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Mr Alex Hedley

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Dear Mr Hedley

Thank you for your letter of 13 September 2013 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following:

1. *How many current medical students who currently on the student loan scheme would run out of EFTS before completion of their study if they will use student loans each year for the remainder of their study?*
2. *Between 2003 to 2013, how many medical students have repaid their student loans broken down by year?*
 - 2.1. *What was the mean, median, upper quartile, lower quartile and range of the amount of student loans of the medical students who repaid their student loans between 2003 and 2013 broken down by year?*
 - 2.2. *What was the mean, median, upper quartile, lower quartile and range (in months) that it took medical students to pay off their student loans since graduation between 2003 and 2013 broken down by year?*
3. *Between 2003 to 2013, how many students have repaid their student loans broken down by year?*
 - 3.1. *What was the mean, median, upper quartile, lower quartile and range of the amount of student loans of the students who repaid back their student loans between 2003 and 2013 broken down by year?*
 - 3.2. *What was the mean, median, upper quartile, lower quartile and range (in months) that it took for students to pay off their student loans since graduation between 2003 and 2013 broken down by year?*
4. *Between 2003 and 2013, how many student loan defaulters (living overseas and not currently paying off their student loans) are there broken down by year?*
 - 4.1. *Between 2003 and 2013, how many student loan defaulters (living overseas and not currently paying off their student loans) had borrowed for the MBChB (medical students), broken down by year?*

This letter is to advise that questions two to four of your request have been transferred to Mr Peter Hughes CNZM, Secretary and Chief Executive of the Ministry of Education.

This is because the information you have requested is not held by the Ministry of Social Development. Section 14(b)(i) of the Official Information Act 1982 allows me to transfer any request where the information is not held, but is believed to be held by another department, organisation or Minister of the Crown. The Ministry of Social Development is considering a response for your first question and will respond in due course.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my decision to transfer your request by the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is:

The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsman
P O Box 10-152
WELLINGTON 6143

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jonathan Wilson', with a stylized, cursive flourish at the end.

Jonathan Wilson
General Manager Ministerial and Executive Services