

Reply 1869 (2020) has been answered

Portfolio: Education (Minister - Chris Hipkins)

Question: How many, if any, false declarations were made by applicants for Fees-Free in the 2018 academic year?

Reply: I have been advised by officials at the Tertiary Education Commission that 342 false statutory declarations for Fees Free in the 2018 academic year have been identified as of 19 February 2020.

[1869 \(2020\)](#)

Reply 1870 (2020) has been answered

Portfolio: Education (Minister - Chris Hipkins)

Question: How many, if any, false declarations were made by applicants for Fees-Free in the 2019 academic year?

Reply: I have been advised by officials at the Tertiary Education Commission that 131 false statutory declarations for Fees Free in the 2019 academic year have been identified as of 19 February 2020.

[1870 \(2020\)](#)

Reply 1868 (2020) has been answered

Portfolio: Education (Minister - Chris Hipkins)

Question: How many, if any, prosecutions were made for false declarations by applicants for Fees-Free in the 2019 academic year?

Reply: I have been advised by officials at the Tertiary Education Commission that charges have been laid under section 292A of the Education Act 1989 against three individuals for false statutory declarations for Fees Free in the 2019 academic year.

[1868 \(2020\)](#)

Reply 1861 (2020) has been answered

Portfolio: Education (Minister - Chris Hipkins)

Question: What was the value, if any, of Fees Free provided to students who were found to have made false declarations in 2019?

Reply: I have been advised by officials at the Tertiary Education Commission that an approximate value of \$23,000 of Fees Free payments were made for students who were found to have made false declarations in 2019. These payments relate to three exceptional cases and the Tertiary Education Commission chose to exercise its discretion not to recover fees in these instances. This is also my response to written parliamentary question 1863 (2020).

[1861 \(2020\)](#)

Reply 1862 (2020) has been answered

Portfolio: Education (Minister - Chris Hipkins)

Question: What was the value, if any, of Fees Free provided to students who were found to have made false declarations in 2018?

Reply: I have been advised by officials at the Tertiary Education Commission that an approximate value of \$3,000 of Fees Free payments were made for a student who was found to have made a false declaration in 2018. These payments relate to one exceptional case and the Tertiary Education Commission chose to exercise its discretion not to recover fees in this instance. This is also my response to written parliamentary question 1864(2020).

[1862 \(2020\)](#)

