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By email: fyi-request-28696-4f96506c@requests.fyi.org.nz

Tēnā koe TK

I refer to your information request dated 23 October 2024 made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Following your reply, I would like to request simply the number of applicants for Medicine (MBChB), Dentistry (BDS), Physiotherapy (BPhty) and Pharmacy (BPharmSc) from the 2024 domestic HSFY pool. This need not be broken down further.

Unfortunately, it is not possible at this time to provide the number of verified applications for entry to the University of Otago's Health Sciences Professional Programmes: Medicine (MBChB), Dentistry (BDS), Physiotherapy (BPhty) and Pharmacy (BPharmSc): for the 2024 domestic Health Sciences First Year (HSFY) cohort as a whole.

While the process for submitting applications for the 2025 intake for Health Sciences Professional Programmes has closed, the process of verifying applications is continuing. This includes academic achievement for the HSFY cohort, and this process will not be complete until relevant results are available. This includes Special Consideration exams, and the results of these may not be available until late January 2025.

We therefore decline your request under section 18(g) of the Act, as the information requested is not held. We would be happy to consider a new request from you when the application verification process is completed if you still wish to receive this information.

We hope this information is useful.

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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