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By email to fyi-request-10406-0dc9cd16@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Ms Diaz

I write in response to your Official Information Act request of 29 May 2019 regarding Competitive Entry.

Please see below information on (1) the number of students who applied for University of Otago under the competitive entry pathway in the last 3 years (2016-2018) and (2) the number of successful applicants who applied for University of Otago under the competitive entry pathway in the last 3 years (2016-2018).

Degree Programme	Applied			Successful		
	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018
BA	172	173	134	138	146	117
BCom	138	124	139	120	109	131
BSc (including Health Sciences First Year)	296	291	274	242	261	238
Other	245	253	298	213	221	263
Total	680	649	648	566	563	569

Note: i. Excludes students who failed to gain University Entrance via NCEA Level 3; students who did not meet requirements for admission ad eundem statum at entrance level, or for discretionary entrance; and students with an application status of "competitive entry - further information required".

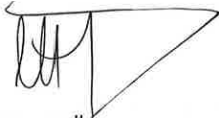
ii. Figures do not sum to totals as students can apply for entry into multiple programmes.

It is noted that students do not apply under a pathway per se, but are instead assigned to a pathway, which may change over time. The figures provided are based on entry band scores – derived from previous academic performance – which have assessed as being at the Competitive Entry level. In some instances these applicants may have been placed on the Preferential Entry pathway when they first applied due to other information, such as acceptance of a place in a University Residential College. However, their academic results fall into the competitive range, therefore we believe this approach provides the most meaningful response to your queries.

Some applicants are also initially placed on the Competitive Entry pathway because of a failure to provide sufficient information. Those applicants who did not subsequently provide required information are excluded from the analysis above.

Finally, successful applicants as reported are those who were offered places; this does not imply that they necessarily went on to enrol at the University.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CGallop', written over a horizontal line.

Claire Gallop
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