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I refer to your email of 22 May 2024 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

*Could you please provide me with a list based on country and year of consular loan payments made to New Zealanders overseas from 2014 to date (3 May 2024)?  
Could you please also provide me with the total outstanding balance across all loans, the average loan amount, the highest loan amount and lowest loan amount?*

Please note that prior to 2020, consular loans were called consular advances.

Consular advances were made in the following countries:

Financial Year 2014/15 - Occupied Palestinian Territories  
Financial Year 2015/16 - No consular advances were made during this period.  
Financial Year 2016/17 - No consular advances were made during this period.  
Financial Year 2017/18 - Egypt; Viet Nam  
Financial Year 2018/19 - Brazil; Mexico; Peru.

The attached **appendix** contains information relevant to your request for consular loan payments for the period 1 July 2019 to 3 May 2024.

Total outstanding balances across all loans, with the average loan amount, the highest loan amount and lowest loan amount (in NZD), as at 3 May 2024, are set out in the table below.

<b>Total outstanding loan balances as at 3 May 2024 (in NZD)</b>	
Total outstanding balance	\$756,411.85
Average current loan value	\$3,707.90
Highest outstanding loan	\$35,000.00
Lowest outstanding loan	\$40.00

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Therefore, our response to your request (with your personal information removed) may be published on the Ministry website: [www.mfat.govt.nz/en/about-us/contact-us/official-information-act-responses/](http://www.mfat.govt.nz/en/about-us/contact-us/official-information-act-responses/)

If you have any questions about this decision, you can contact us by email at: [DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz](mailto:DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz). You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision by contacting [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SC', written in a cursive style.

Sarah Corbett  
for Acting Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade

**Appendix: Consular loans and Consular Advances made to New Zealanders overseas from 1 July 2019 to 3 May 2024**

<b>Consular loans and Consular Advances made to New Zealanders overseas from 1 July 2019 to 3 May 2024</b>					
<b>Financial Year</b>	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024 (1 July 2023 to 3 May 2024)
<b>Location</b>	Australia	Afghanistan	Afghanistan	Bahrain	Australia
	Bangladesh	China	Australia	Ethiopia	Egypt
	Belgium	Colombia	Colombia	India	Ethiopia
	Brazil	Egypt	Ethiopia	Indonesia	Germany
	Canada	Ethiopia	France	Italy	Hungary
	Chile	India	Israel	Mexico	Israel
	China	Indonesia	Italy	Malaysia	Japan
	Cook Islands	Ivory Coast (Cote d'Ivoire)	Laos	Philippines	Laos
	Egypt	Jordan	Moldova	Samoa	Myanmar (Burma)
	Ethiopia	Kiribati	Peru	Singapore	Namibia
	Germany	Kuwait	Republic of Korea	Somalia	Occupied Palestinian Territories
	Guatemala	Lebanon	South Africa	Spain	Pakistan

	India	Malaysia	Thailand	Sudan	Philippines
	Indonesia	Norway	Turkey	Tanzania	Somalia
	Iraq	Pakistan	Uganda	Thailand	Sri Lanka
	Israel	Papua New Guinea	United States of America	Tonga	Thailand
	Jordan	Somalia		Kenya	Turkey
	Malaysia	Spain		United States of America	United States of America
	Mexico	Syria			Vietnam
	Myanmar (Burma)	Tanzania			
	Pakistan	Thailand			
	Peru	Timor-Leste			
	Philippines	Turkey			
	Qatar	Uganda			
	Samoa	United Arab Emirates			
	South Africa	United States of America			
	Spain	Vietnam			
	Sri Lanka				

	Tanzania				
	Thailand				
	Tonga				
	Tunisia				
	Turkey				
	Uganda				
	United Arab Emirates				
	United States of America				
	Uruguay				
	Vietnam				