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Tēnā koe Elisha

I refer to your request for information dated 6 December 2024 made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You have requested:

*"I write to request data for BDS (Dentistry School) Alternative Category for those who applied in 2024 for the 2025 programme.*

*Please advise:*

- 1. How many applications were received under the alternative category?*
- 2. How many applicants were invited for an interview under the alternative category?*
- 3. How many alternative category applicants received an offer on 6 December 2024?(please break down age group, gender and ethnicity of the successful applicants)*
- 4. How many applicants are on the waitlist for the alternative category? (please break down age group, gender and ethnicity of the waitlisted applicants)"*

I also note your additional email of 28 January 2025, in which you have requested:

*"In relation to my OIA request, May I also ask how many candidates who received an offer on 6 December 2024 accepted their offer?"*

Our response to your request follows.

Unfortunately, it is not possible at this time to provide the detailed information you seek about applications, interviews and offers for entry to the University's Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) programme via the Alternative category in 2025.

Admissions processes for this programme are still ongoing and are not expected to be finalised until the end of February/early March 2025. We therefore decline your request under section 18(g) of the Act, as the information requested is not held at this time. However, once admissions processes have concluded, the University has in the past provided information of the type sought in your request, including the total number of applications, interviews, and offers – usually in the first quarter of each year. We would be happy to consider a new request from you when the application process is completed, if you still wish to receive this information.

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.

Ngā mihi



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