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Ms Julie Fairey
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Dear Ms Fairey

On behalf of Hon Steven Joyce, Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills and Employment, thank you for your email of 25 January 2013, received on 28 January 2013, requesting, under the Official Information Act:

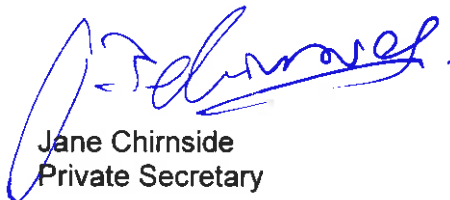
"...any advice given on the gender impact of two recent tertiary education policy changes:

- 1. Cuts to student allowance access for post-graduate students*
 - 2. Increased government support for the Modern Apprenticeship Scheme.*
- This advice may have come from another Ministry, such as the Ministry of Women's Affairs.*

I am also seeking a gender break-down of post-graduate students over the last five years, and a gender break-down of apprentices and industry trainees over the last five years."

The Minister will consider your request and respond appropriately in due course.

Yours sincerely



Jane Chirside
Private Secretary