



24 July 2023

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Dear JS

Official Information request (OIA-23-42) – Waikato Medical School

We refer to your request for official information of 6 July 2023 in which you have requested the following information:

1. Copies of all correspondence between Waikato University staff and Steven Joyce regarding the creation of a medical school at Waikato University.
2. Copy of any business case, academic, financial or strategic documents presented at University Council or divisional board meetings that relate to a medical school or NZGEMS at Waikato University.

The University of Waikato (**University**) has given due consideration to your request and provides the following response.

1. The University refuses your request for all correspondence between the University and Steven Joyce regarding the creation of a medical school as the information requested does not exist under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 (**Act**).
2. The University is withholding information relating to the medical school or NZGEMS including any business case, academic, financial, or strategic documents under section 9(2)(j) of the Act as the withholding of information is necessary to enable the University to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).

In accordance with the Official Information Act 1982, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

Jim Mercer
Chief Operating Officer