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Freedom of Information Officer

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Ref: FOI/January 2019/ Callum Mason

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Dear Mr Mason

Your request for information received on 15 January 2019 has been dealt with under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked:

I am looking to find out about academic sanctions for students who owe money to the university.

For each of the past five academic years (or less if this full range isn't possible) could you tell me how many UK domiciled undergrad students have been hit with academic sanctions because they were in debt to the university. (If a data extraction this specific isn't possible, I am happy to drop the 'undergraduate' and 'UK domiciled' specifications.

If possible within the constraints of the FOI act, could you break the information down by telling me the numbers that received each type of sanction – such as how many were given a library ban, how many were not allowed to graduate, how many were banned from attending classes etc. – and the numbers who received their sanction for owing a certain type of debt – for example, how many received sanctions because they owed student accommodation money, how many were sanctioned because they owed library fines, how many were sanctioned because they owed tuition fees.

University Response

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
	No	No	No	No	No
Undergraduate students	1111	884	905	1217	1157

The figures above represent the total figures for all students facing any type of academic sanction due to a debt owed to the University. These sanctions vary in severity and it is not possible to provide a further breakdown without breaching the time and cost limits under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act. So in accordance with Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, (the Act), this letter acts as a Refusal Notice.

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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