:23 PM

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Kylie Gould < Kylie. Gould@uts.edu.au>

Cc: Bill Paterson < William. Paterson@uts.edu.au>

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Informal requests under GIPA

Thanks Deborah – do you think any of the below needs to be included in the response? On the date of the contract issue, in Sarah's absence I tagged Kylie Gould for input into a response – should I be directing the enquiry to procurement? and who in procurement can review the responses for me?

consistent with this situation, we have a new variation for July-August (already included on

I've included both replies in the linked document here for ease VC replies to correspondence.docx

thanks for your help

Ann-Maree

From: Deborah Naray < Deborah. Naray@uts.edu.au >

Sent: Friday, 18 July 2025 2:11 PM

To: Ann-Maree Ashburn < <u>AnnMaree.Ashburn@uts.edu.au</u>>; Sarah Meaney

<Sarah.Meaney@uts.edu.au>

Cc: Bill Paterson < <u>William.Paterson@uts.edu.au</u>>
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Thanks Ann-Maree

Sorry for the delay, I'm ok with the response for now given Sarah is

My only concern is whether there would be an expectation there should be formal contract variations covering such agreed changes. I spoke to Procurement on a related matter today re reporting on the Register of Contracts, and we should be expecting variations for changes in total value and end date of the contract period itself, where it may not be covered by the contract. Variations in milestone dates and outcomes are project management issues that wouldn't necessarily require a formal variation. This seems to be

the Register of Contracts). Hope this helps.

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From: Ann-Maree Ashburn < <u>AnnMaree.Ashburn@uts.edu.au</u>>

Sent: Thursday, 17 July 2025 4:54 PM

To: Sarah Meaney < Sarah. Meaney@uts.edu.au >; Deborah Naray < Deborah. Naray@uts.edu.au >

Cc: Bill Paterson < <u>William.Paterson@uts.edu.au</u>>

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Informal requests under GIPA

Proposed VC response to seeking clarifications about the master excel spreadsheet and the KPMG contract deliverables

Dear s.14,cl.3(b)

I am writing to you in regard to your email of 19 June 2025 to Deborah Naray, Head of Corporate Information, and specifically I am responding to your request for clarification regarding a master excel spreadsheet and contractual deliverables required to be provided to UTS by KPMG. It is not unusual practice for the scope of deliverables outlined in contractual documentation to be changed or for program plans to be reviewed against delivery requirements and amended, provided both parties agree to such amendments. Timelines for work delivery may also be revise, again provided both parties agree.

In this case, during the work being undertaken by KPMG it was agreed between both parties to change the scope of deliverables – a master spreadsheet did not eventuate and was no longer required as an output of the OSI program.

I trust the above clarifies the matter.

1. In addition, I would appreciate clarification regarding one matter from your recent email. In your reply regarding my earlier request about the Master Excel spreadsheet listing proposed Level C to Level E, SSS, and SSG academic staff not meeting research expectations (referenced in my email of 27 May), you indicated that "this master spreadsheet did not eventuate and was no longer required as an output of the OSI program."

However, I note that this spreadsheet was included in the contract disclosed here:

https://www.uts.edu.au/about/leadership-governance/governance/right-to-information/publicly-available-uts-information/disclosure-log/contentassets/gsu-utsdisclosure-gipa-2025-04.pdf — see Document 3, under Deliverable 2.

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From: Michelle Callen < Michelle. Callen@uts.edu.au >

Sent: Tuesday, 1 July 2025 10:36 AM

To: Ann-Maree Ashburn < <u>AnnMaree.Ashburn@uts.edu.au</u>>
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Informal requests under GIPA

Morning

Just following up on this – are you able to work with Jen to draft something that can go back to There are more comms coming in, so keen to close the loop on this one as more are

coming! Cheers Michelle

out of scope date range

Sent: Tuesday, 24 June 2025 12:13 PM

From: Kate McGrath

To: Scott McWhirter; Serena Ekman
Cc: Chun Xiao; Kate McGrath

Subject: RE: Scott McWhirter shared "UTS Council KPIs Performance Scorecard 2025 - Research June 25" with you

Date: Monday, 21 July 2025 4:46:25 PM

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Hi – so I think these are mostly nonsense numbers and so go ahead and release but would you please tell Fred that my very strong recommendation is that we pull these and that we spend some time deciding what to use.

OK?

Kate

From: Scott McWhirter <Scott.McWhirter@uts.edu.au>

Sent: Monday, 21 July 2025 9:41 AM

To: Kate McGrath <Kathryn.McGrath@uts.edu.au>; Serena Ekman <Serena.Ekman@uts.edu.au>

Cc: Chun Xiao < Chun. Xiao @ uts.edu.au>

Subject: RE: Scott McWhirter shared "UTS Council KPIs Performance Scorecard 2025 - Research

June 25" with you

Hi Kate,

Yes – it is not a great scorecard entry.

This is the index Andrew suggested (thankfully they asked that we stop reporting the index (since no one had any idea of why it went up or down)). They have continued though to ask for each normalised measure and so what you see is a normalised score based on our rank in the sector against that measure. I have put a note in saying 2025 FWCI will be unstable until 2026 end of Q1 and it may well be the case for most of the measures. The pleasing bit based on the provisional data is that we appear to be doing well (in a relative sense) on patent citations as a continuing trend.

Regards

From: Kate McGrath < Kathryn.McGrath@uts.edu.au>

Sent: Monday, 21 July 2025 7:52 AM

To: Scott McWhirter <<u>Scott.McWhirter@uts.edu.au</u>>; Serena Ekman

<<u>Serena.Ekman@uts.edu.au</u>>

Subject: RE: Scott McWhirter shared "UTS Council KPIs Performance Scorecard 2025 - Research

June 25" with you

Hi Scott

Thanks

I don't overly understand what I am looking at as the numbers all seem to way off from target

which would seem to indicate to me that we haven't understood much of this year if we are so off.

Are we able to have a quick touch base today please?

Thanks

Kate

From: Scott McWhirter < Scott.McWhirter@uts.edu.au >

Sent: Thursday, 17 July 2025 2:37 PM

To: Kate McGrath < Kathryn.McGrath@uts.edu.au; Serena Ekman < Subject: Scott McWhirter shared "UTS Council KPIs Performance Scorecard 2025 - Research June">Note: Research June

25" with you



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From: Deborah Naray

To: Marshall Craddock; Sarah Meaney
Cc: Bill Paterson; Janelle Sheather

Subject: RE: Urgent Re: Right to Information, KPMG and Research Performance

Date: Tuesday, 22 July 2025 3:39:00 PM

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Hi Marshell

VC received the same email last week, I thought that response was being coordinated and surprised if it hasn't gone out. I thought it was going to be provided via the VC Office. Let me see what's happening before we respond as it should really come via a single channel. Thanks, Deborah

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Subject: FW: Urgent Re: Right to Information, KPMG and Research Performance

Date: Tuesday, 22 July 2025 3:44:00 PM

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FW: Urgent Re: Right to Information, KPMG and Research Performance Subject:

Date: Tuesday, 22 July 2025 3:50:47 PM

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Fran is Kylie about - need her to urgently review some comms to issue from VCO

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Sent: Tuesday, 22 July 2025 3:49 PM

To: Marshall Craddock; Bill Paterson; Janelle Sheather; Sarah Meaney; Kylie Gould

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Responses to and Simon Knight on this are in train but waiting on Kylie G to

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Cc: Sarah Meaney; Jennifer Turner; Deborah Naray

Subject: Urgent: VC response

Date: Tuesday, 22 July 2025 4:29:06 PM

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HI Steve

Are you able to urgently provide me with some wording as to the below enquiry to the VC

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From: Ann-Maree Ashburn < AnnMaree Ashburn@uts.edu.au>

Sent: Tuesday, July 22, 2025 5:33:42 PM

To: Andrew Parfitt < Andrew. Parfitt@uts.edu.au>

Cc: Sam Sandford <<u>Samantha.Sandford@uts.edu.au</u>>; Sarah Meaney

<<u>Sarah.Meaney@uts.edu.au</u>>; Deborah Naray <<u>Deborah.Naray@uts.edu.au</u>>; Bill Paterson

< <u>William.Paterson@uts.edu.au</u>>; Mark Lillis < <u>Mark.Lillis@uts.edu.au</u>>

Subject: Urgent: Right to Information, KPMG and Research Performance

Dear Andrew

The linked document here includes responses to 3 different email requests for clarifications on material provided under GIPA to and Simon Knight.

Responses for both and also Trevor Murray are included <u>VC replies to</u>

correspondence.docx

These responses have been reviewed by Sarah Meaney and procurement

Kind regards

Ann-Maree

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From: Andrew Parfitt < Andrew Parfitt@uts.edu.au>

Sent: Tuesday, 22 July 2025 2:17 PM

To: Marshall Craddock < Marshall.Craddock@uts.edu.au >

Subject: Fwd: Urgent Re: Right to Information, KPMG and Research Performance

Could you please coordinate a response for me.

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: NTEU UTS Branch < uts@nteu.org.au >

Date: 22 July 2025 at 2:07:30 pm AEST

To: Andrew Parfitt < Andrew.Parfitt@uts.edu.au > Cc: Jo Blackwell < Jo.Blackwell@uts.edu.au >

Subject: Urgent Re: Right to Information, KPMG and Research

Performance

Dear Andrew

Cc: Jo Blackwell

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From: <u>Danielle Woolley</u>

To: Sarah Meaney; Andrew Parfitt; Ann-Maree Ashburn

Cc: Sam Sandford; Kylie Gould

Subject: Re: VCO replies re KPMG contracts etc

Date: Thursday, 24 July 2025 10:37:17 AM

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Thanks Sarah, I'll send those responses now.

Kind regards

Danielle Woolley



From: Sarah Meaney

Sent: Thursday, 24 July 2025 9:25 AM **To:** Andrew Parfitt; Ann-Maree Ashburn

Cc: Sam Sandford; Kylie Gould; Danielle Woolley **Subject:** Re: VCO replies re KPMG contracts etc

Thanks, KPMG are fine with the wording so good to go.

Cheers Sarah

Sarah Meaney

Director, University Program Management Office

University of Technology Sydney

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From: Sarah Meaney

Sent: Wednesday, 23 July 2025 4:54 PM **To:** Andrew Parfitt; Ann-Maree Ashburn

Cc: Sam Sandford ; Kylie Gould ; Danielle Woolley **Subject:** Re: VCO replies re KPMG contracts etc

Send KPMG the revised response but I think

is on a flight

ght 5.14,0

atm. Can we wait till the morning?

If not I'll let them know.

Cheers Sarah

Sarah Meaney

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From: Andrew Parfitt

Sent: Wednesday, 23 July 2025 4:50 PM

To: Ann-Maree Ashburn

Cc: Sam Sandford ; Sarah Meaney ; Kylie Gould ; Danielle Woolley

Subject: Re: VCO replies re KPMG contracts etc

OK – if Sarah confirms this, then Sam can help Danielle navigate which email to respond to (as Acting Chief of Staff).

Andrew.

