

03 May 2022

Dear

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) to the Ministry of Social Development on 3 February 2022. The part of your request relating to student loan repayment data was transferred to Inland Revenue on 11 May 2022. You requested the following:

Student loan repayment data per year for Northland with breakdown to district level and tertiary education providers (if available) in the past 10 years 2011-2021.

The information you have requested in relation to student loan repayment data broken down by tertiary education providers is considered sensitive revenue information under section 18 of the Tax Administration Act 1994 (TAA), as it relates to the affairs of a specific taxpayer or entity. Sensitive revenue information can only be released in certain circumstances, as set out in sections 18D to 18J and schedule 7 of the TAA.

In this case, there are no grounds that permit me to release this information to you. Accordingly, I have decided to refuse this part of your request under section 18(c)(i) of the OIA, as releasing this information would be contrary to section 18 of the TAA.

Although we are unable to release any information relating to specific tertiary education providers, it may be of interest to you that the Tertiary Education Commission provide data around outcomes by tertiary providers (though not by student loan repayments). This information can be found on the education website <u>https://www.education.govt.nz/</u><u>further-education/information-for-tertiary-students/employment-outcomes/</u>.

## Information being released

Attached to this response is a spreadsheet outlining the student loan repayment data for the Northland region, broken down to district level. The table on the left outlines the total number of repayments and the total amount repaid.

You can filter the repayments by district by selecting the relevant district on the right, or by simply expanding the cell in the first column.

## **Right of review**

If you disagree with my decisions on your OIA request, you can ask an Inland Revenue review officer to review my decisions. To ask for an internal review, please email the Commissioner of Inland Revenue at: 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: <u>info@ombudsman.parliament.nz</u>.

## 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 for your request. I trust that the information provided is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

Rebecca McStay Segment Management Lead Customer and Compliance Services - Individuals The following table shows Student Loan repayments broken down by year, and by Northland District for the period from 1 Jan 2011 to 24 May 2022 and are current as at 24 May 2022 Please note the increased volumes in 2020 repayment rates as these were influenced by Inland Revenue's business transformation as payments were accounted for earlier than previous years. Date posted is by calendar year (1st Jan - 31st Dec)

ZIP codes are as at 25/05/2022 as this data is static in our system and as up-to-date as possible. Customers may have moved to another town since the repayments were made. 2022 repayments are year to date from 01st of January to the 24th May

DATE_POSTED	District	Number of repayments	Total amount paid
2011	Far North District	3,978	-\$5,134,473
	Kaipara District	1,087	-\$1,424,220
	Whangarei District	5,927	-\$8,642,670
2012	Far North District	4,347	-\$5,636,286
	Kaipara District	1,177	-\$1,659,094
	Whangarei District	6,565	-\$10,046,590
2013	Far North District	4,805	-\$7,442,235
	Kaipara District	1,325	-\$2,243,622
	Whangarei District	7,231	-\$13,329,188
2014	Far North District	5,152	-\$7,391,559
	Kaipara District	1,449	-\$2,128,199
	Whangarei District	7,583	-\$12,700,737
2015	Far North District	5,257	-\$7,836,830
	Kaipara District	1,461	-\$2,204,413
	Whangarei District	7,686	-\$12,876,420
2016	Far North District	5,405	-\$8,187,927
	Kaipara District	1,484	-\$2,364,688
	Whangarei District	7,941	-\$14,288,000
2017	Far North District	5,374	-\$8,436,605
	Kaipara District	1,467	-\$2,710,707
	Whangarei District	7,939	-\$15,003,728
2018	Far North District	5,400	-\$8,611,355
	Kaipara District	1,482	-\$2,714,431
	Whangarei District	7,930	-\$15,641,631
2019	Far North District	5,219	-\$8,875,443
	Kaipara District	1,397	-\$2,563,494
	Whangarei District	7,681	-\$15,151,745
2020	Far North District	8,346	-\$8,609,347
	Kaipara District	2,152	-\$2,527,519
	Whangarei District	12,671	-\$15,482,455
2021	Far North District	4,984	-\$10,027,197
	Kaipara District	1,313	-\$2,850,901
	Whangarei District	7,324	-\$17,584,833
2022	Far North District	4,050	-\$4,067,996
	Kaipara District	1,058	-\$1,155,213
	Whangarei District	6,038	-\$7,034,389
Grand Total		171685	-\$274,586,138

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