



Our ref: FOI Review 2011/12 – FO154418

8 August 2011

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Dear Mr McNeel

### **Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 – Request for Review**

I am writing following your request for a review of the University's response to your Freedom of Information request of 13 June 2011 on Finance Office staffing. You contacted the University by email on 12 July 2011 asking for a review with regard to two elements of the University's response:

- How the post to which Joanne Hulley was appointed was advertised and
- Justification for the University retaining a consultant and the daily rate paid.

I have reviewed the University's response and can provide the following clarification.

Our original response advised you that the post of Head of Research Support to which Joanne Hulley was appointed was advertised. The vacancy was posted on the University's internal vacancies website and an e-mail message was sent to all staff on 23 February advising them of this. The closing date was 4 March 2011.

With regard to the Finance Systems Consultant our initial response indicated that we had retained this consultant since 2005 as there was a lack of local expertise. The University has the need for detailed specialist knowledge of the system and this does not exist either in the University or in the local area. Our use of this consultant meets our specialist needs.

You also asked for information on the daily rate paid to the consultant. The University withheld that information and my review has concluded that it was right to do so, albeit for a different reason. Such information is commercially confidential and its disclosure would be likely to prejudice substantially the commercial interests of the consultant. I have considered whether this information is in the interest of the public

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and have concluded that it is not. Please note that this response is consistent with Section 33(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

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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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