



# MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

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Mr Brendon Steen  
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Dear Mr Steen

Thank you for your email of 12 June 2012 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following:

*(1) What are the total numbers of people who owe money on Student Loans, broken down by age of borrowers?*

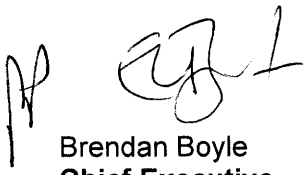
*1A) Preferably the age brackets referred to in (1) would start at age 16 and*

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 Ombudsmen  
P O Box 10-152  
WELLINGTON 6143

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brendan Boyle', is written over a printed name and title.

Brendan Boyle  
**Chief Executive**