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Freedom of Information Officer

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Dear Mr Halfon

Your request for information received on 23 January 2019 has been dealt with under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked:

Please regard this as a formal Freedom of Information request.

1) Can the University inform me from what countries it has received donations from since 2010? Furthermore, were these donations ongoing or a one-off?

2) Out of all these donations:

- i) How many came from sources linked to the state's government or its charitable/investment authorities?
- ii) How many came from NGOs and what were the names of the NGOs?
- iii) How many have come from other non-EU organisations, including beneficiaries, and what is the nature of these organisations?

3) What were these donations used for? For example, were they used to create a new department, fellowship, or fund a department, and to what amounts in each year?

4) What are the largest monetary donations that the University has received from non-EU sources? Please separate these donations by the country they originated from.

University Response

1) The University has received a donation from two individuals based in Hong Kong in 2011. This is the only donation within the scope of your request.

2) The individuals who made the donation own a commercial organisation in Hong Kong.

3) The money was ring-fenced in one account and all interest was transferred to a separate account. The interest has been used to pay for the TAL Scholarship for one student from Hong

Kong each year. That student comes to study at Middlesex for a year and the scholarship pays for their fees which is £13,500 and they also receive another £6,000 in their account for living expenses.

4) see previous responses.

I trust this satisfies your request sufficiently. Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, you have the right to complain about the University's response to your request for information. If you have such a complaint, you may contact Mr David Maplas, Director of Student Affairs, Middlesex University, Hendon campus, London NW4 4BT, tel: 020 8411 5830, d.malpas@mdx.ac.uk within 40 days of the date of this letter for a review of the University's decision. If you remain unsatisfied with the outcome of that complaint, you may seek further recourse by lodging an appeal with the Information Commissioner.

Yours sincerely

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