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Dear Mr Harmsen

Your information request

Thank you for your three emails of 4 July 2018 requesting information about correspondence sent or received by a named member of staff. This letter responds to your request for correspondence between the member of staff and four other named individuals between 1 November 2012 and 1 October 2013.

We will respond to your request for correspondence between the member of staff and named individuals and organisations between 1 January 2016 and 1 July 2016 separately. However, unfortunately we are experiencing a high volume of information requests at this time and a number of staff absences. While we are processing requests as quickly as possible, regrettably we will not be able to respond to your second request by 1 August 2018. At this time I anticipate we will be able to respond by 15 August. We apologise for the delay.

Access to information

As you note in your requests, the correspondence relates to 'endocrine disrupting chemicals' or 'endocrine active chemicals'. Information about these chemicals and the regulation of them is environmental information as described in the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (EIRs). As the University is required to respond to requests for environmental information under EIRs, the information you request is exempt under section 39(2) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA). This exemption is subject to the public interest test.

The University acknowledges the public interest in openness and transparency, particularly in relation to the environmental. However, as the public has a statutory right to access environmental information under EIRs, the University considers the public interest in withholding this information under FOISA outweighs the public interest in disclosing it under FOISA.

Correspondence

You asked for correspondence between Professor Richard Sharpe and the following four named individuals between 1 November 2012 and 1 October 2013:

- Alan Boobis
- Colin Berry
- Daniel Dietrich
- Wolfgang Dekant

The University has searched its records and it does not hold any information in relation to your request.

Right to review

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Yours sincerely

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Information Compliance Manager

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