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Dear Mr Andrews

Re: Official Information Act Request CDHB 9535

We refer to your email dated 24 December 2016 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act:

- **Please provide the total number of hospital beds from 2006 to 2016 at Canterbury District Health Board. Yearly count will be great. Please note that the bed volume is the count of physical bed capacity (i.e. bed spaces). The count includes beds, roller beds, lazy-boys etc. The data does not include patient occupancy volumes.**

Please refer to the table below for the formally audited (physical) hospital bed numbers as at the end of the 2015/16 financial year.

Canterbury DHB Hospitals' physical bed list 2015/16 audit

Hospital / Ward	Beds
Christchurch Hospital	Total 565
Christchurch Women's and Children	Total 201
Princess Margaret Hospital	Total 53 (including regional mental health)
Burwood Hospital	Total 264
Hillmorton Hospital	Total 144 (including regional forensics)
Ashburton Hospital	Total 52
Canterbury DHB Rural Health Services	Total 58
Grand total	1,337

(N.B. These figures exclude non-hospital beds such as aged residential care in rural settings and day patient facilities)

Please note that the Canterbury DHB has not previously conducted a formal annual audit of available (physical) hospital beds. However, we understand that the Ministry of Health has already provided you with their annual stocktake of DHB beds for 2013, 2014 and 2015. The bed numbers for the period (2006 to 2013) are not held by the Canterbury DHB. We are therefore declining under 18(g) of the Official Information Act i.e. that the information requested is not held by the Canterbury DHB.

Yours sincerely



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