



Our ref: FOI Review 2011/16 – F0157373

12 August 2011

James McNeel
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Dear Mr McNeel,

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 – Review Outcome

I write with regard to your request, by email on 4 August, for a review of the University's response to your Freedom of Information request (Our Ref FOI 2011/184 - F0152396). Your areas of concern relate to:

You believe that the response to your initial request was handled in a particularly poor manner and that the response does not comply with the Act.

The University decided not to release information in response to points 1 and 2 of your request, citing the S.38 FOISA exemption relating to personal data. You believe that the University's decision is inconsistent with how it has acted in respect of other Fol enquiries and that it has failed in its duty of transparency and openness.

In relation to the third part of your enquiry, regarding the number of Finance Office staff offered the opportunity to attend courses, you believe that the University has failed to provide the information you sought.

I have reviewed the documentation associated with this Fol request. First, I considered whether the University ought to have released information in response to your questions 1 and 2. My conclusion is that a response to these questions would necessarily have involved releasing personal data, which the University must not do, given its duty to protect personal data. I believe therefore that the University correctly withheld the information you requested.

Regarding your third query, on the number of Finance Office staff who have been offered the opportunity to attend courses over the last five years, the University's response stated that this information was otherwise accessible, and therefore noted that, in terms of your current enquiry, the information was exempt, per Section 25 of the FOISA. For your assistance, the reference to otherwise accessible refers to an earlier Fol enquiry (our reference FO128644) from yourself.

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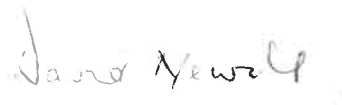
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I confirm that this letter signifies the end of the University's internal procedures. If you remain dissatisfied with the outcome of this review you can appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner. You must submit your complaint in writing to the Commissioner within 6 months of receiving this response to review letter. The Commissioner may be contacted as follows:

Scottish Information Commissioner
Kinburn Castle
Doubledykes Road
St. Andrews
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Please be advised there is a right of appeal to the Court of Session against the Commissioner's decisions, but only on a point of law.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "David Newell", with a stylized flourish at the end.