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Tēnā koe Mr Maxwell

Official Information Act 1987 request

I am replying to your email of 7 May 2014 in which you have requested, under the Official Information Act 1982, information relating to people convicted of defaulting on their student loans.

Conviction and sentencing statistics are considered 'Official Statistics', and are subject to a range of protocols governing their public release. The most recently-released data covers the period to the end of December 2013.

As the Student Loan Scheme Amendment Bill (No3) only came into effect on 1 April 2014, we are unable to release the data that you have requested. The 2013-2014 year to June conviction and sentencing statistics will be available the end of September 2014.

Therefore under s 18(d) of the Official Information Act 1982, I am declining to provide this information for the 2013 year to date on the grounds that the requested information will soon be publically released.

If you require any clarification of the information contained in this response to your Official Information Act request, please contact Antony Paltridge, Team Leader, Media and External Relations, at Antony.Paltridge@justice.govt.nz or call (04) 918 8820 or 027 689 0667.

If you are not satisfied with my response to your request, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. The Ombudsman may be contacted by writing to PO Box 10-152, Wellington.

Heoi anō, nā



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