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Dear [REDACTED]

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI\_17-258)**

We have now considered your request of 20 October 2017 for the following information:

*‘For each point, I would like the data for the following academic years:*

- a) 2017-18
- b) 2016-17
- c) 2015-16
- d) 2014-15

*The information I wish to request is as follows:*

- 1. *The total ‘block grant’ awarded by the University to UEA Students’ Union*
- 2. *The total number of students enrolled at the University and eligible to be a member of UEA Students’ Union as a result*
- 3. *The total number of students who have opted out of membership of UEA Students’ Union’*

Our response is as follows:

Questions 1 and 2.

Academic year	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Total block grant awarded	£580,977	£596,914	£393,352*	£402,461
Total number of enrolled students	16,437	17,013	17,962	16,071**

\* In 2016/17, the University took over responsibility for the management of the Student Union premises (Union House). In addition, management of student sport was transferred from the Union to the University. As the Union is no longer responsible for the associated costs, the block grant has been reduced. However, the reduction in the grant is less than the estimated sports expenditure, effectively increasing the funding to the Union since 2016/17 by approximately £50,000.

\*\* Current year figures will be lower than previous years as we have multiple start dates and expect our student numbers to rise throughout the next few months. The

current year figure, correct as of 07 November, is also liable to change daily as students leave, or return from intercalation.

Question 3.

Within the specified time period, no students have contacted the University requesting to opt out of membership of the UEA Students' Union. Please note, the Union is a separate body to the University, and may maintain its own records.

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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