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Dear Deejun

I refer to your information request dated 18 December 2021 made under the Official Information Act 1982 (Act). You have requested information regarding waitlist and first round offers to the 2022 Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MB ChB) programme via the Health Sciences First Year (HSFY) General category.

Please see our responses to each of your questions below.

**1. The number of places available for MB ChB General entry via HSFY for commencing class 2022, with an explanation for any deduction of number of spaces if applicable**

There is no set number of places available for entry to the 2022 MB ChB programme via the HSFY General category. Therefore, we decline providing this information pursuant to section 18(g) of the Act, on the basis that the information requested does not exist.

However, we note that the maximum number of domestic student places available across all admissions category for 2022 is 282. The actual number of places offered to HSFY General category applicants is cohort dependent and will not be confirmed until the end of March when the University's Medical School confirms final class numbers for its 2022 MB ChB programme.

**2. The lowest first round offer for MB ChB General entry via HSFY for commencing class 2022**

With regards to the information you have requested for this item of your request, the University's Medical School has not yet confirmed final numbers for its 2022 MB ChB programme. This includes final admission numbers under the HSFY General category. The data will not be known and therefore will not be available until the end of March 2022 – as student offers continue until the end of the third week of teaching in Semester One. The reasons for late offers relate to students declining entry to the programme after it has commenced (which is permitted providing it is done by the end of the third week) or having to defer for unanticipated reasons.

Once this information is available, we will be able to provide you with the lowest first round offer to the 2022 MB ChB programme via the HSFY General category.

Please note that for privacy and student wellbeing reasons, the University's standard practice is not to report on numbers where those numbers are below 5. Where the numbers are very low, there is a risk that the identity of those individuals can be determined/inferred. Outcomes for groups with fewer than 5 individuals will be reported as "<5" (fewer than 5). Withholding this information is consistent with section 9(2)(a) of the Act, and we do not consider that the reasons for withholding

this information is outweighed by other considerations which would make it desirable in the public interest to make the information available.

**3. Number of students waitlisted for MB ChB General entry via HSFY for commencing class 2022**

Our response is as per our response to number 3 above. We will be in touch with regards to this information once this data has been confirmed and is available.

**4. Number of students accepted off the waitlist for MB ChB General entry via HSFY for commencing class 2021 and 2020**

For entry to the 2020 MB ChB programme, offers were made to 13 applicants from the HSFY General category waiting list.

For entry to the 2021 MB ChB programme, offers were made to 23 applicants from the HSFY General category waiting list.

We will be in touch with regards to the remaining requested information (items 2 and 3) once this data has been confirmed and is available.

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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