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Our ref: FOI 2019/216

Dear Ms Damon,

Request for Information under Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

Thank you for your email which was received by the University on 22 August 2019 requesting the following information:

- A) How much was spent per month 1st July 2017 - 31st July 2019 on PR firms?**
B) What firms did you employ in this period and what were the terms of service? Please include any special projects or issues they worked on.
C) Between 1st July 2017 - 31st July 2019 did you ever employ a PR firm specifically for 'crisis management'. If so who did you employ, how much were they paid and what issue were they addressing?

University's response

The University did not use any PR firms in the timeframe quoted above.

Accordingly, I have to advise you under section 17(1)(b) of the Act, that the University does not hold the information requested on this subject and is not aware of any other public authority which may hold relevant information.

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Yours sincerely,

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