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Freedom of Information Officer

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Ref: FOI/February 2018/ Sam Parry

By email to sparry@zoho.eu

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Dear Mr Parry

Your request for information received on 27 February 2018 has been dealt with under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked:

I am writing to you to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act.

- 1) Where the institution provides meal to students as part of catered halls of residence, is there always a Halal option?
- 2) Where the institution supplies meals to students and/or staff, is there always a Halal option?
- 3) Do you provide a Halal Pension Scheme to your staff?

Terms:

Institution – the University, or if applicable, the different colleges, comprising the university.

Please provide the information in the form of Yes or No answers.

University Response

- 1) We do not provide any meals to students as we do not have any catered halls of residence.
- 2) The institution does not supply students or staff with meals, there are catering outlets on site that students and staff can buy food from and these include a Halal option.
- 3) The University currently has two pension schemes available, one being the Teachers Pension Scheme and the second one being the Local Government Pension Scheme. Neither scheme is advertised as being Sharia law compliant and as a University we have never marketed them as such.

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 Mrs Teresa Kelly, Clerk to the Board of Governors, Middlesex University, Hendon campus, London NW4 4BT, tel: 020 8411 6018, t.kelly@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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