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Dear Hubert

I refer to your information request dated 25 September 2022 made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You have requested information in relation to the high school decile of students who entered the 2022 Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MB ChB) programme at the University of Otago.

Please see below our responses to each of your questions.

- 1. Of those entering the MB ChB programme in 2022 (via any pathway), of which you have the data on which high school they attended, can you please provide a summary by decile of the number of entrants?**

Please see the below table which shows the number of students who entered the 2022 MB ChB programme, broken down by school decile. Please note that this data is inclusive of all admissions categories (i.e. includes students who entered the MB ChB programme via the Health Sciences First Year, Graduate and Alternative categories).

Given that fewer than five students entered the 2022 MB ChB programme from decile 1 and decile 2 secondary schools, we have determined that it is necessary to withhold the actual number of students to protect their privacy and wellbeing. This is consistent with section 9(2)(a) of the Act. We consider that withholding this information is necessary to protect against the identity of these students being determined or inferred.

School Decile	2022
1	<5
2	<5
3	13
4	16
5	11
6	31
7	28
8	46
9	45
10	77
<i>Not stated/not applicable</i>	23
<b>Total</b>	<b>294</b>

**2. Are you also able to provide data on which former high schools had the most entrants into the programme in 2022?**

Please see the below table which shows the number of students who entered the 2022 MB ChB programme broken down by former secondary school.

<b>School</b>	<b>2022</b>
Wellington College	8
Burnside High School	6
Epsom Girls' Grammar School	6
Hamilton Boys' High School	6
Rangi Ruru Girls' School	6
Saint Kentigern College	6
St Andrew's College (Christchurch)	6
King's College	5
Macleans College	5
Mt Aspiring College	5
Palmerston North Boys' High School	5
Rangitoto College	5
<i>All other schools (withheld for privacy reasons - fewer than five enrolments)</i>	<i>225</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>294</b>

We have withheld the details of the schools where fewer than five former students entered the 2022 MB ChB programme. This is consistent with section 9(2)(a) of the Act. We consider that withholding this information is necessary to protect against the identity of these students being determined or inferred.

In each of the above cases, we consider that good reasons exist for withholding information, and this is not outweighed by other considerations which would make it desirable, in the public interest, to make the information available.

If you are not satisfied with our response to your information request, section 28(3) of the Act provides you with the right to ask an Ombudsman to investigate and review this response. However, we would welcome the opportunity to discuss any concerns with you first.

Yours sincerely



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