



22 March 2024

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 5 March 2024, requesting information about the number of students receiving parental-income tested Student Allowances and the number of students at university receiving a Student Loan.

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

Please see the attached **Appendix** which contains the following information:

- **Table One:** The number of parentally income tested Student Allowances paid to a university student in 2023, broken down by residency status.
- **Table Two:** The number of parentally income tested Student Allowances paid to a university student in 2023, broken down by ethnicity.
- **Table Three:** The number of Student Loans paid to under 24-year-old university students in 2023, broken down by residency status.
- **Table Four:** The number of Student Loans paid to under 24-year-old university students in 2023, broken down by ethnicity.

For further information, including information about Student Loan recipients who are aged 24 and over, please see the following link: www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/statistics/studylink/index.html.

I will be publishing this decision letter, with your personal details deleted, on the Ministry's website in due course.

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 my decision on your request, 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

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