

05 January 2012

Our Ref: FOI 2011/318 - F0187509

Dear Mr Kelvin,

Re: Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 - Request for Information

Thank you for your email which was received by the University on 25 November 2011 timed 16:00 hours, requesting the following information:

"There is an inference of plagiarism relating to independent reports related to the SLP.

http://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/slp_request_for_the_two_independ#comment-23318

Were any independent reports relating to the review of IT student services prior to the SMG meeting in June 2007 subject to a plagiarism checking programme?

For each occurrence, please supply:

- a) The title of the report and if relevant the version number.
- b) The date on which the IPSC or its members were alerted to the plagiarism check.
- c) A copy of the output from the plagiarism checking application."

University's Response

We apologise for the delay in responding to your request.

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Were any independent reports relating to the review of IT student services prior to the SMG meeting in June 2007 subject to a plagiarism checking programme?

No independent reports relating to the review of IT student services prior to the SMG meeting in June 2007 were subject to a plagiarism checking programme. Therefore, the University of Glasgow does not hold the information that you have requested and is not aware of any other public authority that could respond to your request. Section 17 of FOISA states that where public authorities receive requests for information that they do not hold, they must issue a notice advising that they do not hold the requested information.

One of the reports did not correctly reference extracts from other sources. This was subsequently amended. It was not significant in terms of the conclusion of the report. The report concerned has been submitted as Appendix 1 of our response to request number F0182026:

http://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/slp_request_for_the_two_independ#outgoing-166354

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The University of Glasgow does not hold the information that you have requested and is not aware of any other public authority that could respond to your request. Section 17 of FOISA states that where public authorities receive requests for information that they do not hold, they must issue a notice advising that they do not hold the requested information.

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The Scottish Information Commissioner Kinburn Castle Doubledykes Road St Andrews Fife KY16 9DS

Telephone: 01334 464610 Fax: 01334 464611

Website www.itspublicknowledge.info E-mail: enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info

An appeal, on a point of law, to the Court of Session may be made against a decision by the Commissioner.

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Yours sincerely,

Data Protection and Freedom of Information Office