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Mr Michael Rescue fyi-request-3880-e5c980a5@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Mr Rescue

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982, which has been transferred to Inland Revenue. You requested the following, regarding the Customs/IR Student Loan Alerts Programme:

- 1) Is the matching criteria used for 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?

We received your request on 12 April 2016 and will respond by 11 May 2016.

Yours sincerely

Christina Goodall Manager, Commissioner's Correspondence

