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Mr Liam Stoneley
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Dear Mr Stoneley

Thank you for your email of 26 January 2015 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following:

- 1. For the past 12 year (2003-2014), please provide the total student debt to the Government, including the most recent data available. Please break down the amount per year in a table, if possible. Please refer to the below article, stating it currently sits at \$14.2 billion - (<http://www.nbr.co.nz/article/internet-mana-says-it-will-forgive-student-debt-currently-totaling-142b-ck-162312>); and*
- 2. Any reports, articles, surveys or form of information on the predictions for the debt over the coming decade. I am looking for any predictions on whether this amount will increase, at what rate and when it will peak; and*
- 3. A graph will both of the above information on it, showing the past 12 year data, plus any predicted analysis.*

This letter is to advise that your request has been transferred to 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.

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

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