

Request Reference: 195-17

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Request

I refer to your recent email dated 09/10/2017 requesting the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("FOIA"):

- *What proportion of foreign students from the EU are repaying their student loans in 2016;*
- *What is the breakdown by nationality for EU foreign students failing to repay their student loans;*
- *What is the breakdown by university attended of EU foreign students failing to repay their student loans?*

Clarification of your request was sought on 27/10/2017 and you provided the following clarification by email dated 01/11/2017 that:

"I can confirm you are correct to assume "foreign students from the EU" and "foreign EU students" mean students who are domiciled elsewhere in the EU and who come to the UK to study.

I can confirm we are referring to the financial year 2016/17.

We are interested in receiving below threshold customer data, as well as data for the two arrears categories of "defaulted in arrears" and "no details of income provided so placed in arrears", if that is possible."

Response

Please refer to the attached spreadsheet for the information which you have requested.

Please refer to the notes and caveats associated with the data.

In addition, please note that the EU borrowers who are not repaying their student loans may be due to the fact that they are earning below the relevant repayment threshold (further details included in the notes in the "results by nationality" and "results by HE Provider" tabs.

The third tab has been separated to show EU borrowers residing overseas separately from EU borrowers residing in the UK, as the concept of student loan arrears only applies to borrowers residing overseas, and not borrowers who reside in the UK.