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Dear Mihai Markash

### **Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("FOIA") request**

I refer to your recent request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act).

Under the Act, public authorities have two duties to individuals requesting information: firstly, to confirm whether or not they hold the information requested, and secondly to provide a copy of that information unless one or more of the exemptions under the Act apply.

I can confirm that we do not hold information relating to your request.

### **Your request**

*I would like to know who was involved in the design of the 2015-onward A level subject content required for Economics A-level specifications. Give me all information that you hold and can make public about the names, qualifications, experience of that committee/group of people who decided the topics that would be in the subject content for Economics.*

*I would also like the minutes of the meetings about the A level subject content for Economics, if that is possible. Otherwise the above will suffice.*

### **Our response**

Ofqual's role was to determine the assessment rules which exam boards used to develop reformed A and AS levels. It was the Department for Education who determined the subject content for the reformed A level Economics. You might find a useful explanation in our postcards about reform, which can be found on our

webpage: [Ofqual postcards: GCSE, AS and A level reforms](#), particularly the [accreditation postcard](#). You may also find the [Independent Chair's report on the review of current GCE 'specification content' within subject criteria](#) interesting. It examined what changes to subject criteria (content and skills) were thought necessary by stakeholders, (especially, but not exclusively HE), which was published in 2013.

I understand that you have also contacted the Department for Education with this request and I believe they may be able to help you with your request.

### **Internal Review**

If you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled you have the right to request an internal review. You can request an internal review by contacting:-

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If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you can apply to the Information Commissioner. Complaints to the Information Commissioner should be sent to:-

FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution  
Information Commissioner's Office  
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Yours sincerely

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