





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

- 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).

 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 feesfree 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

Claire Douglas

Deputy Secretary

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NATIONAL SCHOOL ROLL PROJECTIONS 2017-2029

Appendix A

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*Note: Rolls 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.

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