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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - REQUEST 10016

Dear Mr Jenkinson

Thank you for your request for information on any university submissions to the Independent Review of Higher Education Funding and Student Finance, which we received on 3 February 2010.

I can confirm that the University College London holds the information you are seeking. The information is being withheld under Section 22(1) of the Act. This provides that:

Information is exempt information if—

- (a) the information is held by the public authority with a view to its publication, by the authority or any other person, at some future date (whether determined or not),
- (b) the information was already held with a view to such publication at the time when the request for information was made, and
- (c) it is reasonable in all the circumstances that the information should be withheld from disclosure until the date referred to in paragraph (a).

As Section 22 is a qualified exemption we are required to conduct a public interest test.

Disclosure of the information may be in the public interest in that it can encourage public discussion about the subject under review. However, early disclosure would interfere with the process laid out in the Review Panel's Operating Protocol - http://hereview.independent.gov.uk/hereview/wp-content/uploads/panel_operating_protocol_nov09.pdf - which states that evidence will be published as it is received.

It is important that the body which invited evidence should be allowed to consider and debate the issue away from public scrutiny until it is ready to publish it. This point is of particular significance as a second call for evidence has yet to be issued.

It is therefore reasonable in all the circumstances that the information is withheld until it is published by the Review.

If you are unhappy with our response and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to:

Director of Estates and Facilities
University College London
Gower Street
London
WC1E 6BT



If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner at the address given below. You should do this within two months of our final decision.

If you have any queries or concerns, please contact me, using the details provided in this letter.

Further information on the Freedom of Information Act is available from the Information Commissioner's Office:

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Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely

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