



Dear Hannah

We refer to your Freedom of Information request received on 16/02/2024 about home fees students. Details of any exemptions applied are included below (where applicable).

Those parts of the University's response (together with the details of how to ask the University to review the management of your request, or thereafter to seek a review by the Scottish Information Commissioner, should you wish to do so – please see below) constitutes the notice in writing that the information specified is not held by the University which is required under section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 ("FOISA") and under Regulation 10(4)(a) of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 ("EIRs").

### **Your Request and Our Response (Request in Bold)**

**In each of the academic years beginning 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and up to the present day,**

**1. How many cases/complaints have there been where a student or incoming student has been considered a 'home fee status student' by the University but not by the government?**

We do not record this information; therefore, it is exempt from release under Section 17: Information not held.

**2. How many complaints have been made by a student or incoming student about not being considered a 'home fee status student' by the government?**

We do not record this information; therefore, it is exempt from release under Section 17: Information not held.

**3. Has the University offered financial support to students who cannot access financial support from the government? If so, how many students and what is the totalling amount of financial aid in the academic year?**

The university offers financial aid to students for a range of reasons; however, we do not record whether access to government support was the reason. This information is therefore exempt under Section 17: Information not held.

**4. How many complaints have been made regarding difficulty or problems accessing government financial support? (e.g from SFE or SAAS)**

We do not record this information; therefore, it is exempt from release under Section 17: Information not held.

This concludes the University's response.

Your right to seek a review of how your information request was managed.

If you are not satisfied with our response or our reasoning set out above, you have 40 working days in which to require a review of our decision. Any such request should be put in writing and should be sent to the University Secretary, Abertay University, at the address provided below.

Vice Principal (Strategy and Governance) and University Secretary

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The request should:

- (a) detail your request for a review of our decision to be undertaken
- (b) describe the nature of your original request
- (c) explain the reasons why you are dissatisfied with our response

If you remain dissatisfied with how your request for information has been dealt with, you also have the right, in terms of section 47 of FOISA and section 17 of the EIRs, and within 6 months, to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner for a decision as to whether we have handled your request properly.

Information relating to your right to seek review is available from the Scottish Information Commissioner's website: <http://www.itspublicknowledge.info>

or by contacting the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office at the following address:

Scottish Information Commissioner,

Kinburn Castle,

Abertay University is a registered Scottish charity, no. SC016040

Doubledykes Road, St Andrews,

Fife KY16 9DS

Telephone: 01334 464610

E-mail: [enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info)

Website: <http://www.itspublicknowledge.info>

Or via the SIC's online appeals service: <https://www.itspublicknowledge.info/appeal>

If you are unhappy with the Commissioner's decision, you also have the right to appeal further to the Court of Session, on a point of law only, under section 56 of FOISA. Please refer to the Commissioner's website (details above) for further information about your right of appeal to the Court of Session.

Yours sincerely,

FOI Processing

Abertay University