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Our ref: FOI 2014/018

Dear Ms MacMillan,

Thank you for your email which was received by the University on 5 February 2014 requesting the following information:

- 1. How many applicants in the 2013/14 academic year had a) refugee status or b) were asylum seekers awaiting the outcome of their status?**
- 2. How many a) refugees and b) asylum seekers are currently matriculated in the University?**

University's response

How many applicants in the 2013/14 academic year had refugee status?

In academic year 2013/14 there were 60 UCAS applications for undergraduate courses where the applicants declared refugee status on their application. These figures represent individual applicants for undergraduate courses. One individual may have applied to more than one course. From these applications, 6 were offered and accepted a place and were then invited to enrol.

The University does not record the number of applicants with refugee status applying for postgraduate study.

How many applicants in the 2013/14 academic year were asylum seekers awaiting the outcome of their status?

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There has, to date, been no administrative reason to distinguish these students as a separate group. In addition, please be advised that the University does not record figures for the numbers of asylum seeking students applying for postgraduate study.

Accordingly, I have to advise you under section 17(1)(b) of the Act, that the University holds no information on this subject and is not aware of any other public authority which may hold relevant information.

How many refugees are currently matriculated in the University?

The University does not record figures for the number of people with refugee status enrolled at the University. This is because people with refugee status will be regarded as “Home” students. There is no administrative reason to treat these students as a separate group and therefore this data is not recorded.

Accordingly, I have to advise you under section 17(1)(b) of the Act, that the University holds no information on this subject and is not aware of any other public authority which may hold relevant information.

How many asylum seekers are currently matriculated in the University?

There has to date been no administrative reason to distinguish these students as a separate group. Accordingly, I have to advise you under section 17(1)(b) of the Act, that the University holds no information on this subject and is not aware of any other public authority which may hold relevant information.

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Yours sincerely,

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