



18 March 2025

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Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), received on 10 March 2025. You requested the following:

1. *How many arrests have been made at the border since the Luxon National govt came into power?*
2. *Also, can a student loan be sold off to a private debt collector?*
 - *If so, what percentage of debt do they purchase and do they also purchase the penalties and compound interest?*

Question 1

Since the current Government took office on 27 November 2023, there have been no arrests at the border related to student loan default.

Question 2

Inland Revenue does not sell, give or transfer the debt of a borrower or defaulter to any third-party agencies. The third-party providers are contracted to locate and contact the debtor on behalf of Inland Revenue. Any payments made by student loan borrowers are made directly to Inland Revenue.

Thank you again for your request.

Yours sincerely

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