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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI_17-224)

We have now considered your request of 07 September 2017 for information relating to international students and the fee structure for such students.

Our response is on pages 2-3 of this letter, together with a copy of your request.

We hope this information will meet your requirements, however if you are not satisfied you have the right of appeal. If you wish to appeal, please set out in writing your reasons for appealing and send to the above address. You must appeal within 60 calendar days of the date of this letter. Any appeal received after that date will not be considered nor acknowledged. This policy has been reviewed and approved by the Information Commissioner's Office.

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Yours sincerely

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Response to Freedom of Information Act 2000 request (FOI_17-224)

I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

These are my questions:

1. How many students studied at your university during the academic year 2016-17?

17,900 students studied at UEA in the academic year 2016-17.

2. How many of these were international students?

2,817 of these students were classified as international students.

3. How many of these had multiple nationalities?

672 of the total number of students studying at UEA in 2016-17 had multiple nationalities.

4. How many students with multiple nationalities had one that included British?

524 students with multiple nationalities had one that included British.

5. How many students with multiple nationalities including British also held...

a. Nationality from an EU country

198 students with multiple nationalities including British also held nationality from an EU country.

b. Nationality from a non-EU country

326 students with multiple nationalities including British also held nationality from a non- EU country.

6. Of students with multiple nationalities that included British and a non-EU country...

a. How many were charged Home fees

300 students with multiple nationalities that included British and a non-EU country were charged Home fees.

b. How many were charged International fees?

26 students with multiple nationalities that included British and a non-EU country were charged International fees.

7. If students from non-EU countries are charged International fees despite also holding British nationality, what is the total difference in all such cases in 2016-17 between what they would have been charged if considered Home students and what they actually paid in International fees?

The total difference would be £181,650.00.

8. Please provide all details of your policy concerning these areas:

a. What you charge a student who has both British and another non-EU country nationality. Home or International fees?

Whether a student has a Home or International fee status is determined, regardless of nationality, on a case by case basis under the provisions of the HE fee status regulations set out by the UK Council for International Student Affairs (UKCISA).

Guidance from UKCISA is available on their website:

<https://www.ukcisa.org.uk/Information--Advice/Fees-and-Money/England-fee-status#layer-6082>

b. If there is not a blanket policy, and decisions are made on a case by case basis, how do you decide whether to charge Home or International fees to a student with multiple nationalities including British and a non-EU country?

The decision is made based on whether each applicant has met all the conditions for Home fee status within the HE fee status regulations as set out by the UK Council for International Student Affairs (UKCISA). These conditions are based not only on nationality but also on area of ordinary residence. Those who do not meet all conditions are required to pay International fees.