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Mr Craig Ryan  
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Dear Mr Ryan

The Minister of Justice, Hon Judith Collins, transferred your Official Information Act request of 22 October 2013 to me, as Minister of Revenue. I received it on 24 October 2013. You requested the following:

*In light of the Amendments to the student loan scheme that will allow for inland revenue to issue an arrest warrant that will be used to arrest defaulting overseas based borrowers at New Zealand borders, will there be a need or is there any consideration in the future for debtors prisons?*

*If yes, where will the prisons be situated or will the convicted criminals be incarcerated with the rest of the convicted and sentenced criminals?*

The Government has not considered the introduction of debtor's prisons, nor does it have any plans to do so.

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

Yours sincerely

Hon Todd McClay  
**Minister of Revenue**