

Dear Mr G Vahi,

Re: Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information, received by Southampton Solent University on the 22nd March 2012.

Please find the University's response below.

- 1) How many CASs were assigned (under the Tier 4 General Visa Category) between 5th July 2011 and 30th September 2011?**

The University assigned 165 CAS during the time period stated above.

- 2) Of the CASs assigned (under the Tier 4 General Visa Category) to students between 5th July 2011 and 30th September 2011, how many were USED?**

Using the data logged by the UKBA on their Sponsor Management System (SMS), the University's internal monitoring shows that of the CAS assigned by the University (between 5th July 2011 and 30th September 2011), 151 of these were amended to 'USED' on the UKBA's SMS. However, the UKBA do not always amend the CAS status accordingly on their system and so these figures are not necessarily reliable or accurate.

- 3) Of the CASs assigned (under the Tier 4 General Visa Category), to students between 5th July 2011 and 30th September 2011, whose CAS status is USED, how many students failed to enrol at the University within their stipulated enrolment period?**

Using the University's internal monitoring figures, 19 students failed to enrol within the enrolment period.

- 4) Of the CASs assigned (under the Tier 4 General Visa Category) to students between 5th July 2011 and 30th September 2011, whose CAS status is USED but failed to enrol at the University within their stipulated enrolment period, how many were reported to the UKBA?**

The number of students reported to the UKBA was 19, in accordance with the University's sponsor duties.

- 5) Of the total number of students as requested in Question 4, how many failed to enrol because they were refused?**

The University does not hold this information, as institutions are not informed by the UKBA if a candidate's visa application is rejected.

- 6) How many CASs were assigned (under the Tier 4 General Visa Category) to students between 1st October 2011 and 31st January 2012?**

The University assigned 78 CAS during the time period stated above.

7) Of the CASs assigned (under the Tier 4 General Visa Category) to students between 1st October 2011 and 31st January 2012, how many were USED?

Using the data logged by the UKBA on their Sponsor Management System (SMS), the University's internal monitoring shows that of the CASs assigned by the University between (1st October 2011 and 31st January 2012), 62 were amended to 'USED' on the UKBA's SMS. However, the UKBA do not always amend the CAS status accordingly on their system and so these figures are not necessarily reliable or accurate.

8) Of the CASs assigned (under the Tier 4 General Visa category) to students between 1st October 2011 to 31st January 2012, whose CAS is USED, how many students failed to enrol at the University within their stipulated enrolment period?

Using the University's internal monitoring figures, 2 students failed to enrol within the enrolment period.

9) Of the CASs assigned (under the Tier 4 General Visa category) to students between 1st October 2011 and 31st January 2012, whose CAS status is USED but failed to enrol at the University within their stipulated enrolment period, how many were reported to the UKBA?

The number of students reported to the UKBA was 2, in accordance with the University's sponsor duties.

10) Of the total number of students as requested in Question 9, how many failed to enrol because they were refused?

The University does not hold this information, as institutions are not informed by the UKBA if a candidate's visa application is rejected.

if you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, please contact the University's Clerk of Governors, Southampton Solent University, East Park Terrace, Southampton SO14 0YN, e-mail: freedom.information@solent.ac.uk for an internal review. Please note that this does not affect your right to appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office (www.ico.gov.uk) should you remain dissatisfied with the University's response.

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