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Reply to request for information under Freedom of Information of Act	
Your Ref	Email of 5 March 2018
Address	request-468988-81db4447@whatdotheyknow.com
Request	<p>This request is under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Please inform me of the number of disciplinary actions taken against students resulting in a fine and/or expulsion in the last five academic years, the reasons for such action being taken, and the results of any appeal.2. In those academic years (2013 to 2017), How many of those are the case where a ghostwriter involve? (for ex: assignment or dissertation were written by somebody else)3. How to find out that ghostwriter involvement since many ghostwriter organisations offer the plagiarism checking?4. Is there any case where your staff involved in that unfair practice, being a ghostwriter for the student? Please give the details about those cases. <p>I would request this data in either Excel or CSV format or searchable PDF.</p>

Dear Wan Ulfa Nur Zuhra

I write in response to your email of 5 March. Please find the information requested under the headings below.

Item 1:

Please find the numbers of disciplinary actions since the 2013/14 academic year in the table below. The number of 'expelled' students is the number of students recorded as having withdrawn for disciplinary reasons, and does not include students who withdrew from their courses as a result of academic grades or non-payment of fees.

Reason	Number of students expelled	Number of students fined
Academic disciplinary ¹	18	4
Non-academic disciplinary ²	2	3

¹ Academic disciplinary: includes reasons such as plagiarism and cheating.

² Non-academic disciplinary: includes reasons such as offensive language/behaviour or dishonesty.

Since 2013/14, there have been 5 appeals against decisions to expel. None of these appeals resulted in the decision being reversed.

Item 2:

None of the cases in item 1 were recorded as having involved a ghost-writer.

Item 3:

No instances of a ghost-writer being used were recorded as the reason for disciplinary action.

Item 4:

None of the cases in item 1 above record a member of University staff as being involved in unfair practice or ghost-writing.

Kind regards

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