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Samantha

By email: fyi-request-13188-2680ae9c@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Samantha

I write in response to your Official Information Act request of 30 June 2020, seeking information on the NZ Rural Origins sub-category of the University of Otago MB ChB for the 2019 and 2020 intakes and on the graduate category waitlist for 2020. Answers to each of your requests follow:

(1) The number of New Zealand Rural Origins sub-category places offered to graduate category and HSFY applicants.

Graduate category: 10 (2020) and 14 (2019)

HSFY category: 34 (2020) and 41 (2019)

Note that these figures include offers which were declined. They do not include offers made to applicants under other sub-categories, who were also eligible for consideration under the Rural sub-category.

(2) Explain why there was not a waitlist for graduate category applicants for entry into the 2020 MBChB cohort.

This request was answered in a response to your earlier query, which was posted to the FYI website on 7 July 2020. For convenience I reproduce the substantive part of that response here:

Taking into account the overall academic strength of the Graduate cohort across all sub-categories, the Medical Admissions Committee determines an appropriate academic threshold above which offers can be made to Rural Graduate sub-category applicants; this allows for some preference to be given to Rural Graduate sub-category applicants, but not without reference to the capabilities of the wider cohort. For the 2020 intake, all students above the determined academic threshold were offered places and so a waitlist was not used.

If you have any questions please do not contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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