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Freedom of Information Officer

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Ref: FOI/June 2019/ Danny Rigg

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Dear Mr Rigg

Your request for information received on 27 June 2019 has been dealt with under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked:

Could you please provide me with the following information regarding graduation ceremonies for the academic years, separately, 2016/17 and 2017/18:

- What revenues, either monetary or other, has the University received from associated service costs such as any payments / bonuses / commission fees received from the designated gown and/or photography suppliers?
- How much in £ value has the University received in revenue from the designated gown and/or photography supplier?

Please specify where possible whether the amount received was from the University's designated gown supplier or photography supplier or a supplier of both.

Please also specify whether the amount received was from one supplier only or from multiple different suppliers.

If the University does not have a designated supplier of gowns and/or photography, could you please provide the requested information, but for any gown and/or photography supplier with which the University has or has had a business relationship in the relevant years?

If the University has records of these revenues but for financial years different to the academic years, could you please provide the relevant information for the roughly corresponding financial years over the period 2016 to the most recent financial year that has already ended?

Please specify if this is the case.

University Response

We consider the information requested to be exempt from disclosure under S.43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

This on the grounds that the information is a trade secret or because its disclosure is likely to prejudice commercial interests. The disclosure of successful bid information could affect the competitiveness of the market and distort any future tender process which is not in the public interest.

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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