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Dear Mr Smith

### **Freedom of information request**

Thank you for your email of 10 August 2018 requesting admissions statistics for economics degree programmes.

The University of Edinburgh is a global university, rooted in Scotland. We are globally recognised for our research, development and innovation and we have provided world-class teaching to our students for more than 425 years. We are the largest university in Scotland and in 2016/17 our annual revenue was £929 million, of which £265 million was research income. We have over 39,000 students and over 9,700 full-time equivalent staff. We are a founding member of the UK's Russell Group of leading research universities and a member of the League of European Research Universities.

We are committed to admitting the very best students who demonstrate the potential to benefit from, and contribute to, the academic experience we offer; to that end we seek to attract a wide range of students from different social, cultural and educational backgrounds. We aim to operate fair, transparent and consistent admissions practices. Details of our admissions policy and practices are available on the University website: <http://www.ed.ac.uk/student-recruitment/admissions-advice/admissions-policy>.

The School of Economics offers excellent teaching and academic resources, its staff forms one of the leading groups of economic theorists in Europe, and it is the base for the Scottish Graduate Programme in Economics, a collaboration between eight Scottish universities. The structure of our economics degree provides a solid basis for further study or a career in economics. More information about the School of Economics and its programmes is published on our website at <http://www.ed.ac.uk/economics>.

### **Admissions statistics**

For each of the last five years you requested the number of applicants who put "the Edinburgh economics course" as their insurance choice, and missed their conditional offer over the last five years. For those who missed their offer you asked how many were accepted onto the course.

The first row of data in Table 1 provides the number of economics applicants meeting the following criteria:

- Received a conditional offer from the University of Edinburgh (UoE),
- Accepted the conditional offer as their ‘insurance’ choice,
- Were rejected by their ‘firm’ choice, and
- Missed the conditions of their UoE offer.

The second row of data in Table 1 shows the number of these applicants who were subsequently accepted by the University of Edinburgh.

**Table 1: Number of applicants to economics programmes meeting specific criteria, 2013/14 to 2017/18**

	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Number of conditional offer holders who accepted UoE as their ‘insurance’ choice, were rejected by their ‘firm’ choice and missed the conditions of their UoE offer	15	22	11	23	28
Number of these offer holders accepted by UoE on confirmation	5	4	4	2	2

*Table notes*

The table includes applicants to the University of Edinburgh degree programmes: MA Economics; MA Economics and Accounting; MA Economics and Economic History; MA Economics and Mathematics; MA Economics and Politics; MA Economics and Sociology; MA Economics and Statistics; MA Economics with Environmental Science; MA Economics with Finance; MA Economics with Management Science

The 2013/14 data refers to the admissions cycle that concluded at the end of September 2013 for both immediate entry in the 2013/14 academic year, as well as for deferred entry in the 2014/15 academic year.

The 2018/19 admissions cycle is not yet complete so we do not yet hold information for this year. We expect to hold this data from October 2018. If you would like this data, please submit your request after this date.

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Yours sincerely

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