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Dear Ms Crowley

Freedom of information request

Thank you for your email of 20 August 2020 requesting information about savings. Please accept our apologies for the delay to our response to your request. The University's working practices are currently affected by the Coronavirus outbreak.

The University of Edinburgh is a global university, rooted in Scotland. We are globally recognised for our research, development and innovation and we have provided world-class teaching to our students for more than 425 years. We are the largest university in Scotland and in 2018/19 our annual revenue was £1.1 billion, of which £286 million was research income. We have over 43,000 students and almost 16,000 staff. We are a founding member of the UK's Russell Group of leading research universities and a member of the League of European Research Universities.

Savings

You asked how much the University considers it needs to save from pay and non-pay expenditure in order to remain solvent and a going concern in 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23.

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While the University has considered the level of savings it is targeting for 2020/21 and beyond, it holds no information showing the level of savings required to remain either solvent or a going concern during the timeframe of your request. Therefore, we do not hold information required to answer your request.

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Yours sincerely

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