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Dear Mr Vahi,

Freedom of Information Request: Internal Review

On 23 April 2012 you requested an internal review of the Institute's handling of your FOI request submitted on 21 March 2012 and responded to by the Institute within the prescribed time period.

You requested a review on the basis that "Under the Freedom of Information Act, you are liable to provide all the information as requested. You cannot shift the burden of information to some other organization body like UKBA. The information which has been requested are those information which should be always handy with the educational institution because these information needs to be reported to UKBA directly under the sponsorship duties. So I hope you would be able to reply me within the stipulated time."

As the designated person responsible for conducting requests for review, I have considered your request, and our original response. Having reviewed the terms of the Act, (and relevant guidance provided by the Information Commissioner,) I have concluded that the information requested on 23 March should be disclosed to you.

I should clarify that, as our database over-writes the date on which a CAS is requested or assigned once there is a change in the status of the CAS, it is not possible to provide answers for some of your questions in a way that precisely matches your timeframe. Where this is the case, we have grouped the answers together.

1) How many CAS's were assigned (Under the Tier 4 General Visa Category) between 5th July 2011 and 30th September 2011?

As explained above, since we cannot provide data that precisely matches your timeframe, the answers to questions 1 and 6 have been grouped together and we can confirm that between 5th July 2011 and 31st January 2012, 227 CAS's were active.

2) Of the CAS's assigned (Under the Tier 4 General Visa Category) to students between 5th July 2011 and 30th September 2011, how many were USED?

Again, as explained in question 1, it is not possible to provide data to match your timeframe. The answers to questions 2 and 7 have been grouped and we can

confirm that 175 active CAS's between 5th July 2011 and 31st January 2012 were used.

3) Of the CAS's assigned (Under the Tier 4 General Visa Category) to students between 5th July 2011 and 30th September 2011, whose CAS status is USED, how many students failed to Enroll at the University with their stipulated enrolment period?

The answers to questions 3 and 8 have been grouped and we can confirm of the CASs active between 5th July 2011 and 31st January 2012, where CAS status was used, 8 failed to enrol at the IOE within the stipulated enrolment period.

4) Of the CAS's assigned (Under the Tier 4 General Visa Category) to students between 5th July 2011 and 30th September 2011, whose CAS status is USED but failed to Enroll at the University within their stipulated enrolment period, how many were Reported to the UKBA?

The answers to questions 4 and 9 have been grouped and we can confirm that of the CASs active between 5th July 2011 and 31st January 2012, where CAS status was used but failed to enrol at the IOE within the stipulated enrolment period, 8 were reported to the UKBA.

5) Of the total number of students as requested in (Question 4), how many failed to enroll because they were refused?

7 – however please note this is not an official figure: UKBA does not routinely inform sponsors of the outcome of visa applications. For that reason, the figure we have provided relates to applicants who have informed the Institute of their visa status directly.

6) How many CAS's were assigned (Under the Tier 4 General Visa Category) between 1st Oct 2011 and 31st January 2012?

Please see answer to question 1.

7) Of the CAS's assigned (Under the Tier 4 General Visa Category) to students between 1st Oct 2011 and 31st January 2012, how many were USED?

Please see answer to question 2.

8) Of the CAS's assigned (Under the Tier 4 General Visa Category) to students between 1st Oct 2011 and 31st January 2012, whose CAS status is USED, how many students failed to Enroll at the University with their stipulated enrolment period?

Please see answer to question 3.

9) Of the CAS's assigned (Under the Tier 4 General Visa Category) to students between 1st Oct 2011 and 31st January 2012, whose CAS status is USED but failed to Enroll at the University within their stipulated enrolment period, how many were Reported to the UKBA?

Please see answer to question 4.

10) Of the total number of students as requested in (Question 9), how many failed to enroll because they were refused?

Please see answer to question 5.

If you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow,
Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Telephone:0303 123 1113 Website: www.ico.gov.uk

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely,

Steve Denton