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Dear [REDACTED]

On 27 January 2020, part of your request for information from the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) was transferred to the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry), under the Official Information Act 1982. The following questions were transferred:

- 1. How many student loans has the Southern Wings, private training establishment (NZ Business Number: 9429037434861) or the administered trustee for Southern Wings (Public Trust - independent trustee) received since year 2000 for all its NZQA approved courses*
- 2. What was the total student loan dollar value received by Southern Wings or the administered trustee (Public Trust - independent trustee) per year since 2000?*
- 3. What ethnicities were the students who received student loans that went towards their Southern Wings training since 2000?*

The Ministry, through StudyLink helps students make informed choices about their student finance, how to apply for it and manage it online. This includes Student Allowances, Student Loans and Jobseeker Support Student Hardship.

Southern Wings currently has two courses approved for Student Loans; Diploma in Aviation (Aeroplane) (Airline Preparation) Level 6 and Diploma in Aviation (Aeroplane) (General Aviation) Level 5.

Please find below three tables that show the information you have requested.

Please note that no students had Student Loans for fees to study at Southern Wings prior to 2012.

**Table One: Students who had Student Loans for fees to study at Southern Wings, for study starting in the year 2012 to 2019**

<b>Qualification</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
Diploma in Aviation (Aeroplane) (Airline Preparation) Level 6	6	13	12	15	8	11	13	9
Diploma in Aviation (Aeroplane) (General Aviation) Level 5	7	7	17	12	17	21	17	21

**Note:**

- This represents students who have had loans for fees to this provider rather than the number of student loan payments the provider has received.
- A student may be counted in more than one qualification.

**Table Two: Total Student Loan fees paid, for study at Southern Wings starting in the year 2012 to 2019**

Year	Fees Paid
2012	\$1,118,614
2013	\$688,656
2014	\$1,029,909
2015	\$1,010,119
2016	\$915,107
2017	\$1,401,989
2018	\$1,257,753
2019	\$977,832

**Note:**

- These fees do not include refunds or repayments.
- From 1 January 2018, new tertiary students may be eligible for one year of fees-free study. This is the equivalent of one year's full-time study fees-free at an institute of technology, polytechnic, private training establishment, university or wānanga. More information on fees-free can be found on the fees-free website at the following web-link: <https://www.feesfree.govt.nz/>

**Table Three: Students who had Student Loans for fees to study at Southern Wings, for study starting in the year 2012 to 2019 broken down by ethnicity**

Ethnic category	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
European	S	S	22	20	17	21	19	19
Māori	0	0	0	S	S	S	S	S
Pacific peoples	0	0	0	S	S	S	S	S
Asian	0	0	S	S	S	S	S	S
Other	0	0	S	S	0	0	0	0
European and Māori	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
European and Pacific	0	0	S	0	0	0	0	0
Māori and Pacific	0	0	0	0	0	0	S	S
European and Asian	0	0	0	0	S	S	0	0
Pacific and Asian	0	0	0	0	0	0	S	S
Asian and Other	0	0	0	0	S	S	0	0
Not declared	0	0	0	0	0	0	S	S

**Note:**

- There are very low numbers of other ethnicities for 2014 to 2019 that are not shown for suppression and privacy reasons.

The Ministry is unable to provide you with the exact number as releasing this information is likely to risk identifying the individuals concerned. As such, this information is withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act. The need to protect the privacy of these individuals outweighs any public interest in the information.

The principles and purposes of the Official Information Act 1982 under which you made your request are:

- to create greater openness and transparency about the plans, work and activities of the Government,
- to increase the ability of the public to participate in the making and administration of our laws and policies and
- to lead to greater accountability in the conduct of public affairs.

This Ministry fully supports those principles and purposes. The Ministry therefore intends to make the information contained in this letter and any attached documents available to the wider public shortly. The Ministry will do this by publishing this letter on the Ministry of Social Development's website. Your personal details will be deleted and the Ministry will not publish any information that would identify you as the person who requested the information.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact [OIA\\_Requests@msd.govt.nz](mailto:OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz).

If you are not satisfied with this response regarding student loan approvals for Southern Wings, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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