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From: Ann-Maree Ashburn

Date: Wednesday, 23 July 2025 at 4:47 PM

To: Andrew Parfitt

Cc: Sam Sandford , Sarah Meaney , Kylie Gould , Danielle Woolley

Subject: RE: VCO replies re KPMG contracts etc

Sarah has done so I think

From: Andrew Parfitt

Sent: Wednesday, 23 July 2025 4:45 PM

To: Ann-Maree Ashburn

Cc: Sam Sandford; Sarah Meaney; Kylie Gould; Danielle Woolley

Subject: Re: VCO replies re KPMG contracts etc

OK wih me. I think Sarah wanted to run this past KPMG prior to sending.

Andrew.

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<Sarah.Meaney@uts.edu.au>, Kylie Gould <Kylie.Gould@uts.edu.au>, Danielle

Woolley < Danielle. Woolley@uts.edu.au >

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Andrew

Final version of replies to State St

We have made some additions to be clear on date differences regarding second KPMG contracts. this has been reviewed by Sarah Meaney and Kylie Gould Sarah proied wording to KPMG

For final review by you, prior to replies issuing from Danielle on behalf of VCO

Kind regards

Ann-Maree

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From: <u>Deborah Naray</u>

To: s.14,cl.3(b)

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: Application to access information - GIPA2025/07

Date: Friday, 25 July 2025 9:52:00 AM

Thanks 3(b)

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Deborah Naray

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From: 3(b)

Sent: Thursday, 24 July 2025 5:22 PM

To: Deborah Naray

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: Application to access information - GIPA2025/07

Hi Deborah,

yes this is accepted.

Thanks

On Mon, Jul 21, 2025 at 10:20 AM Deborah Naray < <u>Deborah.Naray@uts.edu.au</u>> wrote:



Just following up on my email below. We are unable to complete the application by the 24th July, as we have needed to review the information in line with your revised scope, and still need to complete third-party consultations.

In my email below, I asked if you would agree to an extension of 5-working days, with the view of completing the application by 31st July. Can you advise if this is accepted? Regards, Deborah

Deborah Naray

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From: Deborah Naray

Sent: Wednesday, 16 July 2025 2:19 PM

To: s.14,cl.3(b)

Cc: Right to Information < right.to.information@uts.edu.au >

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: Application to access information - GIPA2025/07

Hi 3(b)

I can confirm that we have accepted your amendments to your access application that

you provided to UTS on 14th July, in response to my email of 9th July 2025. The reduced scope of your access application is as follows:

- Request 1 and 2- The most recent version of documents which have been (1) sent to KPMG by UTS, or (2) sent to UTS by KPMG, including information about enrolment numbers, profitability, and productivity of specific subjects, in 2025.
- Request 3 and 4 -The most recent version of documents which have been (3) sent to KPMG by UTS, or (4) sent to UTS by KPMG, including information about the research output of staff members, in 2025.
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- Request 6 Withdrawn
- Request 7 Previous GIPA requests have noted that KPMG suggests removing subjects with a negative or low direct margin. I am requesting only the most recent version of any documents from 2025 that show which subjects are estimated to have a negative or low margin.

Following your response, your application has now re-commenced as of 14th July, and is due to be decided by 24th July 2025.

We need time to identify which documents meet your reduced scope, and then to undertake third party consultation on those versions. We will not be able to complete this process by 24th July. Although we have accepted your reduced scope, we request an additional 5-working days to properly complete the consultation process.

Please advise if you accept the extension from 24th July to 31st July 2025.

Regards, Deborah

Deborah Naray

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From: Deborah Naray

Sent: Monday, 14 July 2025 3:25 PM

To: S14,cl.3(b) >; Right to Information < right.to.information@uts.edu.au>

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: Application to access information - GIPA2025/07 - response

Thanks for your response we'll apply for amendments and I'll provide a formal response in the coming 2 days.

Regards, Deborah

Deborah Naray

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From: s.14,cl.3(b)

Sent: Monday, 14 July 2025 1:29 PM

To: Right to Information < right.to.information@uts.edu.au>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Application to access information - GIPA2025/07 - response

Hello Deborah,

After receiving your email, I have decided to reduce the requests to the following:

- Request 1 and 2 The most recent version of documents which have been (1) sent to KPMG by UTS, or (2) sent to UTS by KPMG, including information about enrolment numbers, profitability, and productivity of specific subjects, in 2025.
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This reduces the scope to only the most recent version of relevant documents from 2025 and removes the previous request for an excel spreadsheet that contains the list of proposed ... academic staff members that are not meeting research expectations.

Please advise me as to whether this scope is now appropriate. Regards,



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Danielle Woolley From: To: Ann-Maree Ashburn Cc: Deborah Naray

Subject: Re: Ann-Maree Ashburn replied to a comment in "VC replies to correspondence"

Tuesday, 29 July 2025 2:34:18 PM Date:

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Response to your request for clarification.msg

Hi there

I've attached the replies sent last Thursday. I received an acknowledgement from but nothing from the NTEU.

Kind regards

Danielle Woolley



From: Ann-Maree Ashburn < AnnMaree. Ashburn@uts.edu.au>

Sent: Tuesday, 29 July 2025 2:11 PM

To: Danielle Woolley < Danielle. Woolley@uts.edu.au> Cc: Deborah Naray < Deborah. Naray @uts.edu.au>

Subject: FW: Ann-Maree Ashburn replied to a comment in "VC replies to correspondence"

Danielle are you able to share final emails please

From: Deborah Naray < Deborah. Naray @uts.edu.au >

Sent: Tuesday, 29 July 2025 2:03 PM

To: Ann-Maree Ashburn <AnnMaree.Ashburn@uts.edu.au>

Subject: RE: Ann-Maree Ashburn replied to a comment in "VC replies to correspondence"

Hi

Did this ever get finalised and sent do you know? Jo was asking given VC had forwarded the union follow up to Marshall.

Thanks

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From: SharePoint Online <no-reply@sharepointonline.com>

Sent: Wednesday, 23 July 2025 4:45 PM

To: Deborah Naray < <u>Deborah.Naray@uts.edu.au</u> >

Subject: Ann-Maree Ashburn replied to a comment in "VC replies to correspondence"



VC replies to correspondence.docx





You left a comment

Version on Register of Contracts has this detail. -Signed by KPMG on 11/3/2025, signed by VC on 12/3/2025



Ann-Maree Ashburn left a comment

12th or 13th?



You left a comment

As stated, KPMG signed 11th, VC signed on 12th. See actual redacted version online. Page 14 v25-600-redacted-1.pdf



Ann-Maree Ashburn replied

Signed on 12th and effective date 13th?

... advice regarding the implementation over an extended period of time in 2025.

KPMG were able to operate under the initial contract for most of this time as there was an overlap in requirements.

This second contract was signed on 13 date March 2025.

I trust the above clarifies the matter.

Request from s.14,cl.3(b)

I would appreciate clarification regarding one matter from your recent email. In your reply regarding my earlier request about the Master Excel sprea...

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You left a comment

that decision had not yet been made. The evidence provided for the GIPA internal review, show this was decided in a project meeting in May, after the contract was executed, so presumably was still the intent in March, this changed after.



Ann-Maree Ashburn replied

Is that material to this response?

...that this spreadsheet was included in the contract. As this contract was signed by the Vice-Chancellor on 12 March 2025, could you please clarify why this deliverable was included in the executed contract if the spreadsheet was not required or produced? Further, I note that according to the documents released in response to the GIPA request, the RP&I program was delivered to UTS on 12 December 2024. Specifically, Activity 1.1 (Validate diagnostic analysis) was shown as completed at that poin...

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Why am I receiving this notification from Office?

From: <u>Danielle Woolley</u>

To: s.14,cl.3(b) gmail.com

Subject: Response to your request for clarification

Date: Thursday, 24 July 2025 11:15:54 AM

Dear^{s.14,cl.3(b)}

I am writing to you in regard to your email of 19 June 2025 to Deborah Naray, Head of Corporate Information, and specifically I am responding to your request for clarification regarding a master excel spreadsheet and contractual deliverables required to be provided to UTS by KPMG.

I can confirm that no master spreadsheet of research staff as referred to was produced or delivered in partnership with KPMG.

It is not unusual practice for the scope of deliverables outlined in contractual documentation to be changed or for program plans to be reviewed against delivery requirements and amended, provided both parties agree to such amendments. Timelines for work delivery may also be revised, again provided both parties agree. In this case, during the work being undertaken by KPMG it was agreed between both parties to change the scope of deliverables.

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From: Deborah Naray

To: <u>Jo Blackwell; Marshall Craddock</u>

Subject: FW: Urgent Re: Right to Information, KPMG and Research Performance

Date: Tuesday, 29 July 2025 2:58:00 PM

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Hi Jo and Marshal (FYI only)

I refer to the email forwarded from VC to Marshall for response, that was received from Trevor Marshall, following up on responses to some questions previously referred to the VC Office. Jo asked if this was resolved.

The VC Office replied to Trevor on Thursday (see below).

Regards, Deborah

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From: Danielle Woolley

Sent: Thursday, 24 July 2025 11:08 AM **To:** Simon Knight; uts@nteu.org.au

Subject: Fw: Urgent Re: Right to Information, KPMG and Research Performance

Dear Mr Knight and Mr Murray

I am writing to you in regard to your email requesting clarification on a master excel spreadsheet and contractual arrangements between UTS and KPMG.

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In relation to contracts, KPMG was awarded an initial contract in late 2024 to support a review of the strategic operating model and UTS' current financial modelling. This initial contract was then varied to extend the scope of this engagement to also provide advice regarding options for approaching a detailed design for the potential new operating model.

