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Your Ref :

Dear Mr Turner

## Request for Information

I refer to your recent request for information received on 11 September 2012 and made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act). You requested the following information:-

*Please supply documents showing the percentage deviation in GCSE English results from the expected outcome, for each of the English and Welsh Exam Boards for June 2011, February 2012 and June 2012( for clarification we know that EDEXCEL's results deviated 6-7% above OFQUAL's expected outcome for this exam. We do not know about the other five Boards).*

Under the Act, public authorities have two duties to individuals requiring information: firstly to confirm whether or not they hold the information requested, and secondly to provide a copy of that information unless one of the exemptions under the Act applies.

I confirm that on this occasion some of information of the type you request is held and the Key Stage 2 predictions and actual outcomes for GCSE English Qualifications in June 2011 is enclosed.

As background, Ofqual only requires exam boards to generate GCSE predictions at qualification-level in each summer exam series. This is when the majority of candidates certificate and when the national results are published. Exam boards generate unit-level predictions when awarding units (in each particular exam series). The basis of these predictions is not set by Ofqual and we do not require exam boards to report predicted and actual outcomes to us for every series. Therefore Ofqual does not hold prediction data for individual units awarded in February 2012.

Ofqual does not hold Key Stage 2 predictions and actual outcomes for English GCSE qualifications in June 2011. We did not require the exam boards to provide this information last summer. These were the final awards of the previous 'legacy

specifications' and, generally, we concentrate on reviewing outcomes from new GCSE and A level specifications.

Ofqual has placed on its website at <http://www.ofqual.gov.uk/news-and-announcements/83-news-and-announcements-news/890-summer-2012-gcse-and-a-level-awards> some background information to awarding GCSEs and A levels which may be useful to you.

If you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled you have the right to request an internal review. You can request an internal review by contacting:-

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If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you can apply to the Information Commissioner. Complaints to the Information Commissioner should be sent to:-

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Yours sincerely



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