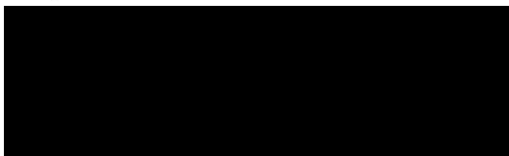




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Dear 

Thank you for your email of 14 September 2018 to the Ministry of Education requesting the following information:

*How many education worker debt write-offs has the Ministry granted?
How many education worker debt discounts has the Ministry granted?
On what grounds were they granted?*

On 17 September 2018, you clarified your request to:

*How many education worker debt write-offs has the Ministry granted each year from 2012 - 2018?
How many education worker debt write-offs in part, granted each year from 2012 - 2018?
How many education worker write-offs in full, granted each year from 2012 - 2018?*

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act.

The table attached shows the numbers of partial or full write-offs for each year from 2012 - 2018. The notes below the table provide more detail on what data is reported.

Please note, the Ministry now proactively publishes OIA responses on our website. As such, we may publish this response on our website after five working days. Your name and contact details will be removed.

If you are unsatisfied with my response, you have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review it. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely



Kim Shannon
Head of Education Infrastructure Service

Number of debt write-offs between 2012 and 2018

Financial Year	Write off Action	Number written off
1 July - 30 June		
2012	In Total	251
	In Part	6
	In Full	245
2013	In Total	0
	In Part	0
	In Full	0
2014	In Total	1
	In Part	0
	In Full	1
2015	In Total	9
	In Part	1
	In Full	8
2016	In Total	230
	In Part	15
	In Full	215
2017	In Total	174
	In Part	12
	In Full	162
2018	In Total	96
	In Part	13
	In Full	83

	Legislative	Court Ordered	Administrative	Total
2012				
Number	24	0	227	251
Amount	\$70,055.83	\$0.00	\$158,333.75	\$228,389.58
2013				
Number	0	0	0	0
Amount	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2014				
Number	0	0	1	1
Amount	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$82.48	\$82.48
2015				
Number	6	1	2	9
Amount	\$16,714.76	\$3,592.81	\$6,341.40	\$26,648.97
2016				
Number	52	0	178	230
Amount	\$240,845.45	\$0.00	\$119,090.50	\$359,935.95
2017				
Number	71	0	103	174
Amount	\$143,512.95	\$0.00	\$70,092.82	\$213,605.77
2018				
Number	40	0	56	96
Amount	\$129,825.68	\$0.00	\$43,187.43	\$173,013.11

Notes:

1. Debt write-offs have been approved on three grounds: legislation, court ordered and administrative considerations.

- Legislative write-offs relate to Section 94b Judicature Act 1908, Section 74b Property Law Act 2007 and the Limitations Act 1951 & 2010.
- Court ordered write-offs relate to those as directed in mediation or in court.
- Administrative write-offs relate to restrictions in recuperating the debt, eg, debtor insolvent.