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Kind regards

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Thursday 1 August 2024 9:00 – 12:00 CB01.04A.026_Boardroom and https://zoom.uts.edu.au/j/87216707079

Item	Topic	;	Duration	Sponsor
1	PRO	CEDURAL MATTERS	15min	AP
	1.1	Opening Comments and Apologies Apologies: Robynne Quiggin		
	1.2	Starring of Items		
	1.3	ULT Meeting Notes – 1.8.2024		
	1.4	ULT Action Register		
2	STAN	IDING ITEMS		
	2.1	Meeting Debriefs – Verbal	5min	AP
	2.2	Health, Safety and Wellbeing Matters – Verbal	5min	GB
	2.3	Financial Update - Verbal	5min	GB
	2.4	Audit and Risk Matters – Verbal	5min	AP
3	ITEM	S FOR DECISION/ENDORSEMENT		
	3.1	-		
4	ITEM	S FOR DISCUSSION		
	4.1	COU 24-4 Strategy Deep Dive – Creative Industries Strategy Visitor: M Lillis	30min	VC
	4.2	COU 24-4 Strategy Deep Dive – Transnational Education and Global Growth	30min	KR
	4.3	COU 24-4 Strategic Item - Mid Cycle Review 2024 Corporate Plan Visitor: M Callen, A Jessup	10min	AP
	4.4	Base Load and Finance Plan Methodology (request from ULT 04072024) Visitors: R Abraham, L Pruden, B Johnson	45min	VC
5		S FOR INFORMATION EQUIRING DISCUSSION		
	5.1	*Student Load Plan Monitoring Report – Post Autumn Results		VC
6	INFO	NCIL & COUNCIL SUB COMMITTEE PAPERS FOR RMATION EQUIRING DISCUSSION		
	6.1	CFI 24-2 Report on impact of Federal Government Budget		AP
	6.2	CFI 24-2 UTS Financial Performance Report		GB
	6.3	CFI 24-2 Controlled Entities Reports		GB
	6.4	CFI 24-2 Student Managed Fund		GB (TBC)
	6.5	CIC 24-3 Portfolio Insights Report		GB
	6.6	CIC 24-3 Precincts Update incl. Tech Precinct, Western Sydney and Other		GW



Thursday 8 August 2024 9:00 – 12:00

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Item	Topic		Duration	Sponsor
1	PROC	EDURAL MATTERS	15min	VC
	1.1	Opening Comments and Apologies Apologies: A Parfitt will be joining the meeting at 11:30am		
	1.2	Starring of Items		
	1.3	ULT Meeting Notes 1 August 2024		
	1.4	ULT Action Register		
2	STAN	DING ITEMS		
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3	ITEMS	S FOR DECISION/ENDORSEMENT		
	3.1	UTS Pathways Strategy – Widening Access for Domestic Equity Cohorts Visitor: A Persson, S Singh, Dr N Zacharias, J Wise	30mins	VC
	3.2	Global Mobility Travel Grants Planning Visitor: I Ireland	10min	IW
	3.3	UTS Position Titling Visitors: M Doran, D Holme	20mins	GB
4	ITEMS	S FOR DISCUSSION		
-	4.1	Strategic Risk Review Discussion Visitors: K Gould, H Godhrawala	45min	AP(OGC)
	4.2	Honorary Appointment Report	10min	GW
5		5 FOR INFORMATION QUIRING DISCUSSION		
	5.1	UTS International Committee Meeting – 22 July Report		IW
6	INFO	ICIL & COUNCIL SUB COMMITTEE PAPERS FOR RMATION QUIRING DISCUSSION		
	6.1	-		
7	CLOS	ING MATTERS		
	7.1	Any Other Business		
	7.2	Meeting Reflections	5min	All



Thursday 15 August 2024 9:00 – 12:00 CB01.04A.026_Boardroom and https://zoom.uts.edu.au/j/81870299162

Item	Topic		Duration	Sponsor
1	PROC	CEDURAL MATTERS	15min	VC
	1.1	Opening Comments and Apologies Apologies: A Parfitt		
	1.2	Starring of Items		
	1.3	ULT Meeting Notes - 8 August 2024		
	1.4	ULT Action Register		
2	STAN	IDING ITEMS		
	2.1	Meeting Debriefs – Verbal	5min	VC
	2.2	Health, Safety and Wellbeing Matters – Verbal	5min	GB
	2.3	Financial Update		
		2.3.1 July 2024 Financial Performance Report Visitor: B Johnson	15min	GB
	2.4	Audit and Risk Matters – Verbal	5min	VC
3	ITEM	S FOR DECISION/ENDORSEMENT		
	3.1	International Research Scholarship Alignment	20min	KM
	17534	2 FOR DISCUSSION		
4	4.1	S FOR DISCUSSION Research Translation Benchmarking	30min	KM
	4.1	Visitor: Dr Tony Raven (Ex CEO Cambridge Enterprise)	3011111	IXIVI
	4.2	VISA Fee Subsidisation Verbal Update	5min	IW
	4.3	Staff Pulse Survey Deeper Insights and Action Planning Update Visitors: M Doran, J Wix	20min	GB
	4.4	UTS 2024 Marketing and Communication Strategy Mid-Year Update Visitor: T Chalk	15min	GB
	4.5	Ethical Approach to Partnerships – Outcome of Internal Review	20min	KR
5		S FOR INFORMATION EQUIRING DISCUSSION		
	5.1	Staff Disclosures of Interest Project		KM
	5.2	Update on New Course Proposals in OCAP		KR
6	COUN	NCIL & COUNCIL SUB COMMITTEE PAPERS FOR		
	INFORMATION			
	6.1	COU 24-4 Health Safety and Wellbeing Report to Council		GB
	6.2	CGC 24-4 Gender Based Violence Action Plan		VC
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	7.2	Meeting Reflections	5min	All



UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP TEAM (ULT) - RESERVE MEETING

Thursday 22 August 2024 10:00am-12:00pm CB01.04A.026_Boardroom and https://zoom.uts.edu.au/j/88573259167

Item	Topic		Duration	Sponsor
1	PRO	Apologies: K McGrath, J Wallman, R Quiggin, A Stuhmcke ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION 2.1 Strategic Risk Review Visitor: K Gould, K Srinivasan STRETCH BREAK 2.2 FY25B Parameters	5min	AP
	1.1			
2	ITEM			
	2.1		30min	AP
		STRETCH BREAK		
	2.2	FY25B Parameters Visitor: B Johnson, L Pruden, Q Ying Goldberg	75min	AP



Thursday 29 August 2024 9:00 – 10:45

CB01.04A.026_Boardroom and https://zoom.uts.edu.au/j/84163162670

UPDATED MEETING AGENDA

Item	Topic		Duration	Sponsor
1		EDURAL MATTERS	10min	AP
	1.1	Opening Comments and Apologies		
	1.0	Apologies: K McGrath, J Wallman, G Babington (B Johnson Acting COO)		
	1.2	Starring of Items		
	1.3	ULT Meeting Notes		
		1.3.1 ULT 08082024		
		1.3.2 ULT 15082024		
		1.3.3 ULT 22082024		
	1.4	ULT Action Register		
2	STAN	DING ITEMS		
	2.1	Meeting Debriefs – Verbal	5min	AP
	2.2	Health, Safety and Wellbeing Matters – Verbal	5min	BJ
	2.3	Audit and Risk Matters – Verbal	5min	AP/VC
	2.0	Addit and Makers – Verbai	Jillili	Ai / V C
3	ITEMS	S FOR DECISION/ENDORSEMENT		
		None		
4	ITEMS	S FOR DISCUSSION		AP
	4.1	*Financial Update Visitors: L Pruden, R Abraham		
	4.2	*UTS 2027 & 2030 Foundations – Verbal		
5		S FOR INFORMATION EQUIRING DISCUSSION		
	5.1	Human Technology Institute Mid-Year Impact Report	-	VC
6	INFO	ICIL & COUNCIL SUB COMMITTEE PAPERS FOR RMATION EQUIRING DISCUSSION		
		None		
7		ING MATTERS		
	7.1	Any Other Business		
	7.2	Meeting Reflections		All



Thursday 12 September 2024 9:00 – 12:00 CB01.04A.026_Boardroom and https://zoom.uts.edu.au/j/82132767037

Item	Topic	3	Duration	Sponsor
1	PRO	CEDURAL MATTERS	10min	Chair: K Readman
	1.1	Opening Comments and Apologies Apologies: A Parfitt, K McGrath, J Wallman, G Babington, V Chen		
	1.2	Starring of Items		
	1.3	ULT Meeting Notes		
		1.3.1 ULT 29082024		
	1.4	ULT Action Register		
2	STAN	NDING ITEMS		
	2.1	Meeting Debriefs – Verbal	5min	Chair
	2.2	Health, Safety and Wellbeing Matters – Verbal	5min	BJ
	2.3	Audit and Risk Matters – Verbal	15min	Chair
		2.3.1 CAR 24-4 Audit Reports		
	2.4	Financial Matters	15min	BJ
		2.4.1 *UTS Financial Performance Report August 2024 Presentation		
3	ITEM	S FOR DECISION/ENDORSEMENT		
	3.1	*Future Support for Indigenous HDR Students	15min	СТ
4	ITEM	S FOR DISCUSSION		
	4.1	*Jones Street Landscaping Project Visitors: N Oliver and G Edwards	15min	BJ
	4.2	*SXSW Partnership – UTS House Activation Visitors: T Chalk, M Proft and M Solomon	15min	GW
5		S FOR INFORMATION EQUIRING DISCUSSION		
	5.1	Update on new Course Proposals in OCAP	-	KR
	5.2	UTS HDR Thesis Examination Risk Process	-	СТ
	5.3	Update on Indigenous Student Participation Funding	-	RQ
6	INFO	NCIL & COUNCIL SUB COMMITTEE PAPERS FOR RMATION EQUIRING DISCUSSION		

		None Released under GIPA - GIPA2025/10 - doc 43	
7	CLOS	ING MATTERS	
	7.1	Any Other Business	
	7.2	Meeting Reflections All	



Friday 27 September 2024
12:00 – 15:30
including working lunch
CB01.04A.026_Boardroom and https://zoom.uts.edu.au/j/88433474566

Item	Topic		Duration	Sponsor
1	PROC	CEDURAL MATTERS	10min	Chair
	1.1	Opening Comments and Apologies Apologies: None		
	1.2	Starring of Items		
	1.3	ULT Meeting Notes		
		1.3.1 ULT 12092024		
		1.3.2 ULT 19092024		
	1.4	ULT Action Register		
2	STAN	DING ITEMS		
	2.1	Meeting Debriefs – Verbal	5min	Chair
	2.2	Health, Safety and Wellbeing Matters – Verbal	5min	GB
	2.3	Audit and Risk Matters – Verbal	5min	Chair
	2.4	Financial Matters - Verbal	5min	GB
3	ITEMS	S FOR DECISION/ENDORSEMENT		
	3.1	*New Business Models for Global Growth – CinLearn OPM Partnership Visitors: Kerstin Schofer	45min	KR
4	ITEMS	S FOR DISCUSSION		
	4.1	*Knowledge Exchange Initiative with Professor Trevor McMillan Visitors: External: Trevor McMillan, Chris Turney	25min	KM
	4.2	*COU 24-5 Research: Category 2-4 Income - Verbal	15min	KM
5		S FOR INFORMATION EQUIRING DISCUSSION		
	5.1	Student Load Plan Monitoring Report - Post Spring Census Review	-	₩C
	5.2	Enterprise CRM Reports	-	GW
	5.3	UTS Advancement and Alumni Quarterly Calendar	-	AP

6	INFO	ICIL & COUNCIL SUB COMMITTEE PAPERS FOR eleased under GIPA RMATION QUIRING DISCUSSION	- GIPA2025/10 - d	oc 44
	6.1	CFI 24-3 UTS Debt Profile	-	GB
	6.2	CFI 24-3 Operational Sustainability Initiative Update	-	AP
	6.3	CFI 24-3 Sustainable Finance Planning	-	AP
	6.4	CFI 24-3 UTS Financial Performance Report	-	GB
	6.5	CFI 24-3 UTS Global Q2 2024 Report	-	GB
	6.6	CAR 24-4 Progress on the Internal Audit Programs	-	AP (Audit)
	6.7	CAR 24-4 Drafting the Internal Audit Program for 2025	-	AP (Audit)
	6.8	CAR 24-4 Review of Internal Audit Charter	-	AP (Audit)
	6.9	CAR 24-4 HSW Update and Annual Assurance Statement	-	GB
	6.10	CAR 24-4 Routine Director Risk Report	-	AP (OGC)
	6.11	CAR 24-4 Cybersecurity Update	-	GB
	6.12	CAR 24-4 Business Continuity Planning	-	GB
7	CLOS	ING MATTERS	5min	All
	7.1	Any Other Business		
	7.2	Meeting Reflections		



UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP TEAM (ULT) - RESERVE MEETING

Thursday 3 October 2024 9:00 – 10:30 CB01.04A.026_Boardroom and https://zoom.uts.edu.au/j/82507867702

AGENDA

lte m	Topi	ic	Duration	Sponsor
1	PRO	CEDURAL MATTERS		
	1.1	Opening Comments and Apologies Apologies: A Stuhmcke, C Rhodes	5min	AP
2	ITEN	IS FOR DISCUSSION		
	2.1	Foundations for 2030	30min	AP
	2.2	Finance Discussion Visitor: B Johnson	45min	AP/GB



Thursday 10 October 2024 9:00-12:00pm CB01.04A.026_Boardroom and https://zoom.uts.edu.au/j/82507292673

Item	Topic	;	Duration	Sponsor
1	PRO	CEDURAL MATTERS	10min	Chair
	1.1	Opening Comments and Apologies Apologies: A Stuhmcke, C Rhodes, M Evans		
	1.2	Starring of Items		
	1.3	ULT Meeting Notes		
		1.3.1 ULT 27092024		
		1.3.2 ULT 03102024		
	1.4	ULT Action Register		
2	STAN	IDING ITEMS		
	2.1	Meeting Debriefs – Verbal	5min	Chair
	2.2	Health, Safety and Wellbeing Matters – Verbal	5min	GB
	2.3	Audit and Risk Matters – Verbal	5min	Chair
	2.4	Financial Matters - Verbal	15min	GB
		2.4.1 September UTS Financial Performance Flash Report Visitor: B Johnson		
3	ITEM	S FOR DECISION/ENDORSEMENT		
	3.1	* UTS Pathways Strategy Implementation Plan – Widening Access for Domestic Equity Cohorts Visitor: A Persson, S Singh, J Wise, External: Dr Nadine Zacharias (Equity by Design)	25min	VC/KR
	3.2	*Systems Rationalisation Visitor: D Reeve	15min	GB
4	ITEM	S FOR DISCUSSION		
	4.1	*Manufacturing at UTS – Vision and Approach	30min	KM
	4.2	*Tech Lab Steering Committee – Current State	30min	KM
	4.3	*Head of School Development Program	20min	VC
5		S FOR INFORMATION EQUIRING DISCUSSION		
	5.1	Post Spring Census Load Report	-	VC
	5.2	UTS International Committee Meeting 16 Sept Report	-	GB
	5.3	Update on new Courses in OCAP	-	IW

6	INFO	ICIL & COUNCIL SUB COMMITTEE PAPERS FOR eleased under GIPA RMATION EQUIRING DISCUSSION	- GIPA2025/10 - c	loc 46
	6.1	COU 24-5 Student Load Report 2024	-	VC
	6.2	COU 24-5 Health, Safety and Wellbeing Report	-	GB
7	CLOS	ING MATTERS	5min	All
	7.1	Any Other Business		
	7.2	Meeting Reflections		



ULT Strategy Retreat

Thursday 17 October 2024

Location:

University of Technology Sydney Building 2, Level 17 Board Room (CB02.17.130)





Pre Reading & Preparation

Pre-reading

- 1. Background reading for all sessions:
 - a. Strategy Update and Sustainable Implementation (October Council)
 - b. Research Investment (October Council)
 - c. Sustainable Finance Planning (September Finance Committee)
- 2. Session two: Creative Industries:
 - a. Creative Industries Project post-consultation review and decision on next steps
 - b. Business Case Investment Plan
 - c. <u>Draft Creative</u> Industries market insights, perspectives and opportunities s.14, cl4(d)
 - d. Consultation feedback summary
- 3. Session three: Sustainable Finance Planning: KPMG report
 - a. UTS Sustainable Finance report
 - b. UTS Sustainable Finance report appendix: Supporting analysis for each Strategic lever

Thursday 17 October 2024

Time	Session	Facilitator
8:45am	Barista Drinks on Arrival to Boardroom CB02.17.130	
9:00am	Welcome and Overview	A Parfitt
9:15am	Session 1 – Foundations for 2030	A Parfitt
		Visitor: M Lillis
10:30am	Session 2	V Chen
	Creative Industries Project – post-consultation review and decision on next steps	Visitor: M Lillis
11:10am: Morning tea		
11:30am	Session 3: Sustainable Finance Planning	A Parfitt
	KPMG presentation and discussion	Visitors: s.14, cl3(a)(b) KPMG
1:30pm: Lunch		
2:15pm	Session 4 Options Discussion	A Parfitt
3:45pm: Afternoon tea		
4:15pm	Session 5 Options recap and next steps – including BAU and leading transformational change	A Parfitt
5:15pm	Wrap Up and Close	

Attendees

UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP TEAM

Debra Anderson	Dean, Health
Glen Babington	COO
Vicki Chen	Provost
Alan Davison	Dean, FASS
Mark Evans	Interim Dean, DAB
Kate McGrath	DVC Research
Andrew Parfitt	Vice-Chancellor
Alana Piper	DVC, External Engagement and Partnerships
Robynne Quiggin	Pro Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Leadership and Engagement)
Kylie Readman	DVC Education and Students
Carl Rhodes	Dean, UTS Business School
Anita Stuhmcke	Dean, Law
James Wallman	Dean, Science
lain Watt	DVC International
Peta Wyeth	Dean, FEIT

SUPPORT TEAM

Amanda Ander	Executive Support Officer (Internal)
Michelle Callen	Chief of Staff



UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP TEAM (ULT)

Thursday 24 October 2024 8:00-11:00am CB01.04A.026_Boardroom and https://zoom.uts.edu.au/j/87071545142

Item	Topi	С	Duration	Sponsor
1	PRO	CEDURAL MATTERS	10min	Chair
	1.1	Opening Comments and Apologies Apologies: C Rhodes Note. P Wyeth attending UTS graduation ceremony at 10:30am		
	1.2	Starring of Items		
	1.3	ULT Meeting Notes 10102024		
	1.4	ULT Action Register		
2	STAI	NDING ITEMS		
	2.1	Meeting Debriefs – Verbal	5min	Chair
	2.2	Health, Safety and Wellbeing Matters – Verbal	5min	GB
	2.3	Audit and Risk Matters - Verbal	5min	Chair
	2.4	Finance Matters - Verbal	5min	GB
3	ITEN	IS FOR DECISION/ENDORSEMENT		
	3.1	* ULT Retreat Debrief and Look Ahead to SLG Briefing	40min	AP
	3.2	* Compliance and Assurance Update Visitor: K Gould	15min	AP (OGC)
	3.3	* GCC 24-4 Commercial Activities Policy and Research Translation	15min	GB
	3.4	* Council KPIs for the 2025 Corporate Plan Visitor: C Napier, E Fonacier	15min	GB
4	ITEN	IS FOR DISCUSSION		
	4.1	* CIC 24-4 Paper: 2025 -2026 Data and AI Strategy Visitor: C Napier, S Gibson	15min	GB
	4.2	* CAR 24-5 Paper - UTS Strategic Risk Profile Visitor: K Gould, K Srinivasan	20min	AP (OGC)
5		IS FOR INFORMATION EQUIRING DISCUSSION		
	5.1	UTS Advancement and Alumni - Health Campaign Update	-	DA
6	INFO	NCIL & COUNCIL SUB COMMITTEE PAPERS FOR PRINTING DISCUSSION		
		None		

7	CLOS	ING MATTERS Released under GIPA	- 5 PA 2 025/10 - 0	oAl8
	7.1	Any Other Business		
	7.2	Meeting Reflections		



UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP TEAM (ULT) - RESERVE MEETING

Thursday 31 October 2024 9:00 – 12:00 CB01.04A.026_Boardroom and https://zoom.uts.edu.au/j/85272077156

AGENDA

Item	Тор	ic	Duration	Sponsor
1	PRC	DCEDURAL MATTERS		_
	1.1	1.1 Opening Comments and Apologies Apologies: A Parfitt, M Evans, I Watt, K Readman, C Rhodes Zoom: J Wallman Note. K McGrath attending UTS Graduation at 10:30am	5min	Chair
2	TRA	I NINING		
	2.1	Psychosocial Risk Management Training Session External Facilitation by S14,013(a)(b) from Communicorp	90min	GB
		STRETCH BREAK		
	2.2	Cybersecurity Engagement Session Visitor: s.14,cl.4(d)	75min	GB



UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP TEAM (ULT)

Thursday 7 November 2024 9:00 – 12:00pm CB01.04A.026_Boardroom and https://zoom.uts.edu.au/j/86330445250

Item	Topic		Duration	Sponsor	
1	PRO	CEDURA	10min	Chair	
	Apologie Note. V (g Comments and Apologies s: C Rhodes, I Watt, P Wyeth Chen attending UTS graduation ceremony at 10:30am g of Items			
	1.3	ULT Me	eeting Notes 24102024		
	1.4	ULT Ac	ction Register		
2	STAI	NDING IT	EMS		
	2.1	Meeting	g Debriefs – Verbal	5min	Chair
	2.2	Health,	Safety and Wellbeing Matters – Verbal	5min	GB
	2.3	Audit a	nd Risk Matters - Verbal	5min	Chair
	2.4	Finance	e Matters - Verbal	5min	GB
3	ITEM	IS FOR D			
	3.1		4-4 Campus 2040 Master Plan N Oliver, G Edwards	15min	GB
	3.2		4-4 Investment Portfolio Insights	15min	GB
4	ITEM	IS FOR D	ISCUSSION		
	4.1		Transformation Update and University Engagement B Johnson, F Thomas, J Bladwell, D Reeve	30min	GB
	4.2	* Marke	eting and Communications Update		
		4.2.1	UTS Brand Platform and Creative Framework Visitors: T Chalk		
		4.2.2	UTS 2024 Marketing and Comms Strategy Update Visitors: T Chalk	30min	ARP
		4.2.3	Q2 International Marketing Update Visitors: T Chalk, A de Villa, M Palamountain		
	4.3		rnment Affairs Update D Woolley	15min	AP
5		IS FOR IN	NFORMATION DISCUSSION		
	5.1		on new course proposals in OCAP	-	KR
	5.2	Gender	r-based violence action plan: working group nendations	-	VC
	5.3	Acader	nic Performance Framework 2024-2025 Update	-	VC

