

Our ref: FoI Review 2009/31 – F0053006

13 March 2009

Mr David Black

Request- 5038-2396606a@whatdotheyknow.com

Dear Mr Black

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 – Review Outcome

I write with regard to your request for a review of the University's response to your Freedom of Information request (Request reference – FoI 2008/163 – F0047500).

I am writing to request an internal review of the University of Glasgow's handling of my FOI request 'Bank Deposits'. I have sent the same request to other universities and they provided the information'.

I have reviewed the documentation I have received in relation to your request for a list of the banks that the University of Glasgow has deposits with and the amounts that are deposited in each bank.

I note that the University of Glasgow has provided you with names of the Banks with which it has lodged deposits but not the amounts deposited in each as the University took the view that the information was exempt from disclosure under Sections 33(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 on the basis that disclosure may substantially prejudice the commercial interests of the University of Glasgow.

I have carefully reviewed the papers relating to your request and I have conclude that the decision to withhold the information that you enquired about was a correct decision, as disclosure of the individual bank deposits could affect and harm the current and future interests of the University of Glasgow due to the commercial sensitivity of the information. I have also concluded that the University of Glasgow has met the public interest test in respect of Section 33(1)(b) of the Act and that it has been correctly applied in this case.

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I confirm that this letter signifies the end of the University's internal procedures. If you remain dissatisfied with the outcome of this review you can appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner at the following address:

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Yours sincerely,

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