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Tēnā koe Jessica,

**OIA: 1319476 – Changes to the student allowance scheme since 2005**

Thank you for your email of 27 November 2023 to the Ministry of Education (the Ministry) requesting the following information:

*All changes to the student allowance scheme since 2005 including:*

- 1. Changes to the level of the parental income threshold including when it was frozen and unfrozen and inflation-adjusted.*
- 2. Changes to the personal income threshold.*
- 3. Changes to postgraduate student allowance.*
- 4. The total amount of students who have received student allowance each year since 2005 and how many have received the full student allowance entitlement since 2005. If those who received any student allowance can also please be divided into undergraduate/postgraduate, under 24/above 24, with/without children, with a partner/without a partner.*
- 5. The total amount of students who have received a student allowance and accommodation benefit too and what region they live in, since 2005.*

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

We have determined that the information in parts four five of your request are not held by the Ministry but are believed to be held by the Ministry of Social Development. As such, I have transferred the fourth and fifth parts of your request to the Ministry of Social Development in accordance with section 14(b)(i) of the Act.

You may expect a response from the Ministry of Social Development directly concerning your request.

Nāku noa, nā

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