		Released under GIPA	- GIPA2025/10 -	doc 50
6	INFO	NCIL & COUNCIL SUB COMMITTEE PAPERS FOR RMATION EQUIRING DISCUSSION		
	6.1	CIC 24-4 Precincts Update	-	AP
	6.2	CIC 24-4 Property Report	-	GB
	6.3	CIC 24-4 Venue Hire for Delegation Changes	-	GB
	6.4	CFI 24-4 UTS Financial Performance Report	-	GB
	6.5	CFI 24-4 UTS Global Q3 Report	-	IW
	6.6	CFI 24-4 UTS College September YTD 2024 Report	-	GB
	6.7	CAR 24-5 Cybersecurity Update	_	GB
	6.8	CAR 24-5 Progress in addressing Recommendations in Final	_	GB
		Management Letter for ye 2022 and ye 2023		GB
	6.9	CAR 24-5 Report on UTS Performance Against Actions arising	-	AP (GSU)
		from Audits		AF (G30)
	6.10	CAR 24-5 Routine Director Risk Report	-	AP (OGC)
	6.11	CAR 24-5 Strategic Risk Report	-	AP (OGC)
	6.12	CGC 24-5 Commercial Activities Policy & Research Translation	-	GB
	6.13	AB 24-6 Course Quality Assurance	-	VC
7	CLOS	SING MATTERS	5min	All
	7.1	Any Other Business		
	7.2	Meeting Reflections		



UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP TEAM (ULT) - RESERVE

Friday 15 November 2024 9:00 – 12:00pm CB01.04A.026_Boardroom and https://zoom.uts.edu.au/j/86597164515

Item	Topi	c	Duration	Sponsor
1	PRO	CEDURAL MATTERS	10min	Chair
	1.1	Opening Comments and Apologies Apologies: C Rhodes, I Watt, D Anderson, A Stuhmcke Tentative via zoom: S Denize		
2	ITEM	IS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ENDORSEMENT		
	2.1	COU 24-6 Paper: Foundations for 2030	30min	AP
	2.2	CFI 24-6 Paper: Provisional 2025 Budget & Financial Plan Visitor: B Johnson	15min	GB
	2.3	Staff Pulse Survey Action Planning 2024 Visitor: M Doran, J Wix	20min	GB
	2.4	COU 24-6 Paper: Employee Value Proposition Update Visitor: M Doran	30min	GB
	2.5	Updated UTS Position Titling Approach Visitor: M Doran, D Holme, D Bennett	20min	GB



UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP TEAM (ULT)

Wednesday 20 November 2024 2:00pm – 5:00pm CB01.04A.026_Boardroom and https://zoom.uts.edu.au/j/85726184659

Item	Topic		Duration	Sponsor
1	PROC	EDURAL MATTERS	10min	Chair
	1.1	Opening Comments and Apologies Apologies: A Parfitt		
	1.2	Starring of Items		
	1.3	ULT Meeting Notes 07112024		
	1.4	ULT Action Register		
2	STAN	DING ITEMS		
	2.1	Meeting Debriefs – Verbal	5min	Chair
	2.2	Health, Safety and Wellbeing Matters – Verbal	5min	GB
	2.3	Audit and Risk Matters - Verbal	5min	Chair
		2.3.1 Employee Entitlements and Assurance Review Update - Verbal Visitor: K Gould		
	2.4	Finance Matters	15min	GB
		* October 2024 UTS Financial Performance Report Visitor: B Johnson		
3	ITEMS	S FOR DECISION/ENDORSEMENT		
	3.1	* Space Management and Related Policies Visitor: G Rheinberger	15min	GB
	3.2	* Records Management, Data Breach and Data Governance Policies Visitor: B Paterson, D Naray, C Napier	10min	AP (GSU)
4	ITEM	S FOR DISCUSSION		
	4.1	* Draft Indigenous Education and Research Strategy (IERS)	25min	RQ
	4.2	* CMM Update - Verbal Visitor: J Gray	10min	KR
5		S FOR INFORMATION EQUIRING DISCUSSION		
6	INFO	ICIL & COUNCIL SUB COMMITTEE PAPERS FOR RMATION QUIRING DISCUSSION		
		None		

7	CLOS	ING MATTERS Released under GIPA	- 5/PA/2 025/10 - c	10 03 2
	7.1	Any Other Business		
	7.2	Meeting Reflections		



UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP TEAM (ULT) - RESERVE

Thursday 5 December 9:00 – 12:00pm CB01.04A.026_Boardroom and https://zoom.uts.edu.au/j/83817113264

Item	Topic	3	Duration	Sponsor
1	PRO	CEDURAL MATTERS	10min	Chair
	1.1	Opening Comments and Apologies Apologies: P Wyeth		
	1.2	Starring of Items		
	1.3	ULT Meeting Notes 15112024 & 20112024		
	1.4	ULT Action Register		
2	STAN	NDING ITEMS		
	2.1	Meeting Debriefs – Verbal	5min	Chair
	2.2	Health, Safety and Wellbeing Matters – Verbal	5min	GB
	2.3	Audit and Risk Matters - Verbal	5min	Chair
3	ITEM	S FOR DECISION/ENDORSEMENT		
	3.1	*Early Entry Program – Options for 2026 Intake and Beyond Visitor: J Wise, T Maillet, A Persson	20min	KR
	3.2	*FY25 Investment Prioritisation Update Visitor: B Johnson	30min	GB
	3.3	*Major Facilities Governance Visitor: M Blumenstein	20min	ARP
4	ITEM	S FOR DISCUSSION		
	4.1	*Student Load Plan Report (Summer Session Commencing) – Verbal Update	10min	VC
	4.2	*Global Digital Growth Strategy and CinLearn – Verbal Update Visitor: K Schofer	20min	KR
	4.3	*Corporate Communication Visitor: T Chalk	20min	ARP
	4.4	*Wages Remediation – Verbal Update Visitor: K Gould, B Johnson	20min	AP (OGC)
5		S FOR INFORMATION EQUIRING DISCUSSION		
	5.1	IT Operating Model Update	-	GB
	5.2	Enterprise CRM Reports	-	ARP

6	INFO	ICIL & COUNCIL SUB COMMITTEE PAPERS FOR eleased under GIPA RMATION QUIRING DISCUSSION	- GIPA2025/10 - c	oc 53
		None		
7	CLOS	ING MATTERS		
	7.1	Any Other Business		
	7.2	Meeting Reflections		



UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP TEAM (ULT) - RESERVE MEETING

Thursday 12 December 10:00 – 12:00

CB01.04A.026_Boardroom and https://zoom.uts.edu.au/j/82694213436

AGENDA

Item	Тор	ic			Duration	Lead
1	PRC	CEDU				
	1.1			nents and Apologies gton, V Chen	5min	A Parfitt
2	ITEN	IS FOR	DISCUS	SION		
	2.1	Opera	tional Su	stainability Update and Next Steps		
		UTS Visitors: Michelle Callen, Belinda Johnson, Lee Pruden, Emma Baker, Sarah Meaney, Mark Sandham, Fiona Thomas				
		KPMG	Visitors: ^{s.}	14, cl3(a)(b)		
		2.1.1	Opening	Comments	5min	A Parfitt
		2.1.2	Propose	d Operational Sustainability Governance	20min	M Callen E Baker S Meaney
		2.1.3	Program	Plans (75 mins: 15 mins each plus wrap up)		
			2.1.3.1	Research Productivity and Investment	15min	K McGrath
			2.1.3.2	Sustainable Teaching and Learning	15min	K Readman J Gray J McManus
			2.1.3.3	Operating Model	15min	P Wyeth M Sandham
			2.1.3.4	Overall investment ask (presentation on the day)	15min	M Callen
		2.1.4	Overall F	Risks (presentation on the day)	10min	M Callen
		2.1.5	Approac the day)	h to communications and change (presentation on	10min	M Callen
3			INFORM G DISCUSSIO			
	3.1 3.2			al Committee Meeting 25 Nov Report s: Nov (Flash) 2024 UTS Financial Performance	-	IW GB
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Thursday 30 January 2025 9:00am – 12:00pm In CB01.04A.026_Boardroom + https://zoom.uts.edu.au/j/85202397486

Item	Title			Time	Sponsor
1	OPENING MATTERS (30 min)			9:00	AP
	1.1 Opening Comments and Apologies Apologies: C Rhodes, N Castree				
		1.1.1	Annual Review of ULT Terms of Reference	9:10	
		1.1.2	SLG and SMF Membership and Approach (Verbal)	9:20	
		1.1.3	UTS Council Retreat – draft overview	9:30	
2	ITEN	IS FOR I	DISCUSSION		
	2.1	Faculty •	//Division Reviews of 2024 and Look Ahead ~3min each to present, followed by Q&A before moving on to the next Faculty/Division	9:40	All



Thursday 6 February 2025 9:00am – 12:00pm CB01.04A.026_Boardroom and https://utsmeet.zoom.us/j/82422931488

Item	Title		Time	Sponsor
1	PRO	CEDURAL MATTERS (15 min)	9:00	AP
	1.1	Opening Comments and Apologies Apologies: D Anderson, N Castree		
	1.2	Approval of Previous Meeting Notes		
	1.3	ULT Action Register		
2	STAI	NDING ITEMS (20min)		
	2.1	Meeting Debriefs	9:15	AP
	2.2	Health, Safety and Wellbeing Matters	9:20	GB
	2.3	Audit and Risk Matters	9:25	AP
	2.4	Financial Matters	9:30	GB
3	ITEM	IS FOR ENDORSEMENT		
	3.1	COU 25/1 Paper: EOY Corporate Plan 2024 Report	9:35	AP
	3.2	Proposal to Establish China Learning Centre in Hainan Visitors: Connie Cui, Melek Aycenk	9:50	IW
		Stretch Break	10:15	
	3.3	UTS Work Planning Tool 2025-2027 Visitors: Mike Doran, Mark So, Marshall Craddock	10:25	VC
	3.4	UTS Partnerships Documents Visitors: Innes Ireland	10:45	IW/KM
4	ITEN	IS FOR DISCUSSION		
	4.1	Electronic Commonwealth Assistance Forms (eCAF) Issue Visitors: Alex Sabharwal, Simon Maizels	11:10	KR/GB
	4.2	UTS 2030 Strategic Plan	11:25	AP
5		NCIL & SUB COMMITTEE PAPERS FOR INFORMATION REQUIRING DISCUSSION		
	5.1	None		
6		ER PAPERS FOR INFORMATION REQUIRING DISCUSSION		
	6.1	UTS International Engagement Schedule 2025	-	ARP/IW
7	CLO	SING MATTERS		
	7.1	Other Business and Meeting Reflections		All



UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP TEAM - RESERVE MEETING AGENDA

Thursday 13 February 2025 9:00am – 12:00pm CB01.04A.026_Boardroom and https://zoom.uts.edu.au/j/81401069231

