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Our Ref: FOI 2009/54 – F0056187

Dear Mr. Clark,

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

Thank you for your email which was received by the University on 22 March 2009 timed 11:41 hours, requesting the following:

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- 1. Have the University's Vice Chancellor, Pro Vice Chancellor responsible for financial matters, Secretary of Court, or any of the University's governing bodies ever called for an investigation/review regarding the cost of the Finance System's implementation? If so, could you please provide me with the relevant details/reports?**
  - 2. The University can neither provide the costs nor the quantifiable benefits of this implementation, can you provide me with the justification for such a huge expenditure from the public purse?**
  - 3. Could you provide me with the date of appointment of the University's Finance Director and the salary increase (in percentage terms) that this director has received since his appointment to date?**
  - 4. Is the University going to take any action against the Finance Director or the person responsible for this implementation who appears to have failed to keep details of the total expenditure of the implementation of the University's Finance System?**
  - 5. Are the University's managers with financial control required to keep a record of all expenditure? If they are, is the Finance Director therefore exempt from this policy if it exists?**
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## **University's Response**

1. No such investigation/review has been called for.
2. The University requires effective financial management and accounting. The purpose of implementing the Finance System is to address this need.
3. The Director of Finance was appointed on 1 September 2004. Information regarding his salary is personal data and therefore exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, Section 38 Personal Data.
4. The University does not share this negative view of the implementation of the Finance system and the continual development and enhancement of the system to meet the University's needs.
5. The University regards effective financial management to be a priority across the institution. Please see s.5 Expenditure of the University's Financial Regulations <http://www.gla.ac.uk/services/financialregulations/section5expenditure/>. There are no exceptions to this.

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Yours sincerely,

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