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Dear Mr Webber

Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 2000 - 2017/279

Your request was received on 23 October 2017 and handled under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, 2000. It is copied below for your reference.

"I see from the media that your VC is contractually required to live in a University house. Please disclose this contractual term in an electronic format.

Please also disclose electronically a list of all University events, receptions etc held in the VC's house in the last 12 months."

Section 1(1) usually entitles you to be told whether the requested information is held and have that information provided to you unless it is judged to be exempt from disclosure. We can confirm that we hold some of the information that you have requested, as follows:

The Vice-Chancellor's contract, dated 6 June 2001, states:

"The University will provide a house for your personal use free of rent charge or service costs, except that you will provide for your own personal telephone charges. You will be expected to reside there except for periods when you would normally wish to take leave or short periods away for personal reasons."

In relation to your second question, there is no itemised list kept of all activities and events at Lansdown Crescent, therefore the information that you have requested is not held.

If you are dissatisfied with any aspect of how your request was handled you may ask the University to conduct an internal review. A request for an internal review must be submitted within 40 working days of receipt by you of this response. Requests received outside this period will only be considered at the University's discretion and where there is a valid reason to do so.

Applications for internal review should be addressed in writing to: The University Secretary, University of Bath, Claverton Down, Bath, BA2 7AY or e-mail M.G.W.Humphriss@bath.ac.uk.

If you remain dissatisfied you may appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF. Further details of this process are available via the following link: https://ico.org.uk/concerns/getting/ Please note that the Information Commissioner will only consider appeals once the internal review process has been completed.

Yours sincerely

John Evans

Freedom of Information Officer