Item	Title		Time	Sponsor
1	PRO	CEDURAL MATTERS (10 min)	9:00	AP
	1.1	Opening Comments and Apologies		
	1.2	Apologies: Debra Anderson, Anita Stuhmcke Approval of Previous Meeting Notes		
2	STA	NDING ITEMS (10min)		
	2.1	Meeting Debriefs	9:10	AP
3	ITEN	S FOR ENDORSEMENT		
	3.1	Operational Sustainability	9:20	
		3.1.1 Resourcing & Governance including University Design Principles Visitor: M Callen, S Meany, M Craddock		AP
		3.1.2 Operating Program Model: Academic Structures Update Visitor: M Lillis		PW
	3.2	Proposal to offer two TNE courses in partnership with Ho Chi Minh City University of Technology, Vietnam Visitors: C Cui, D Nguyen	10:10	IW/PW
	3.3	HDR Review	10:35	KM
		STRETCH BREAK	10:55	
4	ITEM	S FOR DISCUSSION		
	4.1	SXSW 2024 Review and 2025 Discussion Visitors: T Chalk, M Solomon	11:05	ARP
	4.2	2025 Investment Budget Proposal – for endorsement Visitors: B Johnson	11:25	GB
	4.3	Sustainable Teaching and Learning Update (Verbal – Time Permitting)	11:45	KR
5		NCIL & SUB COMMITTEE PAPERS FOR INFORMATION EQUIRING DISCUSSION		
	5.1	CFI 25/1 Paper: Draft UTS Financial Statements (Parent) for the year ended 31 December 2024		
	5.2	CFI 25/1 Paper: UTS Financial Performance Report (for the period ended 31 December 2024)		
	5.3	CFI 25/1 Paper: MYEFO Report Impact		
	5.4	CFI 25/1 Controlled Entities Papers: UTS College Report and UTS Global Report		
	5.5	CFI 25/1 Paper: National First Nations College Update		
	5.6	CAR 25/1 Paper: Risk Management Framework Report		
	5.7	CAR 25/1 Paper: Employee Entitlements Review Program		
	5.8	CAR 25/1 Paper: Progress on Internal Audit Programs		
	5.9	CAR 25/1 Paper: Internal Audit General Update		

		Released under GIPA - GIPA2025/10 - doc 57
6		IER PAPERS FOR INFORMATION REQUIRING DISCUSSION
	6.1	None
7	CLO	DSING MATTERS
	7.1	Other Business and Meeting Reflections



Thursday 20 February 2025 9:00am – 12:00pm CB01.04A.026_Boardroom and https://zoom.uts.edu.au/j/83186385033

Item	Title			Time	Sponsor
1	PRO	CEDURA	AL MATTERS (15 min)	9:00	AP
	1.1		g Comments and Apologies s: N Castree		
	1.2		al of Previous Meeting Notes		
	1.3	ULT Ad	ction Register		
2	STA	NDING IT	EMS (Verbal 20min)		
	2.1	Meeting	g Debriefs	9:15	AP
	2.2	Health,	Safety and Wellbeing Matters		GB
	2.3	Audit a	nd Risk Matters		AP
	2.4	Financi	al Matters		GB
	2.5	Operat	ional Sustainability Matters		All
3	ITEN	IS FOR E	NDORSEMENT		
	3.1		Budget Proposal elinda Johnson	9:35	GB
4	CLO	SING MA	TTERS		
	4.1	Other E	Business and Meeting Reflections		All
		4.1.1	Council Retreat Agenda		AP
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UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP TEAM - RESERVE MEETING AGENDA

Friday 28 February 2025 9:00am – 12:00pm CB01.04A.026_Boardroom and https://zoom.uts.edu.au/j/81306482932

Item	Title		Time	Sponsor
1	PRO	CEDURAL MATTERS (10 min)	9:00	AP
	1.1	Opening Comments and Apologies Apologies: Anita Stuhmcke, Noel Castree, Robynne Quiggin		
	1.2	Approval of Previous Meeting Notes		
2	STA	NDING ITEMS (10min)		
	2.1	Meeting Debriefs	9:10	AP
3	ITEMS FOR ENDORSEMENT			
	3.1	UTS 2030 Strategy Visitor: Mark Lillis		AP
4	ITEN	IS FOR DISCUSSION		
	4.1	UTS 2025 Annual Plan Visitor: Mark Lillis		AP
5	CLO	SING MATTERS		
	5.1	Other Business and Meeting Reflections		



Thursday 6 March 2025 9:00am – 12:00pm CB01.04A.026_Boardroom and https://zoom.uts.edu.au/j/83300304661

Item	Title		Time	Sponsor
1	PRO	CEDURAL MATTERS (10 min)	9:00	VC
	1.1	Opening Comments and Apologies Apologies: A Parfitt, A Piper from 11am		
	1.2	Approval of Previous Meeting Notes		
	1.3	ULT Action Register		
2	STA	NDING ITEMS (20min)		
	2.1	Meeting Debriefs	9:15	VC
	2.2	Health, Safety and Wellbeing Matters		GB
	2.3	Audit and Risk Matters		VC
	2.4	Financial Matters		GB
	2.5	Operational Sustainability Matters		All
3	ENG	AGEMENT SESSION (60min)		
	3.1	Cybersecurity Visitors: 5.14,0.1.4(d)	9:35	GB
		STRETCH BREAK	10:35	
4	ITEN	ITEMS FOR ENDORSEMENT		
	4.1	2024 Workforce Insights Report Visitors: M Craddock, M So	10:45	GB
	4.2	Learnings from UTS Shenzhen Visitors: I Ireland	11:15	IW
5	ITEM	IS FOR DISCUSSION		
	5.1	Powerhouse Partnership Annual Update	11:30	ME
6		NCIL & SUB COMMITTEE PAPERS FOR INFORMATION REQUIRING DISCUSSION		
	6.1	CFI 25/2 Paper Meeting Pack	-	AP
7		ER PAPERS FOR INFORMATION REQUIRING DISCUSSION		
	7.1	Cyber Risk Management for High Risk Travellers	-	GB
8	CLO	SING MATTERS		
	8.1	Other Business and Meeting Reflections	11:45	All



Thursday 20 March 2025 9:00am – 12:00pm CB01.04A.026_Boardroom and https://zoom.uts.edu.au/j/88676614443

Item	Title		Time	Sponsor	
1	PRO	CEDURAL MATTERS (15 min)	9:00	AP	
	1.1	Opening Comments and Apologies			
	1.2	Apologies: C Rhodes, M Evans Approval of Previous Meeting Notes			
	1.3	ULT Action Register			
2	STA	NDING ITEMS			
	2.1	Meeting Debriefs	9:15	AP	
	2.2	Health, Safety and Wellbeing Matters		GB	
	2.3	Audit and Risk Matters		AP	
	2.4	Financial Matters	9:30	GB	
		2.4.1 February UTS Financial Performance Report Visitor: B Johnson			
	2.5	Operational Sustainability Matters	9:45	All	
3	ITEN	IS FOR ENDORSEMENT			
	3.1	Research Integrity	9:50	KM	
4	ITEN	IS FOR DISCUSSION			
	4.1	Mandatory Training Update Visitor: M Craddock, M Krishnadasan	10:05	GB	
5		NCIL & SUB COMMITTEE PAPERS FOR INFORMATION REQUIRING DISCUSSION			
	5.1	UTS Council Retreat Meeting Papers	-	AP	
6		ER PAPERS FOR INFORMATION REQUIRING DISCUSSION			
	6.1	Advancement and Alumni Calendar of Events – Quarterly Update	-	ARP	
	6.2	Compliance and Assurance Update – Using Al Tools to support the Universities Compliance Program	-	AP (OGC)	
7	CLOSING MATTERS				
	7.1	Other Business and Meeting Reflections	10:20		
		7.1.1 SLG Membership Revisited		AP	
		7.1.2 Staff Survey Action Plans – Status Update		All	



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Thursday 27 March 9:00am – 12:00pm CB01.04A.026_Boardroom and https://zoom.uts.edu.au/j/86896105211

Item	Title		Time	Sponsor
1	PRO	CEDURAL MATTERS (10 min)	9:00	AP
	1.1	Opening Comments and Apologies Apologies: I Watt		
	1.2	Approval of Previous Meeting Notes		
2	STA	NDING ITEMS (10min)		
	2.1	Meeting Debriefs	9:10	AP
3	ITEN	IS FOR ENDORSEMENT		
	3.1	CIC 25-1 Paper: Updated ERP Business Case	9:20	GB
	3.2	Update on Enhancing Student Experience with Ge Visitors: J McLean, S Buckingham Shum	enAl 9:45	KR
4	ITEM	IS FOR DISCUSSION		
	4.1	Infrastructure Committee (CIC) 25/1 Papers	10:05	GB
		4.1.1 Portfolio Insights Report Visitors: S Meaney		
		4.1.2 Space Demand Report Visitors: N Oliver		
		4.1.3 Property Report Visitors: N Oliver		
		STRETCH BREAK	10:25	
	STRETCH BREAK 4.2 UTS Pay Equity Reporting: Actions 2	UTS Pay Equity Reporting: Actions 2024-5 Visitors: A Persson, J Tilly, M Craddock, R Darby	10:35	VC/GB
	4.3	SLG Membership Composition	11:00	AP
5	CLO	SING MATTERS		
	5.1	Other Business and Meeting Reflections		



Thursday 3 April 2025 10:00 – 11:30am CB01.04A.026_Boardroom and https://zoom.uts.edu.au/j/88637114061

ltem	Title		Time	Sponsor
1	PRO	CEDURAL MATTERS	10:00	AP
	1.1	Opening Comments and Apologies Apologies: None		
2	ITEN	IS FOR DISCUSSION		
	2.1	CAR 25/1 Paper: HSW Annual Report Visitors: Marshall Craddock, Alex Tillman	10:10	GB
3	Visito	S FOR ENDORSEMENT – Presentations on the day rs: Ann-Maree Ashburn, Mark Sandham, Fiona Thomas, Sarah Meaney, Belinda on, Marshall Craddock s: \$\frac{\$1.14, \text{ CIS(a)(b)}}{(zoom)}, \frac{\$1.14, \text{ CIS(a)(b)}}{(zoom)} (zoom)	10:20	
	3.1	Operational Sustainability: Operating Model – Service Model Design • Cross university view of change in FTE spread by Faculty/Division/Functional Unit		GB
	3.2	Job Title Architecture Visitor: Malika Krishnadasan		GB
	3.3	People Support Plan		GB



Thursday 10 April 2025 14:30 – 17:00 CB01.04A.026_Boardroom and https://zoom.uts.edu.au/j/85911873271

Item	Title		Time	Sponsor
1	PRO	CEDURAL MATTERS (10 min)	14:30	AP
	1.1	Opening Comments and Apologies Apologies: I Watt, V Chen		
	1.2	Approval of Previous Meeting Notes		
2	ITEM	S FOR ENDORSEMENT/DISCUSSION		
	2.1	Operational Sustainability Visitors: M Craddock, F Thomas, M Sandham, J Turner, S Meaney, A-M Ashbu Johnson, J Blackwell	14:40 Irn, B	AP/GB
		2.1.1 Scheduling and Reporting		
		2.1.2 IR Strategy and Approach		
		STRETCH BREAK	15:20	
	2.2	Presentation: Tertiary harmonisation and the broader skills age External Visitor: Professor Barney Glover AO	enda 15:30	AP
3		NCIL & SUB COMMITTEE PAPERS FOR INFORMATION EQUIRING DISCUSSION		
	3.1	CIC 25/1 Meeting Pack	-	
	3.2	CAR 25/2 Meeting Pack	-	
	3.3	CGC 25/1 Meeting Pack	-	
4	CLO	SING MATTERS		
	4.1	Other Business and Meeting Reflections		



Wednesday 16 April 2025 13:30-17:00 CB01.04A.026_Boardroom and https://zoom.uts.edu.au/j/85471590947

