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Dear Fred Hemingway

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI_17-309)

We have now considered your request of 15 December 2017 for the following information:

*I would like to know the following about each admission cycle separately.
First 2013/2014. Second 2014/2015. Third 2015/2016. Fourth 2016/2017.*

Would it also be possible to indicate the percentage of applicants who fit into the three A-Level grouping and the percentage of successful applicants who fit into the three A-Level grouping?

1. Applications.

i) percentage of people who applied with predictions of ABB;

a) percentage given an offer

b) percentage who accepted their offer as a firm

c) percentage who accepted their offer as insurance

ii) percentage of people who applied with predictions of AAB;

a) percentage given an offer

b) percentage who accepted their offer as a firm

c) percentage who accepted their offer as insurance

iii) percentage of people who applied with predictions of AAA;

a) percentage given an offer

b) percentage who accepted their offer as a firm

c) percentage who accepted their offer as insurance

iv) percentage of people who applied with predictions of AAA;

a) percentage given an offer

b) percentage who accepted their offer as a firm

c) percentage who accepted their offer as insurance

*v) percentage of people who applied with predictions of A*AA;*

a) percentage given an offer

b) percentage who accepted their offer as a firm

c) percentage who accepted their offer as insurance

*vi) percentage of people who applied with predictions of A*A*A;*

- a) *percentage given an offer*
- b) *percentage who accepted their offer as a firm*
- c) *percentage who accepted their offer as insurance*
- vii) *percentage of people who applied with predictions of A*A*A*;*
- a) *percentage given an offer*
- b) *percentage who accepted their offer as a firm*
- c) *percentage who accepted their offer as insurance*

2. *Enrolment by achieved grades*

- i) *percentage enrolled with achieved grades of BBB*
- ii) *percentage enrolled with achieved grades of ABB*
- iii) *percentage enrolled with achieved grades of AAB*
- iii) *percentage enrolled with achieved grades of AAA*
- iv) *percentage enrolled with achieved grades of A*AA*
- v) *percentage enrolled with achieved grades of A*A*A*
- vi) *percentage enrolled with achieved grades of A*A*A**

3. *Enrolment by achieved grades against offer(where achieving AAA with an offer of AAB would be 1 above and achieving A*AA with an offer of AAB would be 2 above).*

- i) *percentage enrolled with achieved grades 1 above their offer*
- ii) *percentage enrolled with achieved grades 2 above their offer*
- iii) *percentage enrolled with achieved grades 3 or more above their offer*
- iv) *percentage enrolled with achieved grades 1 below their offer*
- v) *percentage enrolled with achieved grades 2 below their offer*
- vi) *percentage enrolled with achieved grades 3 below their offer*

Unfortunately, on this occasion it is not possible to provide any of the requested information. We have determined that the cost of finding and assembling some of the requested information will exceed the 'appropriate limit' as defined by section 12 of the Act and the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004/3244.

The 'appropriate limit' of £450, which equates to 18 hours' work, can relate to one request in its entirety or to a series of linked requests. If the University cannot locate, retrieve and extract some or all of the requested information within the 18 hours we are not obliged to retrieve any of the requested information.

Specifically, to extract this information from our student information system would alone require approximately 8 hours, but the information sought is presented within that system in free text fields, rather by category or structured text.

There are approximately 100,000 records that would then need to be manually searched to find each applicant's top 3 A Levels for the years requested before concatenating and data tidying.

As you have requested percentages we would need to extract the entire data set in order to calculate the requested percentages. Based on an estimate of 1 minute per file, we estimate 100,000 minutes or 1,666 hours of effort to extract the requested data. This is clearly in excess of the appropriate limit.

Given the nature of the request, and the need to download the entire dataset for each year to determine the requested percentages, we cannot suggest any way in which the request can, in its present form, be amended to bring it within the appropriate limit.

To assist you in formulating a request to which we can respond, we should note that the request requires clarification in a number of areas, particularly what number you are seeking a percentage of. It isn't clear if you wish a percentage from across the

whole cycle, from those students who are presenting with A Levels only, or the total applicant pool regardless of whether they are presenting with A Levels or not. Additionally, it then isn't clear if the percentage accepting, offered, going firm or insurance are percentages of the whole or the subgroup. When moving on to question 2 and 3 it is also unclear if the request is seeking a percentage of total cycles, or of the subgroups.

You have the right of appeal against this decision. If you wish to appeal, please set out in writing your grounds of appeal and send to me at the address noted in the heading to this letter.

You must appeal our decision within 60 calendar days of the date of this letter. Any appeal received after that date will not be considered nor acknowledged. This policy has been reviewed and approved by the Information Commissioner's Office.

You also have a subsequent right of appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office. Further information is available on their website:

https://ico.org.uk/Global/contact_us, or by telephone on 0303 123 1113.

Please quote our reference given at the head of this letter in all correspondence.

Yours sincerely

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