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Dear Mr Neill,

Re: Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 – Request for Information

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Thank you for your email which was received by the University on 30 March 2009 timed 2025 hours, requesting the following:

Details of Research and Enterprise Business Planning and Reporting Structure in Relation to Kevin Cullen's Extensive Travel.

University's Response

The University of Glasgow does not hold the information that you have requested and is not aware of any other public authority that could respond to your request. Section 17 of FOISA states that where public authorities receive requests for information that they do not hold, they must issue a notice advising that they do not hold the requested information.

The University does not hold annual business plans in relation to Research & Enterprise. Activities are intended to further the University's strategic goals, as illustrated in the University's Mission Statement <http://www.gla.ac.uk/about/> and Research Strategy <http://www.gla.ac.uk/services/researchandenterprise/a-z/#R>.

The University does not require detailed cases for business trips made by Directors. These trips are often paid from external sources and their purpose is in support of the strategic goals of the University.

Where Dr. Cullen has given presentations at events, copies have been attached (see appendix A)

Dr. Cullen has confirmed that his trip to Arizona (which was paid for by a third party) included 2 hours of horse riding (an hour before the meeting and an hour after). No other recreational activities took place on any of the trips concerned.

It is impossible for the University to put a monetary value on each business trip taken by the Director of Research & Enterprise. The nature of this work is incremental and it is crucial that professional networks are maintained for opportunity development and these elements are specified within the Director's job description:

- Representing R&E and the University in external committees and structures relevant to the University's research and enterprise activities. These to include political, research, knowledge transfer and economic development fora.
- Promoting the University's research and enterprise expertise, capabilities and activities locally, nationally and internationally through representation and presentations.
- Maximise opportunities for and success in raising funds from appropriate sources outside the University.

Reports back take different forms. Frequently there are verbal discussions. There is no record held of all reports for all trips.

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Yours sincerely,

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