Item	Title		Time	Sponsor
1	PRO	CEDURAL MATTERS (15 min)	13:30	
	1.1	Opening Comments and Apologies Apologies: I Watt, D Anderson Zoom: M Evans		
	1.2	Approval of Previous Meeting Notes		
	1.3	ULT Action Register		
2	STA	NDING ITEMS	13:40	
	2.1	Meeting Debriefs		AP
	2.2	Health, Safety and Wellbeing Matters		GB
	2.3	Audit and Risk Matters		AP
	2.4	Financial Matters		GB
		2.4.1 March UTS Financial Performance Report		
	2.5	Operational Sustainability Matters		All
3	ITEN	IS FOR ENDORSEMENT		
	3.1	Future options for online learning courses at UTS Visitors: M Hrlec, J Gray	14:10	KR
	3.2	Strategic Partnership Model	14:40	ARP
		STRETCH BREAK	15:20	
4	ITEN	IS FOR DISCUSSION		
	4.1	Digital Strategy Update Visitor: D Reeve	15:30	GB
	4.2	Presentation: Refresher on Legal Privilege and GIPA Visitor: K Gould	15:50	AP (OGC)
	4.3	Operational Sustainability Visitors: B Johnson, S Meaney, M Craddock, A-M Ashburn 4.3.1 Communications and Engagement Strategy and Plan	16:10	AP
		4.3.2 Scheduling		
		4.3.3 Portfolio Implementation Services		
5	NOT F	NCIL & SUB COMMITTEE PAPERS FOR INFORMATION REQUIRING DISCUSSION		
	5.1	COU 25/2 Meeting Pack	-	
6		ER PAPERS FOR INFORMATION REQUIRING DISCUSSION		
	6.1	ITOM Update	-	
7	CLO	SING MATTERS		
	7.1	Other Business and Meeting Reflections		



Thursday 1 May 2025 9:00 – 12:00 CB01.04A.026_Boardroom and https://zoom.uts.edu.au/j/88061021930

Item	Title		Time	Sponsor		
1		CEDURAL MATTERS (10 min) : K Readman	9:00	KR		
	1.1	Opening Comments and Apologies Apologies: G Babington Zoom: A Parfitt, D Anderson, P Wyeth				
	1.2	Approval of Previous Meeting Notes				
2	STAI	NDING ITEMS	9:10			
	2.1	Meeting Debriefs		KR/AP		
	2.2	Health, Safety and Wellbeing Matters		All		
	2.3	Audit and Risk Matters		KR/AP		
3	ITEM	IS FOR DISCUSSION				
	3.1	Digital Strategy Update (deferred from ULT 16042025) Visitor: Dave Reeve	9:20	GB		
4	ITEM	IS FOR ENDORSEMENT				
	4.1	Naming our newest UTS Faculty	9:40	ME		
	4.2	Operational Sustainability: Academic Workforce Visitor: Sarah Meaney, Marshall Craddock	9:55	KM/KR		
		4.2.1 OSI Sustainable Teaching and Learning				
		4.2.2 Faculty Recommendations/Presentations				
5		NCIL & SUB COMMITTEE PAPERS FOR INFORMATION REQUIRING DISCUSSION				
		None				
6		ER PAPERS FOR INFORMATION REQUIRING DISCUSSION				
		None				
7	CLO	SING MATTERS				
	7.1	Other Business and Meeting Reflections				



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Wednesday 7 May 2025 14:30-16:30 CB01.04A.026_Boardroom and https://zoom.uts.edu.au/j/88359579294

Item	Title				Sponsor
1	PRO	PROCEDURAL MATTERS (10 min)			AP
	1.1		ng Comments and Apologies s: K Readman		
	1.2	Approv	val of Previous Meeting Notes		
2	ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ENDORSEMENT				
	2.1		nment Affairs Update – Post Election Panielle Wooley	14:45	AP
	2.2		tional Sustainability Initiative (OSI) Jarah Meaney, Marshall Craddock, Belinda Johnson		
		2.2.1	Academic Workforce Updated Faculty Recommendations Additional Visitors: Jacqui McManus	15:00	KM/JG
		2.2.2	Change Proposal Planning Approach Additional Visitors: Fiona Thomas and Jo Blackwell	16:00	AP/GB



Thursday 15 May 2025 8:30 – 11:30am CB01.04A.026_Boardroom and https://zoom.uts.edu.au/j/83258898639

ltem	Title			Time	Sponsor
1	PROCEDURAL MATTERS (15 min)			8:30	AP
	1.1 Opening Comments and Apologies Apologies: K Readman				
	1.2		val of Previous Meeting Notes		
	1.3	ULT A	ction Register		
2	STA	NDING I	8:45		
	2.1	Meetin	ng Debriefs		AP
	2.2	Health	, Safety and Wellbeing Matters		GB
	2.3	Audit a	and Risk Matters		AP
	2.4	Financ	sial Matters		GB
		2.4.1	April 2025 UTS Financial Performance Report Visitor: B Johnson	9:00	
3	ITEN	IS FOR I	ENDORSEMENT		
	3.1	Approv	val of the 2024 Modern Slavery Reporting	9:15	AP
	3.2	Operat	tional Sustainability Initiative (OSI) S Meaney, B Johnson, J Blackwell	9:25	AP/GB
		3.2.1	Implementation Approach Update		
		3.2.2	Benefits Tracking		
		STRE	TCH BREAK	9:55	
	3.3	Indiger	nous Education and Research Strategy (IERS) 2025-2030	10:10	RQ
	3.4	Implen	nentation of Recommendation in the HDR Review	10:40	KM
	3.5		rch Commercialisation Framework & Professional Staff	11:00	KM
4	ITEN		DISCUSSION		
		None			
5		JNCIL & SUB COMMITTEE PAPERS FOR INFORMATION REQUIRING DISCUSSION None			
6		OTHER PAPERS FOR INFORMATION NOT REQUIRING DISCUSSION			
	6.1		Update	-	GB/KR
	6.2	Outcor	mes of the 2024 Annual Management Signoffs	-	AP (OGC)
	6.3	_	stic Travel Update	-	GB

7	CLOSING MATTERS		Released under GIPA	- GIPA2025/10 - d	loc 68
	7.1	Other Business and Meeting Reflections			All



Tuesday 27 May 2025 2:00pm – 5:00pm CB01.04A.026_Boardroom and https://zoom.uts.edu.au/j/84403375300

Item	Title	Title		Sponsor
1	PRO	CEDURAL MATTERS (15 min)		AP
	1.1	Opening Comments and Apologies Apologies: K Readman	2:00pm	
	1.2	Approval of Previous Meeting Notes		
	1.3	ULT Action Register		
2	STA	NDING ITEMS		
	2.1	Meeting Debriefs	2:15pm	AP
	2.2	Health, Safety and Wellbeing Matters	2.10μπ	GB
	2.3	Audit and Risk Matters		AP
	2.5	Addit and Misk Watters		Ai
3	ITEN	S FOR ENDORSEMENT		
	3.1	Portfolio Steering Committee		GB
		Visitors: S Meaney, B Johnson, M Craddock 3.1.1 CIC 25/2 Portfolio Insights Report	2:30pm	GB
		3.1.1.1 OSI: Target State Academic Workforce Proposal	2:45pm	KM/JG
		Additional Visitors: J Turner, J Blackwell 3.1.1.2 OSI: Psychological Risk Assessment	3:15pm	GB
		Additional Visitors: A Tillman, J Blackwell + Externals via zoom 3.1.1.3 OSI: Request to Release Funding	3:45pm	AP
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		STRETCH BREAK	3:55pm	
	3.2	Enterprise Agreement Bargaining Parameters Visitors: M Craddock, J Blackwell, J Sheather	4:05pm	GB
	3.3	Major Facilities Update – Financial Responsibility and Decision-Making Visitors: M Blumenstein	4:30pm	ARP
4	ITEM	S FOR DISCUSSION		
		None		
5	COUNCIL & SUB COMMITTEE PAPERS FOR INFORMATION NOT REQUIRING DISCUSSION			
	5.1	CAR 25/3 Meeting Pack	-	
	5.2	FIN 25/2 Meeting Pack	-	
	5.3	CIC 25/2 Meeting Pack	-	
6		ER PAPERS FOR INFORMATION		
	NOT F	EQUIRING DISCUSSION New Website Policy	_	ARP
	6.2	Political Activities and Campus Safety	-	KR
7	CLO	SING MATTERS		
7		SING MATTERS Other Divisions and Macting Reflections		AII
	7.1	Other Business and Meeting Reflections		All



UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP TEAM - RESERVE MEETING AGENDA

Thursday 5 June 2025 9:30AM – 12:00PM CB01.04A.026_Boardroom and https://zoom.uts.edu.au/j/83283870573

ltem	Title	Title		Sponsor
1	PROCEDURAL MATTERS Chair: K Readman		9:30	KR
	1.1	Opening Comments and Apologies No apologies		
	1.2	Approval of Previous Meeting Notes		
2	ITEN	IS FOR ENDORSEMENT		
	2.1	Optimising Management of End User Computing Devices Visitor: D Reeve	9:40	GB
	Chai	r: A Parfitt		
	2.2	Enterprise Agreement Bargaining Parameters Visitors: M Craddock, J Blackwell, J Sheather	10:00	GB
	2.3	OSI: Staff and Leaders Support Package Visitors: M Craddock, J Blackwell, B Johnson, S Meaney	10:30	GB
3	ITEN	IS FOR DISCUSSION		
	3.1	COU 25/3 Strategic Items: People Strategy Update Visitor: M Craddock	11:00	GB
	3.2	UTS Startups Incubator Renewal Update Visitor: M Hurps	11:30	ARP
4	отн	ER BUSINESS		
	4.1	Meeting Debriefs	11:45	AP



Thursday 12 June 2025 8:30AM- 9:30AM CB01.04A.026_Boardroom and https://zoom.uts.edu.au/j/89944226250

Item	Title		Time	Sponsor
1	PROCEDURAL MATTERS (10 min) Chair: K Readman		8:30	
	1.1	Opening Comments and Apologies Apologies: A Parfitt, A Piper, R Quiggin		
2	ITEN	IS FOR ENDORSEMENT/DISCUSSION		
	2.1	Salary Sacrificing Update Visitors: M Craddock, R Darby, K Rex	8:40	GB
	2.2	OSI: Operating Model Academic Endeavour Detailed Design Visitors: M Craddock, S Meaney, Jo Blackwell, A O'Donoghue	9:10	PW
	2.3	New Faculty name updated	9:25	ME
3		NCIL & SUB COMMITTEE PAPERS FOR INFORMATION REQUIRING DISCUSSION		
	3.1	COU 25/3 Meeting Pack	-	
4	_	ER PAPERS FOR INFORMATION REQUIRING DISCUSSION		
	4.1	Advancement & Alumni Calendar of Events Quarterly Update	-	ARP
	4.2	Flash UTS Financial Performance Report May 2025	-	GB
5	CLO	SING MATTERS		
	5.1	Other Business		All
		5.1.1 Any Health and Safety Matters		

Note. Deans will participate in comms training 9:30am – 12:00pm in the Chancellery.



