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Mr Antony Andrews
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Dear Mr Andrews

Re: Official Information Act Request

I refer to your Official Information Act request received by email on 24 January 2018 in which you specifically requested the following:

Bed occupancy rates at the public hospital/hospitals from July 2007 to June 2016. Please note that I would like monthly data on this. However, if monthly data is not available, please specify the reason. If monthly data is unavailable, the next preference will be quarterly data, if quarterly is not available then I will accept half-yearly. Furthermore, as last resort yearly data. I am also willing to accept data on bed occupancy rates at random intervals within a year. While not crucial, please also include the method used to calculate bed-occupancy rates by your DHB.

The table below reflects both Dunedin and Invercargill Hospital's average resourced occupancy. This occupancy is based on resourced occupancy at 7:00 am each day. We are not able to provide data for the other periods you have requested as this data was not captured.

The average occupancy rate (for that month) for all hospital beds.

Month	Average occupancy
September 2013	89%
October 2013	87%
November 2013	87%
December 2013	87%
January 2014	88%
February 2014	85%
March 2014	92%
April 2014	90%
May 2014	96%
June 2014	93%
July 2014	96%
August 2014	92%
September 2014	95%

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November 2014	92%
December 2014	87%
January 2015	88%
February 2015	94%
March 2015	92%
April 2015	90%
May 2015	93%
June 2015	95%
July 2015	97%
August 2015	98%
September 2015	87%
October 2015	90%
November 2015	92%
December 2015	89%
January 2016	89%
February 2016	93%
March 2016	93%
April 2016	94%
May 2016	93%
June 2016	91%

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of our decision by the Ombudsman. The Ombudsman's Office can be contacted on 0800 802 602 or on-line at <http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/>.

Yours sincerely



Chris Fleming
Chief Executive Officer