

Our ref: FOI Review 2011/02- F0128868

15 February 2011

James McNeel request-57029-f8423f69@whatdotheyknow.com

Dear Mr McNeel

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 - Review Outcome

I write with regard to your request for a review of the University's response to your Freedom of Information request (Our Ref Fol 2011/03-F0123683). Your areas of concern relate to:

I am writing to request an internal review of University of Glasgow's handling of my FOI request 'Finance Office expenses for UK travel':

"Please provide details of expenses for UK travel (including private taxi fares) since March 2010 for Robert Fraser (Finance Office) and the purpose of each trip.

Please also provide details of expenses for UK travel (including private taxi fares) since March 2010 for Julie Lee (Finance Office) and the purpose of each trip".

Having reviewed your request and the response made it is clear to me that the University omitted in its initial response to provide information on the purpose of each of Robert Fraser's trips. Accordingly, a revised table of the expenses details, including the purpose of each trip, is now enclosed.

With reference to your request for similar information for Julie Lee it is my view that the University responded appropriately in its initial response. Following guidance from the Scottish Information Commissioner the University is mindful of an individual's expectation as to public scrutiny and implications for the release of information about them. In particular, the University's approach to releasing information concerning an individual takes account of the seniority of their role and

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the extent that their role is public-facing. As Julie Lee is not in a senior or public facing role it is the University's view, as expressed in its decline to provide the information requested, that there should be no expectation of public scrutiny in her affairs. This judgement seems to me to be appropriate.

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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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Details of expenses for UK travel from March 2010 to 6 January 2011 for Robert Fraser, Director of Finance

Details of Expense	Amount (£)	Purpose
Transport, parking & airline charge	76.50	Attending BUFDG Tax Group Meeting, Loughborough
Transport, subsistence & parking	45.04	Visit to Cork re software review
Transport	27.50	Pensions Meeting, London
	5.00	ICAS Seminar
Mileage to/from	43.20	Visit to University Lawyers in Edinburgh and then to Small Animal Hospital, Garscube
Parking	8.60	Meeting with University Lawyers, Edinburgh
Transport, subsistence & parking	190.69	Attending BUFDG Tax Group Meeting, London and Software Conference, London
Mileage to/from airport	42.40	Tax Group Meeting London and Software Conference, London
Transport, subsistence & parking	182.15	Visit to Southampton University
Mileage to/from airport	45.60	Visit to Southampton University
Mileage to/from airport	12.80	Attending BUFDG Tax Group Meeting, Loughborough
Mileage to/from	38.40	Attending Scottish Universities Finance Directors' Group Meeting
Mileage to/from airport	12.80	London for Trustees' Meeting
Mileage to/from	28.80	Dundee University and return re Pensions Meeting
Total	759.48	