

Our ref: FOI Review 2012/09 – F0231867 Request Ref: 2012/153 – F0218558

02 October 2012

Dear Mr McNeel,

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 - Review Outcome

I write with regard to your request for a review of the University's response to your Freedom of Information request (Our Ref FOI 2012/153-F0218558). Your area of concern is:

That the University did not respond within 20 working days.

Please be advised the delay in responding to your original request was due to the absence of key staff on annual leave.

Further to receipt of your request for a review dated 05 September 2012, the University provided a substantive response on 12 September 2012 and apologised for the delay. The response to your original request received 18 July 2012 constituted the University's response to your request for a review, in line with section 21(4)(c) of FOI(S)A.

The University's response dated 12 September 2012 included a paragraph which advised of your right to seek a review. This was an administrative error and should not have been included in the review response. This letter should have provided details of how to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner only.

Please be advised if you are dissatisfied with the way in which we have handled your request for review you may ask the Scottish Information Commissioner to review our decision. You must submit your complaint in writing to the Commissioner within 6 months of receiving the response to review letter. The Commissioner may be contacted as follows:

The Scottish Information Commissioner Kinburn Castle Doubledykes Road St Andrews Fife KY16 9DS

Telephone: 01334 464610

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Website www.itspublicknowledge.info E-mail: enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info

An appeal, on a point of law, to the Court of Session may be made against a decision by the Commissioner.

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Yours sincerely,

Data Protection and Freedom of Information Office