



Mr Bruce Beckles

by email

Reference: FOI-2010-173

16 September 2010

Dear Mr Beckles,

A request for information was received from you on 6 September 2010 and I am dealing with it under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act). The reference number allocated to your request is FOI-2010-173.

You asked:

"Please confirm that there have been no post-dismissal compensation settlements between 8 July 2010 and 6 September 2010. If there have been any such settlements, please state whether any of them were agreed between 8 July 2010 and 6 August 2010. Please provide your response in electronic form."

I refer to the pre-penultimate paragraph of my letter to you dated 6 September 2010 in response to your request for information, including information about the number of post-dismissal settlements since 14 December 2009 (ref FOI-2010-153). In that letter, I referred to two previous requests by you for information about the number of post-dismissal compensation settlements (ref FOI-2009-148 and ref FOI-2010-133, dated respectively 13 December 2009 and 8 July 2010). In response to those two latter requests you have been informed that the University reached four post-dismissal compensation settlements between December 2008 and 13 December 2009 and that the University reached one such settlement between 14 December 2009 and 8 July 2010. In my letter to you dated 6 September 2010 you were advised that your request for information about the number of post-dismissal settlements between 13 December 2009 and 6 August 2010 would not be processed further as it constituted a repeated request within the terms of section 14(2) of the Act. Similarly, the University does not propose to proceed further with your current request on the same ground.

For your assistance, the University takes the view that a reasonable interval in the context of your requests is likely to be in the region of six months or longer.

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kirsty Allen', written in a cursive style.

Kirsty Allen