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Our Ref: FOI 2010/63 – F0089537

Dear Mr Bayer,

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

Thank you for your email which was received by the University on 14 March 2010 timed 16:07 hours, requesting the following information:

a. In response to my recent Fol request (your ref: Fol Review 2010/01-F0084126)

You have replied

“I have reviewed the response made to you and, while it does not answer your questions 1 (a), (b) and (c) directly the response made is correct. There is perhaps confusion over expenditure on Phase 1 of the project (the pre-contract phase) and expenditure incurred in particular years which I will attempt to clarify:

The cost budgets for the Student Lifecycle Project (SLP) in 2007/08 and 2008/09, as set through the University's budget setting process, were £650k and £3,320k respectively. All expenditure charged against the project was authorised in line with the hierarchical structure of delegated authority which governs budgetary authority across the University. Pre contract SLP expenditure was incurred in 2007/08 and 2008/09 and has been charged against the annual budgets in line with the delegated authorities in place for this project. Pre and post contract expenditure is therefore contained within the overall budgets set in these two years for the delivery of SLP as a whole. I hope you will agree therefore that there was no overspend on budget and therefore no need for a case to be made and approved or otherwise.”

On studying the information you have given to date about this project I have noticed that the budget was approved by the University Senior Management Group on 17 March 2009. This clearly tells me that you were spending money against an unapproved budget. Could you please explain your reply in light of this? Also I am still waiting to know who made the decision to spend the University's money from a non existent budget?

b. Could you please send me the breakdown of the expenditure against the budget allocated to this project to date?

As the University of Glasgow is a Scottish Public Authority, your request is subject to the terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 ("FOISA"). The University acknowledges receipt of your request and confirms a response will be sent to you promptly; and in any event not later than 12 April 2010. The Freedom of Information Office will contact you if we require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

Data Protection and Freedom of Information Office



The information that you supplied with your Request for information will be entered into a filing system and will only be accessed by authorised persons of the University of Glasgow or its agents. The information will be retained by the University and will only be used for the purpose of (a) processing your Request for information, and (b) for statistical and audit purposes. By supplying such information you consent to the University storing the information for the stated purpose. The information is held by the University in accordance with the provisions of the Data Protection Act 1998.