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Our Ref: FOI 2009/183 – F0076422

Dear Mr Watson,

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

Thank you for your email which was received by the University on 30 October 2009 timed 15:00 hours, requesting the following information:

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1. I have noticed that you took an unusual step by paying £286,794.96 to the supplier, Atos, for the Student Lifecycle Project to assist the University in due diligence. I would expect that for due diligence the buyer would employ a lawyer and not expect the work to be carried out by the supplier.

Could you please tell me, did the University use any legal firm for the due diligence?  
If so, how much was your legal bill?

2. Could you please give me a list of all the suppliers that are involved with the Student Lifecycle Project and the purpose of their involvement? So far I have noticed the involvement of NCC, Atos and Oracle.

3. Please send me the relevant minutes of the meetings of the Information Strategy Committee that approved the cost of recruiting two external consultants (£24803.13 and £5857.56). This was mentioned in your reply to my previous request dated 30th September 2009. See:

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**University's Response**

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Due Diligence focused on a detailed review of requirements and validation of those requirements against the proposed solution. Contract negotiations were not part of the due diligence process and the University's legal advisors were therefore not involved at this point. Atos was never engaged in providing any form of legal advice.

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The suppliers that are involved with the Student Lifecycle Project and the purposes of their involvement are as follows:

NCC – Programme management support for implementation

Atos – Specialist consultancy support for implementation

Oracle – System supplier and specialist consultancy support for implementation

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The Information Policy Strategy Committee (IPSC) agreed a proposed spend of £36,000 at their meeting on 27/07/2006. The relevant minute of that meeting is attached as Appendix 1.

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Yours sincerely,

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