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To: Senate
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Subject: Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBChB) – Updates to Programme Limits

The Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBChB) is a limited entry programme. The 2024 Programme Limitations, approved earlier this year, established both the maximum enrolment numbers and the selection criteria for this programme.

Following the approval of the 2024 Programme Limitations, the Government announced additional funding for domestic medical students. Acting Dean of the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences (FMHS) Warwick Bagg has discussed this matter with his counterpart at the University of Otago and has confirmed that FMHS can now accept 30 additional domestic students into the MBChB programme in 2024.

Approval is now sought to add these 30 additional places to the 2024 Programme Limitations, raising the total of domestic students from 287 to 317. In addition, approval is also being sought to add two additional selection criteria to the MBChB – specifically a prohibition on post acceptance deferral of start/commencement dates, and a restriction on the amount of aegrotats that can be permitted for students in their first year prior to entering Year 2.

Yours sincerely,

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