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Alex Hedley
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Dear Alex Hedley

Thank you for your email of 5 August 2013 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

Student loan information for students studying towards a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery in New Zealand. If possible can you please provide information as a year-by-year break down for the period from 2008 to 2012 inclusive. Additionally, it would be useful to have separate figures for the course-related costs, living costs, course fees and administration charges as well as the number of students that are claiming for this programme.

The attached tables provide student loan and student allowance figures for students studying a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery at the University of Auckland and the University of Otago for the calendar years 2008 to 2012.

I hope you find this information helpful. You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my response by the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is:

The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsman
PO Box 10-152
WELLINGTON 6143

Yours sincerely


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Deputy Chief Executive Students, Seniors and Integrity Services

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Table One: Students studying a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery receiving Student Loan payments between 2008 and 2012

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total number of students who received one or more Student Loan payments in the year	1,481	1,564	1,666	1,748	1,907
Number of students who borrowed Course Fees during the year	1,317	1,388	1,501	1,645	1,786
Total dollar amount of Study Loan Course Fees paid during the year	\$16,361,467	\$17,757,160	\$19,892,267	\$21,625,557	\$24,833,075
Number of students who received one of more Student Loan Living Costs payment during the year	1,049	1,123	1,180	1,242	1,365
Total dollar amount of Student Loan Living Costs paid during the year	\$5,219,390	\$5,697,524	\$5,942,075	\$6,338,763	\$7,053,152
Number of students who received a Student Loan Course-related Costs payment during the year	804	832	979	1,046	1,128
Total dollar amount of Student Loans Course-related costs paid	\$803,649	\$867,404	\$1,032,431	\$1,099,551	\$1,168,383
Number of students charged the Student Loan Establishment fee during the year	1,373	1,444	1,534	1,551	1,692
Total dollar amount of Student Loan Administration (Establishment) fees charged	\$75,700	\$79,450	\$87,700	\$106,840	\$116,040

Note:

A Student Loan Establishment Fee (formerly Administration Fee) is charged per loan account
Some payments may be related to other programmes on the same student loan application.

Table Two: Students studying a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery receiving Student Allowance payments between 2008 and 2012

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total number of students granted a Student Allowance	505	601	708	744	807
Total dollar amount of Student Allowances paid	\$3,238,336	\$3,852,823	\$4,593,886	\$4,902,231	\$5,450,384