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Tēnā koe Rebecca

I refer to your information request dated 31 December 2023 made under the Official Information Act 1982. You have requested information in relation to entry to the 2024 Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MB ChB) programme via the Health Sciences First Year (HSFY) general category.

Subject to the following comments, please see below our response to your request.

- All of the data we have provided is correct as at 20 February 2024, and may be subject to change as applicants consider their offers.

**1. The number of places available for MB ChB general entry via HSFY for commencing class 2024.**

There is no set number of places available for entry to the 2024 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. The actual number of places offered to HSFY general category applicants is cohort dependent and will not be confirmed until the University's Medical School confirms final class numbers for its 2024 MB ChB programme (usually around the end of March).

However, as noted on the University [website](#), places in the second year of the MB ChB programme are first allocated to the Alternative category. This allocation is up to 10% of the overall places available in the following year. Remaining places in the second year of the programme are allocated from the HSFY and Graduate categories, with as near as possible to 70% of the places available after Alternative category places are filled allocated to the HSFY category and the balance to the Graduate category. This information is available under the "Selection criteria" sub-heading, which is listed under the "Application process" heading.

**2. The lowest first-round offer for MB ChB general entry via HSFY for commencing class 2024.**

The minimum average academic score to receive a first-round offer on 18 December 2023 to the 2024 MB ChB programme via the HSFY general category was 95.43. Please note that applicants whose results were not yet available (e.g., they were awaiting special examinations results) are excluded from the data.

**3. Number of students waitlisted for MB ChB general entry via HSFY for commencing class 2024.**

There were 74 students waitlisted for entry to the 2024 MB ChB programme via the HSFY general category.

**4. The lowest top 7 paper average to be placed on the MB ChB general HSFY waitlist for commencing class 2024.**

The minimum average academic score to be placed on the waitlist for the 2024 MB ChB programme via the HSFY general category was 90.14.

I trust that this information will be helpful.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joey Lin', with a stylized flourish underneath.

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