



Mr Alvaro Nunez

by email

Reference: FOI-2009-127

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Dear Mr Nunez,

Your request was received on 14 October 2009 and I am dealing with it under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked for

- (a) The figures for applications and acceptances by country for BA Economics in 2007, 2008 and 2009.*
- (b) The number of (I)GCSEs that successful BA Economics candidates had on average, and how many of those were at grade A* (2007, 2008 and 2009 entry).*
- (c) A breakdown of the examination boards that awarded successful candidates' IGCSEs and GCE A levels. (BA Economics, 2007, 2008 and 2009 entry).*
- (d) How many of the candidates accepted into Economics held a GCE A level in Further Mathematics, and how many of these were awarded by Cambridge International Examinations (CIE).*

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Please note:

- (i) that all data of the data is provided on an application cycle basis. For example, the year label '2007' refers to applications received in October 2006 either for entry in October 2007 or deferred entry in October 2008;
- (ii) that GCSE data, unlike A level data, is not validated by UCAS. GCSE statistics presented here are therefore based solely on information provided by applicants to UCAS at the point of application, whereas A level statistics are based on validated exam results.

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Specific points to note in relation to the different elements of the request are as follows:

(a) The figures for applications and acceptances by country for BA Economics in 2007, 2008 and 2009.

In responding to this request we have used Area of Permanent Residence provided by applicants in their UCAS application to determine country of domicile.

(b) The number of (I)GCSEs that successful BA Economics candidates had on average, and how many of those were at grade A (2007, 2008 and 2009 entry).*

This table summarises the numbers of applicants with particular combinations of total GCSE/IGCSE count and GCSE/IGCSE A* count. For example, the correct interpretation of the first row of this table is: 0 successful Economics applicants achieved 15 GCSEs/IGCSEs including 13 A* in 2007 and 2008, 1 successful Economics applicant achieved 15 GCSEs/IGCSEs including 13 A* in 2009. Please note that we do not hold information about the average number of GCSEs/IGCSEs of successful BA Economics candidates. It would be necessary to undertake additional statistical work in order to generate this information; the Act does not require us to create new information in order to answer a request.

(c) A breakdown of the examination boards that awarded successful candidates' (I)GCSEs and GCE A levels (BA Economics, 2007, 2008 and 2009 entry).

The GCSE tables summarise the numbers of applicants with GCSEs/IGCSEs from particular combinations of awarding bodies, indicated by "Y" in appropriate columns. For example, the correct interpretation of the first row of the 2007 table is: 78 successful Economics applicants were awarded GCSEs/IGCSEs by all of AQA, EdExcel and OCR.

The A level tables summarise the numbers of applicants with A levels from particular combinations of awarding bodies, indicated by "Y" in appropriate columns. For example, the correct interpretation of the first row of the 2007 table is: 37 successful Economics applicants were awarded A levels by all of AQA, EdExcel and OCR.

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Yours sincerely,


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a) Economics applications and acceptances by country 2007-2009

