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Mr Robert McKenzie
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Dear Mr McKenzie

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982, in which you requested the following:

What would happen to an offshore citizen if they returned back to NZ to live after owing thousands of dollars in interest and penalties on a very old student loan?

Would their wages be stipend until the defaulted amount is payed off?

If this is the case and they had young children to support how would they survive if the IRD were to take all their income? Would the family be forced to live of welfare?

Secondly, what happens to a student loan once the borrower has reached retirement age and is no longer able to work? Does the Student Loan remain until death or is it cleared after a number of years.

We received the request on 10 November 2017 and will respond by 8 December 2017.

Yours sincerely



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