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28 January 2015

Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI_15-019)

We have now considered your request of 24 January 2015 for information relating to the University's use of religiously slaughtered meat.

Our response is on page 2 of this letter, together with a copy of your request, and we hope this will meet your requirements. However, it is not possible to provide all the requested information. In line with your rights under section 1(1)(a) of the Act to be informed whether information is held, we confirm that the University does not hold recorded information relevant to your third, fourth and fifth questions. Further explanation is on page 2.

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You have the right of appeal against this response. 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.

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.

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

Yours sincerely

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Response to Freedom of Information Act 2000 request (FOI_15-019)

1. Do you serve or sell any meat products to students that has been subject to religious slaughter?

**This may be in (but not limited to) communal dining rooms, within halls of residence, restaurants, cafes, shops, student union facilities or any other food outlet within your campus.*

The University is no longer supplied with Halal or other religiously-slaughtered meats from any of our suppliers.

Please note the above response relates only to meat prepared and served in University catering outlets. The University may serve religiously-slaughtered meat for a catered event if specifically requested by the event organisers.

The Union of UEA Students is a separate body to the University and not subject to the Freedom of Information Act. We hold no information relating to the Union's policies or practices on this matter.

2. Do you serve ONLY religiously slaughtered meat or are alternatives provided on the day for those that wish to abstain?

See answer to question 1. Religiously slaughtered meat would only be served on demand, for a specific event.

3. Are the Parents of your students made aware that you are serving religiously slaughtered meat?

[Information not held - s.1(1)(a), Freedom of Information Act]

See answer to question 1. Religiously slaughtered meat would only be served on demand for a specific event, therefore we hold no recorded information as to whether parents of students attending such an event would be notified.

4. Are your Students made aware that you are serving religiously slaughtered meat?

[Information not held - s.1(1)(a), Freedom of Information Act]

See answer to question 1. Religiously slaughtered meat would only be served on demand for a specific event, therefore we hold no recorded information as to whether students attending such an event would be notified.

5. Is any meat that you serve (regardless of form) that has been religiously slaughtered clearly marked as such (halal, kosher and so forth) at the point of sale or service?

[Information not held - s.1(1)(a), Freedom of Information Act]

See answer to question 1. Religiously slaughtered meat would only be served on demand for a specific event, therefore we hold no recorded information as to whether any meat served would be marked at the point of sale or service.

6. And finally, what is your rational serving religiously slaughtered meat?

See answer to question 1. Religiously slaughtered meat would only be served if specifically requested.