Domicile	2007		2008		2009	
	Applications	Acceptances	Applications	Acceptances	Applications	Acceptances
Albania	0	0	1	1	4	0
Australia	4	0	4	1	4	0
Austria	7	1	7	0	9	0
Bahrain	2	0	0	0	0	0
Bangladesh	1	0	3	1	4	0
Belarus	0	0	0	0	2	0
Belgium	8	1	4	0	4	0
Bermuda	0	0	1	0	0	0
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0	0	0	0	1	0
Brazil	2	0	0	0	2	0
Brunei	1	0	3	0	0	0
Bulgaria	4	1	10	0	11	0
Burma	1	0	0	0	2	0
Cameroon	0	0	1	0	0	0
Canada	6	0	14	1	15	1
Chile	1	0	0	0	0	0
China	121	17	95	9	105	10
Colombia	0	0	1	0	1	0
Cyprus	4	0	9	4	11	3
Czech Republic	2	0	2	0	2	0
Denmark	1	0	1	0	1	0
Ecuador	1	0	0	0	0	0
Egypt	0	0	0	0	1	0
Estonia	3	0	1	1	2	0
Finland	3	1	5	1	3	1
France	6	0	19	0	17	1
Georgia	0	0	0	0	1	0
Germany	33	3	50	4	45	4
Ghana	0	0	1	0	1	0
Greece	2	0	4	0	5	0
Guyana	0	0	1	0	0	0
Hong Kong	44	7	67	4	48	3
Hungary	2	0	4	2	3	0
Iceland	0	0	1	0	0	0
India	43	8	47	5	29	6
Indonesia	2	0	3	0	3	1
Iran	0	0	0	0	1	0
Ireland	4	0	5	0	7	1
Israel	0	0	1	0	0	0
Italy	16	0	13	0	11	0
Japan	2	0	4	0	1	0
Kazakhstan	5	1	6	0	9	1
Kenya	3	0	1	0	3	1
Korea (South)	7	1	7	1	20	1
Kuwait	3	0	1	0	1	0
Latvia	1	1	1	0	5	1
Lebanon	0	0	0	0	1	0
Lithuania	6	0	5	0	12	0
Luxembourg	2	1	1	0	3	0
Macao	1	0	1	0	0	0
Malawi	0	0	1	0	0	0
Malaysia	45	2	66	1	48	3
Maldives Islands	0	0	0	0	1	0
Mauritius	6	0	1	0	5	0
Moldova	1	0	1	0	0	0
Monaco	1	0	0	0	0	0
Morocco	0	0	0	0	1	0
Netherlands	8	0	3	1	4	0
Netherlands Antilles	1	0	1	0	0	0
New Zealand	2	0	6	2	6	1
Nigeria	2	0	2	0	6	0
No information provided (Overseas)	1	0	0	0	1	0
Norway	1	0	3	0	2	0
Pakistan	23	0	10	0	21	1

a) Economics applications and acceptances by country 2007-2009

Domicile	2007		2008		2009	
	Applications	Acceptances	Applications	Acceptances	Applications	Acceptances
Paraguay	0	0	1	0	0	0
Philippines	1	0	1	0	1	0
Poland	26	0	18	2	10	0
Portugal	0	0	4	1	4	0
Qatar	0	0	1	0	1	0
Romania	3	0	5	0	7	1
Russia	13	0	12	0	9	1
Saudi Arabia	1	0	0	0	2	0
Serbia and Montenegro	1	0	1	0	2	0
Singapore	36	4	54	9	86	3
Slovakia	3	0	2	0	6	0
Slovenia	1	0	0	0	0	0
South Africa	2	0	3	1	2	0
Spain	2	0	4	0	6	0
Sri Lanka	5	0	5	0	6	0
Sweden	15	1	12	1	10	0
Switzerland	3	0	5	0	10	1
Taiwan	0	0	1	0	1	0
Tanzania	0	0	0	0	1	0
Thailand	2	1	5	1	3	1
Trinidad and Tobago	2	0	0	0	1	0
Turkey	2	0	6	0	1	0
U/K N/K	1	0	0	0	0	0
Uganda	1	0	0	0	0	0
UK	553	122	579	130	681	127
Ukraine	4	0	1	0	2	1
United Arab Emirates	5	0	2	0	7	1
United States of America	15	1	20	1	11	1
Uruguay	0	0	0	0	1	0
Uzbekistan	1	0	0	0	0	0
Venezuela	1	0	0	0	0	0
Vietnam	13	2	23	0	19	1
Zambia	1	0	0	0	0	0
Zimbabwe	1	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	1159	176	1264	185	1396	178

b) Economics acceptances by total number of GCSEs and IGCSEs and the number awarded A* 2007-2009

