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Mr J Walker

30 August 2011

Dear Mr. Walker

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - INFORMATION REQUEST
(Our Ref: FOI_11-162)**

I acknowledge your appeal (as defined by Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs Code of Practice) received 26 & 28 August against our Refusal Notice of 26 August 2011 in relation to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 received on 15 July 2011.

Your appeal is being considered pursuant to our internal complaints procedure as mandated by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and you will receive a response within 20 working days, or, by 26 September 2011. You can view our internal complaints procedure at:

<http://www.uea.ac.uk/is/strategies/infregs/Freedom+of+Information+Act+Policy>

In your appeal email, you raise two further questions. Regards the Graduate Diploma in Law course (GDL) – this first had PG student intake in the 1989/90 academic year and therefore was already running in 2005/6. UEA does not offer the Legal Practice Course (LPC).

You also question as to why we could not provide an answer to your query within the appropriate limit. Your request related to details of Business Management graduates from the University who had told us they were studying a GDL or LPC and receiving sponsorship.

As explained in our refusal notice, we have received a large number of similar requests from yourself and other parties with similar interests. For some of these, we spent a considerable amount of time locating, retrieving, extracting and summarising the requested information from paper archives. When considering further similar requests, we are permitted by Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 to include the time spent on processing these earlier requests when deciding whether time spent on processing the current request falls within the appropriate limit. The time we have spent on your and similar requests within the aggregation window (of 60 working days) already exceeds the appropriate limit, and so by virtue of s.12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 we are not obliged to spend any further time locating, retrieving and extracting information related to the current request. Any further time spent on this request, even if readily available via electronic means, would be beyond the appropriate limit.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your complaint please contact me at:

University of East Anglia
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Telephone: 0160 359 3523
E-mail: foi@uea.ac.uk.

If you are dissatisfied with the final adjudication of your complaint by our internal complaint process, you have the right of appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Telephone: 0303 123 1113
[Website: www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

Please quote our reference given at the head of this letter in all correspondence.

Yours sincerely

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