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Freedom of Information Officer

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Ref: FOI/December 2017/ David Singleton

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Dear Mr Singleton

Your request for information received on 11 December 2017 has been dealt with under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked:

According to the register kept (and published online) by the Association of Professional Political Consultants, Middlesex University is a "fee paying client" of the public affairs/lobbying firm Portland.

Under the terms of the FOI Act, please could you tell me:

1. How long has the university been a client of Portland.?
2. How much has been paid to Portland in this period
3. For what purpose?

University Response

1. The University was a "fee paying client" of Portland between May 2016 – June 2016.
2. The value of the contract was £20k plus VAT.
3. The purpose of the work was to assist with University with an Issue Preparedness project.

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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