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Dear Mr Carufel

**Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 2000 – 2018/08**

Your request was received on 14 March 2018 and handled under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, 2000. It is copied below for your reference.

*"I would like to be provided with the following information about academic/scientific journals specifically. For the latest ten financial or calendar years available:*

*1 - How much the institution has been spending annually for all of its subscribed online access to academic journals for each publisher the institution has any academic journal subscription with? Per year?*

*2 - How much the institution has been spending annually for each individually-subscribed journal ("à la carte", not part of a bundle package)? What are these journals (their title?) and how much were they each year?*

*3 - What is the number of successful full-text article requests for each subscribed journal (and its title) for each of the latest ten financial or calendar years? Note: I would like the data as well even if a given journal was not part of the university's academic journal subscriptions at some point during that decade, either because of a subscription that happened later or because of the cancellation of a subscription. If so, please indicate it clearly for the year for which it applies (for instance, with an "X", "Not subscribed", etc.)"*

On 21 March 2018 we advised refinement to the request as the volume of information over the ten year period requested was extensive and would be subject to Freedom of Information section 12 exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit.

Your response also on 21 March 2018 was to reduce the time period to 2013-2014 onwards and to reword your request as follows:

*(a) to which journals (title for each) the institution has been subscribing to on an individual basis (not part of a package!).*

*(b1) their individual cost IF the subscription is on an individual basis, over time (each year).*

*(b2) for titles that are part of a package: a list of titles present in each package, per publisher, over time (if it changed).*

*(c) the cost of each subscription package overtime (Ex: Elsevier: 33333, JSTOR: 22222).*

*(d - less important) usage data for each journal only if already available in any convenient way (I think some institutions can simply download it from their providers) - reduce the timeframe for*

*this information or discard this information altogether if this is likely to exceed cost limit. "Usage" can be interpreted here as any time when any one student, researcher or staff successfully accessed an article by a given subscribed e-journal. Again, I would simply scrap this part if that could free up resources for a, b1, b2 and c for the last 4-5 years.*

Section 1(1) usually entitles you to be told whether the requested information is held and have that information provided to you unless it is judged to be exempt from disclosure. We can confirm that we hold the information that you have requested, as attached in the zip file and journal costs pdf.

Please see attached zip file and pdfs for answers.

For question d, the five highest usage figures 2009 to March 2018 are for the publishers

Elsevier: usage figures total 5708044

Wiley: usage figures total 1509897

Taylor & Francis: usage figures total 1115636

Jstor: usage figures total 1438676

Springer: usage figures total 1007239

For further details see pdfs within file 'article requests by publisher' as attached.

If you are dissatisfied with any aspect of how your request was handled you may ask the University to conduct an internal review. A request for an internal review must be submitted within 40 working days of receipt by you of this response. Requests received outside this period will only be considered at the University's discretion and where there is a valid reason to do so.

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If you remain dissatisfied you may appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF. Further details of this process are available via the following link: <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/getting/> Please note that the Information Commissioner will only consider appeals once the internal review process has been completed.

Yours sincerely



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