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RE Official information request CDHB 10430 and WCDHB 9475

I refer to your email dated 23 September 2020 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB and West Coast DHB. Specifically:

1. **How many RMOs employed by the DHB are Australian citizens or graduates of an Australian Medical School and a breakdown of these employees stating whether each one is a house officer or registrar, and their specialty.**

Canterbury DHB:

This information requested is only held on personal files and given Canterbury DHB employs 643 (headcount) RMOs it would take a substantial amount of time and resource to identify the information you are seeking. We are therefore declining to provide pursuant to section 18(f) of the Official Information Act.

West Coast DHB:

The West Coast DHB has 13 RMOs (headcount) and none of these staff members have identified themselves as Australian Citizens.

I'm sure you are aware that the information you seek is held on the NZ Medical Council website:

<https://www.mcnz.org.nz/registration/register-of-doctors/>

You may, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act, seek a review of our decision to withhold information by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz; or Freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Canterbury DHB and West Coast DHB websites after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R La Salle', is positioned above the printed name.

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