



Mr Bruce Beckles

By email

Reference: FOI-2009-57

2 July 2009

Dear Mr Beckles

Thank you for your email of 4 June 2009.

It is not accepted that the letter to you from Mr Troupe dated 20 June 2008 constituted a refusal of your first request received on 28 May 2008 (FOI/2008/75). The letter from Mr Troupe confirmed the information, which you had requested and which had already been communicated to you by Professor Luzio, to the effect that he (Professor Luzio) had been advised by the University's Personnel (now Human Resources) Division that the relevant hearing should not be recorded and therefore should not proceed if any attempt to record it was made.

I have further investigated the position and I understand that the advice in question was provided orally. No record of the information was or is held by the University and Mr Troupe's letter ought arguably to have explained this to you more clearly, although it is noted that you did not enquire further or seek a review of his response at the time.

It is not accepted in the circumstances that the University relied inappropriately on section 14(2) in replying to your second request received on 2 June 2009 (FOI/2009/57). Furthermore and in particular, it is not accepted that a change in personnel handling FOI matters in the interval between your two requests is a factor properly to be taken into account in assessing the reasonableness of that interval. In addition, a reasonable interval had not elapsed, having regard to the fact that both requests related to the same historic data which could not be expected to have changed in the interim.

Finally, for the sake of completeness and in accordance with the University's duties under section 16, I should add that, in the course of my further investigation, I located the enclosed copy email exchange. While this does not constitute a record of the information which you requested, it relates to the subject matter of your request and may accordingly be of interest to you.

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I trust this response deals to your satisfaction with the queries and concerns which you have raised, but if you nevertheless wish a formal review of the handling of the requests in question to be initiated, it would be helpful if you could now make this clear unconditionally.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'K. M. Allen'.

From: "Nick Tamkin" <nt248@admin.cam.ac.uk>

To: "Paul Luzio" <jpl10@cam.ac.uk>

Dear Paul

Yes, I can confirm that this is the case.

Best,

Nick

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**From:** Paul Luzio [mailto:jpl10@cam.ac.uk]

**Sent:** 19 March 2008 07:51

**To:** Nick Tamkin

**Subject:** Re: assimilation appeal hearing

Dear Nick,

Please will you confirm that Mr Beckles has been told that he cannot record the proceedings and that we will not record them either.

Thanks,

Paul