



**MINISTRY OF SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT**
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Dale Smith
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Dear Dale Smith

On 26 February 2020, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *The number of benefit recipients whose partners are receiving Student Loan Living Costs or a Student Allowance, by year and benefit type from 2013 to current date.*

This letter is to advise you that the Ministry has received your request, however requires more time to respond to this request. In accordance with section 15(1) and 15A of the Official Information Act, the Ministry's decision will be with you no later than 25 June 2020.

The reason for the extension is that consultations necessary to make a decision on the request are such that a proper response to the request cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit. The Ministry is focused on supporting New Zealanders through responding to COVID-19 and administering income support during this time.

I will respond to you sooner if I am able to.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision, please feel free to contact OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz

Yours sincerely

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