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Freedom of Information Officer

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Dear Mr Haydon

Your request for information received on 14 November 2017 has been dealt with under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked:

Please see a revised request below to clarify a few points:

1. The annual average cost of renting student accommodation at halls of residence in the last five academic years, broken down by year.
2. The number of students who have asked for discretionary financial assistance in the last five academic years, broken down by year.
3. The number of students renting accommodation in halls of residence who have been in rental arrears in the last five academic years, broken down by year.
4. The number of students in halls of residence who have had their tenancy cancelled due to severe rental arrears in the last five academic years, broken down by year.
5. In cases where a student was evicted from halls of residence due to financial reasons - what help was given to the student to avoid them being left without a home.

### **University Response**

1. These figures are based on a 40 week contract:
  - 2013/14 - £4860
  - 2014/15 - £5084
  - 2015/16 - £5272
  - 2016/17 - £6652

- 2017/18 - £6104
2. Students may approach the University seeking this assistance through a number of channels. Therefore we do not have a central record in terms of numbers so do not hold the information you have requested.

3.

<b>Academic Year</b>	<b>Current debt at 31 July</b>	<b>Overdue debt @31 July</b>	<b>Number of students with debts @31 July</b>
<b>2012/13</b>	4	191	195
<b>2013/14</b>	7	147	154
<b>2014/15</b>	1	164	166
<b>2015/16</b>	19	87	106
<b>2016/17</b>	14	104	118

4. No student has had their tenancy cancelled due to severe rental arrears in the last five academic years.
5. Not applicable – see above.

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](mailto: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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