

14 November 2018

Mr Robert McKenzie  
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Dear Mr McKenzie

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), received on Wednesday 17 October 2018. You requested the following:

*How many times has a student loan debtor in Australia lost their primary home due to outstanding student loan debt being pursued in Australian courts and / or through bankruptcy lodged in NZ from Australia?*

The information you have requested is considered tax secret under section 81 of the Tax Administration Act 1994 (TAA). Accordingly, I am refusing your request under section 18(c)(i) of the Act as making the requested information available would be contrary to the provisions of a specified enactment, namely Inland Revenue's secrecy obligation in section 81 of the TAA. Disclosure of the information requested does not fall within any of the specific exceptions to the secrecy obligation, nor within the general carrying into effect exception in section 81(1) of the TAA.

### **Rights of Review**

If you disagree with my decision you may have the decision reviewed by an Inland Revenue review officer. This does not preclude you from subsequently seeking a review by the Ombudsman if you are not satisfied with the department's internal review. If you would like an internal review, please write to the Commissioner of Inland Revenue by email (CommissionersCorrespondence@ird.govt.nz) setting out the details of your request.

Alternatively you have the right, under section 28(3) of the Act, to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision. The office of the Ombudsman can be contacted by email (info@ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Yours sincerely



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