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Dear Mr Burano

### **Freedom of information request**

Thank you for your email of 8 August 2015 requesting information about applications, offers and entrants on postgraduate degree programmes in 2014/15.

The University of Edinburgh is the largest university in Scotland and one of the UK's top rated research universities. It has over 33,000 students and over 8,800 full-time equivalent staff. In 2013/14 its turnover was over £780 million.

In 2014/15 the University had a total of 6,219 taught and research postgraduate students studying full and part time programmes. We are committed to providing a wealth of resources and opportunities to enable our postgraduates to benefit from our inspiring research culture. Our academics are leaders in their fields and the University is also committed to delivering high-quality, innovative teaching. The latest report from the Quality Assurance Agency awarded us the highest rating possible for the quality of the student learning experience. More information on our postgraduate degree programmes is available on our website at <http://www.ed.ac.uk/studying/postgraduate/introduction>.

### **Postgraduate degree programme statistics**

You requested a list of the postgraduate degree programmes we ran in 2014/15. For each of those programmes you also requested the number of applicants, the number receiving offers, and the number of entrants. Most of the information you requested is provided in the enclosed Tables.

You will see that I have replaced low numbers with 'fewer than 5.' This is because disclosing low numbers could enable individuals to be identified. This would breach the data protection principles set out in the Data Protection Act 1998. The Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 does not require us to provide this sort of information as it is exempt under section 38(1)(b).

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Yours sincerely

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Table 1: Numbers of applicants to the University of Edinburgh, applicants receiving offers and entrants, on postgraduate degree programmes in 2014/15

Table 2: Numbers of applicants to the College of Humanities and Social Science, applicants receiving offers and entrants, on postgraduate degree programmes in 2014/15

Table 3: Numbers of applicants to the College of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine, applicants receiving offers and entrants, on postgraduate degree programmes in 2014/15

Table 4: Numbers of applicants to the College of Science and Engineering, applicants receiving offers and entrants, on postgraduate degree programmes in 2014/15

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