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Dear Ms Nair

Thank you for your enquiry of 30 March where you requested information regarding the number of Certificates of Acceptance to Study (CAS) assigned by Glyndwr University. Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please see the information below in response to your questions.

(1) How many CAS's were assigned (Under the Tier 4 General Visa Category) by the University between 5 July 2011 and 3 January 2012?

Glyndwr University assigned 861 CAS between 5 July 2011 and 31 January 2012.

2) Of the CAS's assigned (Under the Tier 4 General Visa Category) by the University to students between 5 July 2011 and 31 January 2012, how many were USED?

Of the 861 CAS assigned in this period, 731 CAS were used.

3) Of the CAS's assigned (Under the Tier 4 General Visa Category) by the University to students between 5 July 2011 and 31 January 2012, which were USED, how many were Reported to the UKBA within 10 working days for not having enrolled within the stipulated enrolment period.

Glyndwr University reported 18 students as having failed to enrol on the course within the specified enrolment period. This number may include those students who had a visa refused. It is not possible for us to separate out the two figures under the cost thresholds. Please see below for more information on the £600 cost limit.

Please note that issuing a CAS does not necessarily mean that the CAS will be used; and that not all CAS that are used lead to a visa approval or to a person entering the UK.

The figures quoted are not provided under National Statistics protocols and have been derived from local management information and are therefore provisional and subject to change.

4) Has the University confirmed, where applicable, student progression on 100% of CAS assigned during the period 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2011? If not, for how many CASs assigned during the period 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2011, did the University not confirm progression?

5) What was the refusal rate of Tier 4 General Visa applications of the University in the year 2011?

I can confirm that for questions 4 & 5 whilst we hold the information which you have requested, to locate and retrieve this information would exceed the £600 cost limit specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004.

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To be able to report on the number of CAS assigned during the period specified we would have to manually consider every individual case and this would exceed the £600 cost limit.

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Yours sincerely

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