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Mr Jaijus Johny
By email: fyi-request-11283-e72bcf50@requests.fyi.org.nz
Ref: H201908449

Dear Mr Johny

Response to request for official information

Thank you for your request of 24 September 2019 to the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) for:

1. *“Country-wise list of total number of IMGs (international medical graduates) passed NZREX in the past 3 years.*
2. *Country-wise list of total number of IMGs (international medical graduates) got PGY1 position after passing NZREX in the past 3 years.”*

For clarity, the Ministry defines international medical graduates (IMGs) as doctors who practise medicine in New Zealand who have obtained their qualification(s) outside of New Zealand. Not all IMGs are required to sit the New Zealand Registration Exam (NZREX).

The Ministry does not collect data regarding NZREX. Therefore, your request is refused in full under section 18(g) of the Act, as the Ministry does not hold the information requested, and I have no reason to believe that it is held by another agency, Minister, or organisation subject to the Act.

As the Medical Council of New Zealand manage the NZREX programme, they may be able to assist with your request. You can contact them by email: mcnz@mcnz.org.nz.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made in this response.

Yours sincerely



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