



29 June 2022

Tēnā koe

On 22 June 2022, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *The average amount of money borrowed through student loans (per student) in 2021, and if possible 2022.*

The Student Loan Scheme provides financial support to New Zealanders to undertake tertiary education. You can find more information regarding Student Loans at the following link: www.studylink.govt.nz/products/a-z-products/student-loan/index.html.

In regard to your request, you can find this information available at the following links:

- www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/statistics/studylink/index.html, and
- www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/statistics/studylink/archive.html.

As such, your request has been refused in full under section 18(d) of the Act as the information is already publicly available.

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. The Ministry will do this by publishing this letter on the Ministry'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.

If you are not satisfied with this response, 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 or 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Stephanie Short', written in a cursive style.

Stephanie Short
Manager
Official and Parliamentary Information