

Thank you for your email of 17 November 2017 to the Ministry of Education requesting the following information:

1. *National forecasts/projections of school students, broken down by age and year level, for the period 2017 – 2030.*
2. *Sub-national (TLA and Local Board area) forecasts of students broken down by age, for the period 2017 – 2030.*
3. *National forecasts/projections of Tertiary education enrolments (by subsector and broad level) for EFTS and STMs funded learners, for the period 2017 – 2030.*
4. *Student loan and allowance forecasts, for both number of students, and value of loans and allowances, for the period 2017 – 2030.*
5. *Any advice provided by the Ministry to the new Education Minister about the free tertiary education policy including timings, costs, and implementation options.*

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

1. ***National forecasts/projections of school students, broken down by age and year level, for the period 2017 – 2030.***

I am releasing to you National School Roll Projections for the years 2017-2029 attached to this response as **Appendix A**. Forecasts/projections for 2030 does not exist. The roll projection forecasts are as of November 2017 and the data contained in this table include all state, state-integrated, private integrated, private non- integrated, Other Vote Education, Te Kura (Correspondence School), special schools and teen parent units. It does not include Partnership Schools.

2. Sub-national (TLA and Local Board area) forecasts of students broken down by age, for the period 2017 – 2030.

The Ministry does not report on or forecast for students at a sub-national level. For this reason, I am refusing the second part of your request under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist.

3. National forecasts/projections of Tertiary education enrolments (by subsector and broad level) for EFTS and STMs funded learners, for the period 2017 – 2030.

Below are the national forecasts of tertiary education enrolments for EFTS funded learners and for active standard training measures for 2017 - 2021 calendar. These are the only years that we have forecast.

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Total level 3 and above	209,090	208,750	205,580	203,450	203,110
Universities	115,310	115,280	114,160	113,330	112,780
Polytechnics	54,080	53,850	52,440	51,350	51,460
Wānanga	18,560	18,810	18,330	17,830	17,350
PTEs	21,140	20,810	20,650	20,950	21,510
Level 3-4 certificates	47,110	46,990	46,890	47,010	47,380
Level 5-7 certificates/diplomas	22,470	21,490	20,430	20,560	21,580
Bachelors	108,700	109,010	107,090	105,250	104,370
Level 8-10 postgraduate	30,810	31,250	31,170	30,640	29,780

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Active Standard Training Measures	38,810	39,030	38,990	39,230	39,210

Note: Active STMs are STMs consumed by learners who achieved one or more credits in a year.

4. Student loan and allowance forecasts, for both number of students, and value of loans and allowances, for the period 2017 – 2030.

Below are the Budget Economic and Fiscal Update 2017 forecasts for Student Loans and Allowances for the 2017 – 2021 calendar. These are the only years that we have forecast.

Calendar Year	Total Student Loan Borrowers	Course Fee Borrowers	Course Related Cost Borrowers	Living Costs Borrowers	Student Allowance Recipients
2017	174,505	160,980	112,910	95,840	69,145
2018	176,210	162,800	114,040	96,960	71,854
2019	173,650	160,750	112,350	95,980	70,890
2020	172,130	159,890	111,380	95,540	70,339
2021	172,220	159,390	111,900	95,900	69,738

Calendar Year	Total Student Loan Lending	Course Fee Lending	Course-Related Cost Lending	Living Costs Lending	Gross Student Allowance Expenditure
2017	\$1,598,218,000	1,066,861,000	111,200,000	420,157,000	486,790,000
2018	\$1,637,544,000	1,099,218,000	113,690,000	424,636,000	513,003,000
2019	\$1,643,291,000	1,110,641,000	112,001,000	420,649,000	515,693,000
2020	\$1,660,587,000	1,129,786,000	111,036,000	419,765,000	519,961,000
2021	\$1,688,830,000	1,156,241,000	111,556,000	421,033,000	512,731,000

Treasury produces a fiscal strategy model that tracks out to 2030/31. You can find this on the Treasury website at: www.treasury.govt.nz/government/fiscalstrategy/model

On the spreadsheet linked on this page, on the 'Exogenous' tab of the Excel worksheet, there is a projection of student loans that is forecast out to 30 June 2031.

