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Dear Ms Lee

Your request for information received on 28 March 2019 has been dealt with under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked:

I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act. I would be grateful if you could provide a response any, or preferably all, of the following questions.

If only some of the information requested can be released, I would be grateful if you could share as much of the releasable information as possible.

- 1) Has the institution, or any of its schools or departments, introduced any policies requiring staff to record lectures and/or seminars using digital recording (audio and/or visual) equipment? I would be grateful if you could also include policies where staff can opt-out of recording requirements.
- 2) If the institution, school or department has introduced any of the policies described above, has it observed any change in attendance at lectures and/or seminars since the policy was introduced? If possible, I would be grateful if you could include attendance figures from the academic year before the policy was introduced, compared to attendance figures from the academic year after the policy was introduced.
- 3) Has the institution made any assessment of the effect of such policies on its ability to meet immigration and visa compliance obligations, as set out by the Home Office and other relevant enforcement bodies?
- 4) Does the institution, or any of its schools or departments, have policies in place to identify students who are "buying in" bespoke essays, assignments and other coursework from outside?
- 5) How many students has the institution identified who are "buying in" such coursework in the last reporting year?
- 6) What proportion of students described at (5) are International Students?

University Response

- 1) Staff are encouraged to record lectures and/or seminars where appropriate but there is no specific university policy in this area.
- 2) See above.
- 3) no.
- 4) We have University Regulations, specifically *Section F: Academic Integrity and Misconduct* which we would use to manage this issue.
- 5) 20
- 6) The data available does not allow us to break down between the nationality of the above students between UK/EU and International students.

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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