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Dear Craig

Thank you for your email of 5 September 2013 to the Police general enquiry line about "the official term or charge that one would be charged with when being arrested at a border in New Zealand for being in default of a student loan".

Police understand that the Bill to amend the Student Loan Scheme Act 2011 to allow arrest warrants to be issued for persistent student loan defaulters and other amendments, has only recently been introduced into Parliament and has not yet become law.

It is not possible to answer your question as the situation you describe is not an offence and therefore no charge exists.

More information on the Student Loan Scheme Amendment Bill (No 3) can be found at www.parliament.nz/en-nz/pb/legislation/bills/00DBHOH_BILL12385_1/student-loan-scheme-amendment-bill-no-3

Yours sincerely

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