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Dear Mr Rescue,

## Official Information Act request transfer

This letter refers to your official information request dated 10 April 2016, requesting information regarding:

- 1) Is the matching criteria used for the the Customs/IR Student Loan Alerts Programme (full name, date of birth, and IRD number) also applied to overseas passports or is the matching criteria only applied to New Zealand passports?
- 2) In the technical information for this programme an unique identifier of "Tax File Number" is specified, does this refer to an individuals IRD number or to their Australian Tax File Number?
- 3) What provisions are in place for individuals that have changed their name and will not be identified by the matching criteria in place for this programme?

The Ministry is transferring your request to Inland Revenue in accordance with Section 14 of the Official Information Act 1982.

This transfer is occurring because the information you requested is believed by the Ministry to be more closely aligned with the functions of Inland Revenue.

They have 20 working days from receipt of this transfer to make a decision on this request, and you should expect to hear from them in due course.

Yours sincerely

Alan Witcombe

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