

24 February 2015

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Dear Mr Stoneley

As you are aware, your 26 January 2015 request for information about student debt to the Government has been transferred from the Ministry of Social Development to the Ministry of Education for response.

I have considered your request in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

As your request necessitates a search through a large quantity of information, meeting the original time limit of 20 working days from the date your request was received would unreasonably interfere with the operations of the Ministry.

I am extending the time limit for replying to you by two weeks, to 20 March 2015 in accordance with section 15A(1)(a) of the Act. We will try to respond sooner than this date if possible.

Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this response. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely



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