Total GCSEs and IGCSEs	Number of A*	Number of accepted applicants		
		2007	2008	2009
15	13	0	0	1
14	13	0	0	1
14	8	0	1	0
13	13	2	1	0
13	12	1	1	2
13	11	1	0	1
13	10	0	1	0
13	9	0	1	0
13	7	0	0	1
13	5	0	1	0
13	4	0	1	0
12	12	1	6	5
12	11	2	4	3
12	10	4	5	1
12	9	1	3	0
12	8	2	0	4
12	7	0	1	2
12	6	1	1	1
12	5	0	2	1
11	11	9	12	6
11	10	5	11	11
11	9	13	6	6
11	8	1	3	3
11	7	4	2	1
11	6	2	1	3
11	5	0	1	2
11	4	0	0	1
11	3	0	0	1
10	10	19	19	15
10	9	12	10	10
10	8	5	6	10
10	7	9	5	5
10	6	2	2	2
10	5	2	0	4
10	4	1	1	1
10	3	0	3	0
10	1	1	0	0
10	0	0	1	0
9	9	6	5	7
9	8	4	2	3
9	7	4	4	4
9	6	2	3	5
9	5	2	0	2
9	4	0	0	3
9	3	0	3	1
8	8	0	2	1
8	7	0	0	2
8	6	1	0	0
8	5	0	0	1
8	4	1	0	0
8	3	0	0	2
8	2	0	0	1
8	0	0	1	0
7	7	0	2	0
7	5	0	0	1
7	0	0	0	1
5	4	1	1	0
5	3	0	0	1
5	1	0	1	0
5	0	1	0	0
4	3	1	0	0
1	1	1	0	1
1	0	0	0	1
<i>No GCSEs or IGCSEs recorded</i>		52	49	37
Totals		176	185	178

c) Economics acceptances by GCSE or IGCSE awarding body 2007-2009

2007

Number of accepted applicants	AQA	CIE	EdExcel	MEI	NICCEA	OCR	WJEC
78	Y		Y			Y	
13	Y		Y				
9			Y			Y	
6	Y					Y	
3	Y		Y		Y	Y	
3	Y				Y	Y	
3	Y						
2		Y					
1			Y		Y		
1	Y		Y		Y		
1			Y				
1	Y	Y	Y				
1	Y	Y	Y			Y	
1							Y
1	Y					Y	Y
52	No GCSEs or IGCSEs recorded						
176							

2008

Number of accepted applicants	AQA	CIE	EdExcel	MEI	NICCEA	OCR	WJEC
77	Y		Y			Y	
18	Y		Y				
8	Y					Y	
8	Y		Y			Y	Y
7			Y			Y	
5		Y	Y				
2			Y				
2	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y
2		Y				Y	
2	Y		Y		Y	Y	
1	Y					Y	Y
1	Y	Y	Y				
1	Y						Y
1							Y
1	Y	Y	Y			Y	
49	No GCSEs or IGCSEs recorded						
185							

2009

Number of accepted applicants	AQA	CIE	EdExcel	MEI	NICCEA	OCR	WJEC
84	Y		Y			Y	
13	Y		Y				
6	Y					Y	
5	Y		Y			Y	Y
5	Y		Y				Y
5		Y	Y				
4		Y					
3	Y	Y	Y			Y	
3	Y					Y	Y
2	Y		Y		Y	Y	
2			Y			Y	
2						Y	
1		Y				Y	
1			Y		Y	Y	
1					Y		
1	Y		Y		Y		Y
1	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y
1	Y		Y	Y		Y	
1			Y				
37	No GCSEs or IGCSEs recorded						
178							

c) Economics acceptances by A Level awarding body 2007-2009

2007

Number of accepted applicants	AQA	CIE	EdExcel	NICCEA	OCR	WJEC
37	Y		Y		Y	
35			Y		Y	
26	Y		Y			
17	Y				Y	
13			Y			
8		Y				
5					Y	
2			Y		Y	Y
1						Y
1			Y			Y
1	Y				Y	Y
30	<i>No A levels recorded</i>					
176						

2008

Number of accepted applicants	AQA	CIE	EdExcel	NICCEA	OCR	WJEC
40			Y		Y	
29	Y		Y		Y	
25	Y		Y			
23			Y			
14	Y				Y	
9					Y	
2	Y					
2		Y				
1	Y					Y
1					Y	Y
1						Y
1		Y			Y	
37	<i>No A levels recorded</i>					
185						

2009

Number of accepted applicants	AQA	CIE	EdExcel	NICCEA	OCR	WJEC
34	Y		Y		Y	
27			Y		Y	
26	Y		Y			
24	Y				Y	
20			Y			
4					Y	
3		Y				
1		Y	Y			
1	Y					
1	Y					Y
1	Y				Y	Y
1			Y			Y
1	Y		Y		Y	Y
1			Y	Y		
33	<i>No A levels recorded</i>					
178						

d) Economics acceptances with Further Mathematics A level 2007-2009

Year	Number of accepted applicants with	
	Any Further Maths	CIE Further Maths
2007	85	5
2008	85	2
2009	84	1