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Freedom of Information Officer

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Ref: FOI/October 2018/ Bernie Choudhury

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Dear Professor Choudhury

Your request for information received on 10 October 2018 has been dealt with under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked:

I am sending this request under the Freedom of Information Act to ask for the following information.

1. Has your university examined whether it received donations in the 18th and 19th centuries which were linked to slave trade?
2. If so what is the estimate of that figure?
3. If not, are you willing to examine whether your university received donations in the 18th and 19th centuries which were linked to slave trade?
4. If you found that your university received donations in the 18th and 19th centuries which were linked to slave trade, would you follow the lead of the University of Glasgow and launch a "reparative justice programme"?
5. If you found that your university received donations in the 18th and 19th centuries which were linked to slave trade, would you be willing to put the monies given into a fund to widen participation among black students?
6. Looking to the composition of your Board of Governors, how many members would describe themselves as either Black, Asian or Minority Ethnic (BAME)?
7. Looking to the composition of your Board of Governors, would your Chair describe him or herself as either Black, Asian or Minority Ethnic (BAME)?
8. Looking to your university, would your Chancellor describe him or herself as either Black, Asian or Minority Ethnic (BAME)?

### **University Response**

1-5. The University did not formally come into existence until 29 March 1993 so these questions are not relevant to our institution.

6. Four governors would describe themselves as either Black, Asian or Minority Ethnic (BAME).

7. The Chair would not describe herself as either Black, Asian or Minority Ethnic (BAME).

8. The Chancellor would not describe herself as either Black, Asian or Minority Ethnic (BAME).

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](mailto: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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