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Dear Ms Lim

On 24 January 2019, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA), Inland Revenue received a partial transfer from the Department of Corrections of the below request.

How many people have been arrested for defaulting on unpaid fines, debt defaults, (divided by regular debt defaults and student loans defaults.)

How many people have been incarcerated for defaulting on unpaid fines, debt defaults, (divided by regular debt defaults and student loans defaults.)

Please provide information as far back as records permit.

Inland Revenue will only be addressing the request for information regarding student loan defaults.

Information being released

Please see Appendix 1 for the information you have requested. Inland Revenue have provided data relating to arrest warrants filed and executed for student loan defaulters, as well as those filed and executed for child support defaulters as these were deemed to be within the scope of your request.

It should be noted that Inland Revenue does not execute warrants for any other debt defaults outside of student loans and child support.

Thank you for your request. I trust that the information provided is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely



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Appendix 1

Note: The number of arrest warrant applications filed and granted does not equate to the number executed as Inland Revenue does resolve some cases prior to the customer being arrested. Actual arrest numbers are listed in the column marked with the heading "executed".

Student Loan Default Arrests

Year ending 31 December	Filed	Executed
2015	1	0
2016	2	3
2017	5	1
2018	3	2
TOTAL	11	6

Child Support Default Arrests

Year ending 30 June	Filed	Executed
2005	2	1
2006	4	3
2007	8	5
2008	4	0
2009	4	1
2010	4	1
2011	9	4
2012	3	0
2013	4	3
2014	3	1
2015	2	1
2016	20	10
2017	23	11
2018	20	12
2019	1	1
TOTAL	111	54