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Dear

Freedom of Information Act 2000– Information request (ref: FOI_19-077)

We have now considered your request of 11 March 2019, as clarified on 12 and 17 March, for information relating to UK-domiciled law undergraduate students. For reference, we have copied your request on page 3 of this letter.

As requested, our response is in the accompanying document, FOI_19-077 Appendix A.

On this occasion, it is not possible to provide all the requested information. The Act contains a number of exemptions that allow public authorities to withhold certain information from release. We have applied the following exemption to part of your request.

| Exemption | Reason |
|-------------------------------|---|
| s.40(2), Personal information | Disclosure of some of the requested information would be contrary to the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation |

Exemption explanation

In line with s.40(2) of the Act we have removed certain personal data from our response; specifically some data relevant to questions 4 and 5 of your request.

We believe that, for two of the requested years, if we were to disclose the number of students who attended state or comprehensive schools or the average mean number of students we would reveal information about all these students' educational background; either because all did, or did not, attend one or both of these types of school. This information is the personal data of these students, as defined by Article 4(1) of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

We believe that disclosure of personal information relating to these individuals would be contrary to the requirements of Article 5(1)(a) of the GDPR; namely that information must be processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner. These students would have no expectation that this information would be made publicly

available, and we have not identified a lawful basis that would allow or require us to disclose this information.

Where information has been removed from the accompanying file we have replaced the figures with text indicating the exemption.

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 40 working days of the date of this letter. In line with section 5.3 of the UK Government's Freedom of Information Act Code of Practice, we are not obliged to accept internal reviews after this date.

You also have a subsequent right of appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office. Further information is available on their website:

https://ico.org.uk/Global/contact_us, or by telephone on 0303 123 1113.

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Please quote our reference given at the head of this letter in all correspondence.

Yours sincerely

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For the years 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018, please provide, separated by year, and averaged for the years 2014-2018, the following information:

- 1. The total numbers of UK domiciled undergraduates who commenced undergraduate study in law;*
- 2. The total numbers of UK domiciled Black undergraduates who commenced undergraduate study in law;*
- 3. The percentage of UK domiciled students, who commenced undergraduate study in law, who are Black;*
- 4. The total numbers of UK domiciled Black undergraduates who commenced undergraduate study in law, and undertook their A Levels, Scottish Highers (or equivalent) and GCSEs (or equivalent) at state schools, including FE colleges, within the UK;*
- 5. The total numbers of UK domiciled Black undergraduates who commenced undergraduate study in law, and undertook their A Levels, Scottish Highers (or equivalent) and GCSEs (or equivalent) at comprehensive schools, including FE colleges, within the UK.*

NB: For all of the above information I am only concerned with those who are studying for their first undergraduate degree in law on a single honour law degree programme.

[Clarified on 12 March as follows:

I just want to clarify that by Black, I am using the HESA definition, which is copied below:

Black includes Black or Black British - Caribbean, Black or Black British - African, and other Black background]

[Clarified on 17 March as follows:

“comprehensive schools, including FE colleges”, what I am asking is for the data to include all state schools within the UK, but excluding grammar schools. It is immaterial to my question whether a school is an Academy, a Faith School, and so on. I would like one set of results of all those from the state sector, and another of all those from the state sector, excluding anyone who attended a Grammar School for their GCSEs and/or A Levels.]