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Dear 

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), partially transferred to Inland Revenue from Ministry of Social Development on 7 July 2022. The transferred section is below:

- *How much student debt exists in New Zealand?*
- *How many dollars of debt exist in the country?*

### **Information publicly available**

Your request for Student Loan Scheme debt data is publicly available on Inland Revenue's website at <https://www.ird.govt.nz/about-us/tax-statistics/student-loan-scheme>. These figures include all outstanding loans and any penalties, interest, or fees as at 31 March 2022. Figures for 30 June 2022 have not yet been published but will be available soon on Inland Revenue's website. Your request is therefore refused under section 18(d) of the OIA, as the information is and will soon be publicly available.

### **Right of Review**

If you disagree with my decision on your OIA request, you can ask an Inland Revenue review officer to review my decision. To ask for an internal review, please email the Commissioner of Inland Revenue at: [CommissionersCorrespondence@ird.govt.nz](mailto:CommissionersCorrespondence@ird.govt.nz).

Alternatively, under section 28(3) of the OIA, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision. You can contact the office of the Ombudsman by email at: [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz).

If you choose to have an internal review, you can still ask the Ombudsman or Privacy Commissioner for a review.

### **Publishing of OIA response**

Please note that Inland Revenue regularly publishes responses to requests that may be of interest to the wider public on its website. We consider this response is of public interest so will publish this response in due course. Your personal details or any information that would identify you will be removed prior to it being published.

Thank you again for your request.

Yours sincerely



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