



Mr Joshua Carroll

by email

Reference: FOI-2010-19

15 February 2010

Dear Mr Carroll,

Your request was received on 21 January 2010 and I am dealing with it under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked:

*"In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would be grateful for details of the University's dealings - if any - with the following companies:
The Society for Environmental Exploration (Operating as 'Frontier')
Frontier Ltd (sister company to the above)
The former company sells overseas volunteer projects to gap year and university students, the latter company provides marketing services to the former.*

I would like to know of any correspondence between either of these companies and the University of Cambridge and if possible I would like to read it.

I attach the requested information. Please note that this document should not be copied, reproduced or used except in accordance with the law of copyright. Personal information has been redacted in accordance with the provisions under section 40 (2) (personal information) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000; its release would breach the first principle of the Data Protection Act 1998.

I would also like to know if any representatives from Frontier have visited the university to speak at any public events such as conferences, careers fairs etc or if there are any plans for this to happen.

Representatives from Frontier have, since 2002, paid to participate in a Careers event known as 'The Works' (but rebranded in 2010 as 'Work to change the World') held annually in January/February and



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attended by current students and recent alumni. Frontier, in common with all other exhibitors, has a small display stand. The stand is staffed by two representatives.

I would also be very grateful if you could find out whether or not the university has any kind of business relationship with Frontier. In particular, does the university facilitate marketing and advertising for Frontier, (for example, posters, advertisements in emails or letters to students, links on websites etc.)."

The University has no formal business relationship with Frontier. The University Careers Service, consistent with its usual practice, advertises vacancies at Frontier on the Careers Service website. These advertisements include links to the Frontier website. This same information is emailed out to those students who have asked to receive information on opportunities in this sector.

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Yours sincerely,

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