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Dear Prof Blitz

Your request for information received on 8 March 2018 has been dealt with under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked:

I note that the September 2017 Middlesex University Modern Slavery Statement, records that the University has contacted its main spend suppliers and requested copies of their modern slavery statements. It also states that suppliers who fail to provide the necessary compliance are at risk of being removed from the University's supplier base.

Would you please advise:

- 1) The names and details of the main suppliers contacted;
- 2) Which suppliers have provided the University with Modern Slavery Statements
- 3) Any action the University has taken against suppliers that have not complied with the University's request to provide Modern Slavery statements.

Would you please provide me with the Modern Slavery statements you have received?

University Response

Please see attachments which provide a response to your first two questions. The University has contacted 93 relevant suppliers and the list is divided between those with a turnover of over £36million who are in scope, those who we were unable to verify turnover and those suppliers who have a turnover of less than £36 million who are not in scope.

- 3) This is an ongoing process and whilst all suppliers have been contacted we are still awaiting some responses. If the University is not satisfied with a suppliers' response or lack of response

then we would look to terminating the contract as noted in our statement. At this point in time we have not deemed it necessary to take this action with any of our suppliers.

We have amended all of our OJEU tender documents to include a pass/fail question regarding the Modern Slavery Act, so any participants with a turnover of over £36million who should be able to provide a statement and cannot will be withdrawn from the tender process in the early stages of the process.

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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