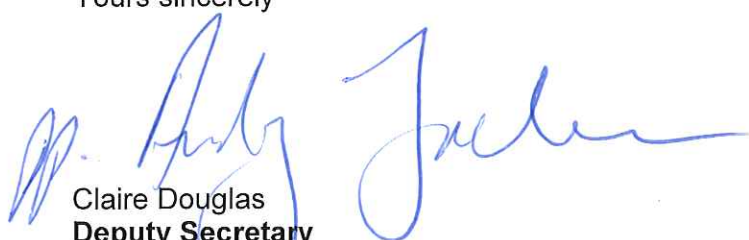
5. Any advice provided by the Ministry to the new Education Minister about the free tertiary education policy including timings, costs, and implementation options.

Alongside the Minister of Education, Hon Chris Hipkins, the Ministry has recently made available the documents considered by Cabinet and supporting documentation on the fees-free and student support costs policies. These documents are available on the Ministry's website at: <http://education.govt.nz/ministry-of-education/information-releases/100-days/>.

Therefore, I am refusing your request for information relating to the changes to allow fees-free tertiary education and changes to student loan and student allowances under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information requested is or will soon be publicly available.

Thank you again for your email. You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely



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NATIONAL SCHOOL ROLL PROJECTIONS 2017-2029

	Year 1 incl NE	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13	Year 14	Year 15	Total
2017	79,745	64,566	65,200	64,153	65,205	61,560	69,257	59,001	58,804	57,465	57,362	54,302	47,489	1,085	918	806,112
2018	81,392	62,984	64,899	65,777	64,800	65,054	72,634	61,014	58,802	59,278	57,753	52,819	47,502	900	883	816,490
2019	79,133	64,270	63,323	65,476	66,425	64,652	76,715	63,955	60,790	59,276	59,545	53,167	46,233	903	758	824,621
2020	81,232	61,868	64,046	63,353	65,591	65,735	75,648	67,003	63,149	60,635	58,932	54,278	45,672	864	754	828,760
2021	81,742	63,508	61,653	64,076	63,465	64,908	76,905	66,069	66,157	62,983	60,280	53,718	46,633	859	735	833,692
2022	80,981	63,907	63,287	61,683	64,188	62,802	75,938	67,169	65,234	65,973	62,595	54,946	46,137	872	732	836,443
2023	83,016	63,312	63,684	63,317	61,793	63,518	73,479	66,326	66,324	65,057	65,550	57,026	47,212	868	741	841,223
2024	84,798	64,903	63,092	63,714	63,429	61,146	74,309	64,181	65,494	66,140	64,641	59,697	48,965	882	740	846,131
2025	86,324	66,295	64,676	63,122	63,826	62,765	71,545	64,906	63,377	65,314	65,715	58,869	51,254	907	749	849,643
2026	87,342	67,487	66,062	64,705	63,233	63,158	73,436	62,490	64,097	63,209	64,898	59,847	50,526	937	762	852,189
2027	87,979	68,283	67,250	66,092	64,819	62,571	73,896	64,142	61,711	63,925	62,818	59,109	51,384	930	780	855,687
2028	88,361	68,781	68,043	67,280	66,207	64,141	73,211	64,543	63,340	61,553	63,527	57,232	50,751	941	776	858,686
2029	88,490	69,080	68,539	68,073	67,397	65,515	75,044	63,947	63,736	63,173	61,180	57,876	49,150	934	785	862,919

*Note: Rolls include all state, state-integrated, private non integrated, Other Vote Education, Te Kura (Correspondence School), special schools and teen parent units. It does not include Partnership Schools.
This information has been provided in response to information request EDK 5326.

The data is an estimate of future student roll numbers. It is sourced from the Ministry's forecast of future student numbers which is created by using a combination of Statistics New Zealand population forecasts and Ministry data