

**11 May 2012**

Email response to Mr Vahi via

Mr Vahi <[request-110548-41f75d0d@whatdotheyknow.com](mailto:request-110548-41f75d0d@whatdotheyknow.com)>

Dear Mr Vahi,

Review of Freedom of Information Request – Tier 4

I am writing to respond to your email of 23 April and your request for an internal review of our handling of your Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 21 March 2012. I am sorry that you were not satisfied with our response to your FOI request.

I note that we referred you to the UK Border Agency (UKBA) in order to obtain this information citing section 21 of the FOI Act (information available elsewhere). I have reviewed this decision and would report to you as follows.

We liaised with UKBA and several other HEIs in order to arrive at the most efficient way for you to obtain the information you were requesting. I understand the UKBA were aware of your request to HEIs and volunteered to provide information to you directly. I note that we directed you to their FOI officer in our response at [FreedomTm@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:FreedomTm@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk).

I have reviewed the information again that you have requested, and would advise you as follows:

Partial Disclosure

We are pleased to disclose to you information requested in questions 1-5 as follows:

1. 52 CASs were assigned
2. 51 CASs were used
3. Zero
4. Zero
5. Zero

Exemption

We consider that the information you have requested in questions 6-10 is exempt under the FOI Act Section 43, Commercial Interests.

As more recent data this has not yet been released to and assessed by the UK Border Agency (UKBA). We believe that our registration with the UKBA and our recruitment programme may be endangered or prejudiced by disclosure of this information before it has been released and assessed by the UKBA.

Public Interest

We believe that there is a public interest in ensuring that SGUL does not suffer commercial harm as a result of this information being disclosed and potential misunderstanding of such information before it is assessed by the UKBA.

I would advise also that the sensitivity of such information will of course decrease over time, and we would welcome a further request from yourself in due course when the data has been assessed by the UKBA.

I trust this is sufficient for your purposes. Whilst writing I should remind you that the Information Commissioner has authority and responsibility under the Freedom of Information Act and you can contact the Information Commissioner's Office by email at (data@dataprotection.gov.uk), or at the following address:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire SK9 5AF

For more information see the Information Commissioner's Office – Freedom of Information website:

[http://www.ico.gov.uk/what\\_we\\_cover/freedom\\_of\\_information.aspx](http://www.ico.gov.uk/what_we_cover/freedom_of_information.aspx)

May I ask you to direct future FOI requests for SGUL to our FOI Officer Sheila Durkin at [sdurkin@sgul.ac.uk](mailto:sdurkin@sgul.ac.uk), or to the generic email address [FOI@sgul.ac.uk](mailto:FOI@sgul.ac.uk) for the sake of expediency.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely

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Secretary and Academic Registrar