ULT One Day Retreat

Friday 20 June 2025

Location:

UTS

9am – 10:30am Chancellery Boardroom (CB01.04A.026_Boardroom) 11am – 5:30pm Building 2, Level 17 Boardroom (CB02.17.130 Boardroom)





Friday 20 June 2025

Time	Session	Facilitator
8:45am	Barista Drinks on Arrival to Chancellery Boardroom CB01.04A.026	
	Welcome and Overview	A Parfitt
9:00am	Our Watch University Executive Leadership National Training Pilot Opportunity	External: Our Watch
	90min workshop conducted by <u>Our Watch</u> , Australia's leader in the primary prevention of gender-based violence.	
	The workshop will cover:	
	 An introduction to primary prevention as an evidence-based approach to addressing gender-based violence Application of the Educating for Equality model in university settings 	
	 The business case for prevention as a leadership priority An overview of <u>legal obligations relevant to university</u> <u>leaders</u> 	
	Visitors: Bill Patterson, University Secretary & Director of GSU Catharine Pruscino, RNA Program Manager Elizabeth Kuo-Gollan, Senior Internal Communication Project Advisor Elizabeth Miller, Policy Manager, GSU Fiona Scott, UTS Council staff representative member Jo Tilly, Director of Equity Diversity and Inclusion Kylie Gould, General Counsel and Executive Director, Risk & Compliance Lynn Sinclair, UTS Academic Board Chair Thalia Anthony, UTS Council staff representative member Marshall Craddock, Executive Director, People and Culture	
10:30am	Location: Chancellery Dining Room	
Morning tea	Re-locate to Building 2, Level 17 Boardroom at 10:45am	
11:00am	Session 1: Context: Where are we at?	J Birtles
	Discussion on the day	
11:45am	Session 2: Operational Sustainability: Operating Model update	A Parfitt / P Wyeth
	Presentation on the day	Visitors: Adam Bullock Jo Blackwell Marshall Craddock Michael Ioannides-apology Sarah Meaney

1:00pm Lunch	Location: CB02 Level 17 Meeting Room & Rooftop Barista drinks delivered at the end of lunchtime	
2.00pm	Session 3: Academic Change proposal and addendums discussion Papers to be posted on Diligent: Overarching Change Proposal Faculty and Merger addendums IR decisions DEI principles Plus a verbal update on psychosocial risk actions and approach	A Parfitt Visitors: Adam Bullock Belinda Johnson Deb Paciolla Jo Tilley Jo Blackwell Jen Turner Marshall Craddock Martin Tomitsch Sarah Meaney
3:30pm Afternoon tea	Location: CB02 Level 17 Meeting Room	
4:00pm	Session 4: Academic Change: communications action plan Papers to be posted on Diligent • Communications action plan and supporting materials	Visitors: Adam Bullock Ann-Maree Ashbourne Diana Gattellari Jo Blackwell Kate Laing Marshall Craddock Martin Tomitsch Sarah Meaney
5:00pm – 5:30pm	Wrap Up and Close	A Parfitt / J Birtles

Attendees

UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP TEAM

Andrew Parfitt	Vice-Chancellor
Debra Anderson	Dean, Health
James Wallman	Dean, Science
Kate McGrath	DVC Research
Kylie Readman	DVC Education and Students
Leo Mian Liu	Acting DVC International
Mark Evans	Interim Dean, New Faculty
Peta Wyeth	Dean, FEIT
Robynne Quiggin	Pro Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Leadership and Engagement)
Sara Denize	Interim Dean, UTS Business School

APOLOGIES

Glen Babington	COO
Alana Piper	DVC, External Engagement and Partnerships
Anita Stuhmcke	Interim Provost and Dean, Law

SUPPORT TEAM

Amanda Ander	Executive Support Officer (Internal)
Julie Birtles	Beyond Excellence
Michelle Callen	Chief of Staff



Thursday 26 April 2025 9:30AM – 12:30PM CB01.04A.026_Boardroom and https://zoom.uts.edu.au/j/81812853001

Item	Title			Time	Sponsor
1	PROCEDURAL MATTERS			9:30	AP
	1.1 Opening Comments and Apologies Apologies: A Piper				
	1.2		val of Previous Meeting Notes		
	1.3	ULT Ad	ction Register		
2	STA	NDING IT	TEMS		
	2.1	Meetin	g Debriefs	9:35	AP
	2.2	Health,	, Safety and Wellbeing Matters	9:40	GB
	2.3	Audit a	nd Risk Matters	9:45	AP
3	ITEN	IS FOR E	ENDORSEMENT AND/OR DISCUSSION		
	3.1	Operat	ional Sustainability (OSI) Matters		AP
		3.1.1	OSI Operating Model Recap (Verbal) Visitors: S Meaney, B Johnson, M Craddock, J Blackwell, A-M Ashburn, M Ioannides	9:50	
		3.1.2	Academic Workforce Change Proposal incl. addendums Visitors: S Meaney, B Johnson, M Craddock, J Blackwell, A-M Ashburn, M Tomitsch, J Turner, D Paciolla, D Gattellari		
			STRETCH BREAK		
		3.1.3	Communication Plan Update (Verbal) Visitors S Meaney, B Johnson, M Craddock, J Blackwell, A-M Ashburn, M Tomitsch, J Turner, D Paciolla, D Gattellari, K Laing		
		3.1.4	Updated DEI Principles Visitors: S Meaney, B Johnson, M Craddock, J Turner, D Paciolla, J Blackwell, D Gattellari, M Tomitsch, J Tilly		
	3.2	2025 Financial Outlook and Risks and Opportunities Visitors: B Johnson		12:00	GB
	3.3		us Policy (time permitting)	12:20	GB
4			SUB COMMITTEE PAPERS FOR INFORMATION DISCUSSION	-	
5		OTHER PAPERS FOR INFORMATION NOT REQUIRING DISCUSSION			
	.,,,,,,	None	2.0000.0.1		
6	CLO	SING MA	ATTERS		
	7.1	Other E	Business and Meeting Reflections		All



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Thursday 3 July 2025 9:00AM – 12:00PM CB01.04A.026_Boardroom and https://zoom.uts.edu.au/j/87803702907

Item	Title			Time	Sponsor
1	PROCEDURAL MATTERS			9:00	AP
	1.1	I.1 Opening Comments and Apologies Apologies: A Piper, R Quiggin Zoom: A Stuhmcke			
	1.2	Appro	val of Previous Meeting Notes		
2	ITEMS FOR ENDORSEMENT AND/OR DISCUSSION				
	2.1	2.1 Operational Sustainability Initiative (OSI) Visitors: S Meaney, B Johnson, M Craddock, J Blackwell, A-M Ashburn			
		2.1.1	Academic Workforce Change Proposal update Additional Visitors: M Tomitsch, J Turner, D Paciolla, D Gattellari, K Gould - Update on program timing (verbal) - Final Change Proposal and Addendum	9:15	AP
		2.1.2	Operating Model update (verbal) Additional Visitors: M loannides		GB/PW
		2.1.3	Comms update & support (verbal)		AP
3	OTHER BUSINESS				
	3.1	Any other business			All



Wednesday 9 July 2025 1:00pm – 4:15pm CB01.04A.026_Boardroom and https://zoom.uts.edu.au/j/87077178775

Item	Title		Time	Sponsor
1	PRO	CEDURAL MATTERS (15 min)	1:00pm	AP
	1.1	Opening Comments and Apologies Apologies: A Piper, M Callen, R Quiggin Zoom: K Readman		
	1.2	Approval of Previous Meeting Notes		
	1.3	ULT Action Register		
2	STAI	NDING ITEMS		
	2.1	Meeting Debriefs	1:15pm	
	2.2	Health, Safety and Wellbeing Matters	1:20pm	
	2.3	Audit and Risk Matters	1:25pm	
	2.4	Financial Matters	1:30pm	GB
		2.4.1 June 2025 UTS Financial Performance – Flash Report Apologies: B Johnson		
3	ITEM	IS FOR ENDORSEMENT		
	3.1	Operational Sustainability Initiative (OSI)	1:40pm	AP
		3.1.1 Dispute Settling Update (Verbal) Visitors: S Meaney, B Johnson, M Craddock, J Blackwell, K Gould		
		3.1.2 Implementation Budget Approval Visitors: S Meaney, B Johnson, M Craddock		
	3.2	Employee Listening Approach 2025 Visitors: M Craddock, M Krishnadasan	2:10pm	GB
	3.3	CIC 25/3 Paper: UTS Data Network Refresh Business Case Visitors: D Reeve, D Built-Snoad	2:35pm	GB
		STRETCH BREAK	2:50pm	
	3.4	Biopharma Manufacturing Hub Business Case Visitors: A Care, A Groth	3:05pm	KM/JW
	3.5	Global and Digital Growth Strategy proposal, CinLearn update & Offshore Policy changes Visitors: K Schofer	3:20pm	KR
4	ITEM	IS FOR DISCUSSION		
	4.1	HTI Update Visitors: A Persson, S Cripps, E Santow, A Berry	3:50pm	AS
5		NCIL & SUB COMMITTEE PAPERS FOR INFORMATION REQUIRING DISCUSSION		
	5.1	CIC 25/3 Paper: Property Report	-	GB
6		ER PAPERS FOR INFORMATION REQUIRING DISCUSSION		
		None	-	
7	CLO	SING MATTERS		
	7.1	Other Business and Meeting Reflections	4:10pm	All



Thursday 24 July 2025 9:00AM – 12:00PM CB01.04A.026_Boardroom and https://zoom.uts.edu.au/j/81610890361

Item	Title				Sponsor
1	PROCEDURAL MATTERS				
	1.1	Opening Comments and Apologies No Apologies			
	1.2		al of Previous Meeting Notes		
	1.3	ULT Ac	tion Register		
2	STANDING ITEMS (Verbal)				
	2.1	Meeting Debriefs			
	2.2	Health,	Safety and Wellbeing Matters		
	2.3	Audit and Risk Matters			
	2.4	Financia	al Matters		
3	ITEN	IS FOR E			
	3.1	Operati	onal Sustainability Initiative (OSI) (Verbal)		
		3.1.1	Suspension of Intake for Proposed Discontinuing Courses Visitors: K Gould, J Wise, M Craddock, S Meaney	9:45	KR
		3.1.2	Any Other Matters Visitors: K Gould (for first part)		All
4	ITEN				
	4.1	CIC 25/3 Portfolio Insights Report Visitors: S Meaney			GB
5	COUNCIL & SUB COMMITTEE PAPERS FOR INFORMATION NOT REQUIRING DISCUSSION				
	5.1	CIC 25/3 Meeting Pack		-	AP
	5.2	CFI 25/	3 Meeting Pack	-	AP
	5.3	CGC 25	5/3 Meeting Pack	-	AP
6		ER PAPE REQUIRING			
	6.1		Incident Response Policy Review	-	GB
7	CLO	SING MA			
	7.1	Other B	Business and Meeting Reflections	10:45	All

Meeting will be followed by a morning tea to farewell Professor Mark Evans