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Dear Mr Holland

Thank you for your letter dated 3 February 2009.

Taking the points you raise in sequence:

1. The document 'Freedom of Information - Policy and Procedures' was drawn up in close consultation with the Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs' *Code of Practice on the discharge of public authorities' functions under Part I of the Freedom of Information Act 2000*. Having re-examined Section VI (Complaints procedure) of that *Code* I can find no basis for any claim that your complaint has not been handled in accordance with its recommendations.
2. The University has had a publication scheme (PS) in place since December 2004. Between June and December 2008 this underwent a thoroughgoing review in line with the Information Commissioner's guidance for higher education institutions (issued in June 2008), and by this means compliance with EIR r.4 has been further secured. The University progressively publishes environmental information by means of the PS and across its website generally; it has an established procedure for reviewing the PS; and it '... take[s] reasonable steps to organise the information relevant to its functions with a view to the active and systematic dissemination to the public of the information'. Members of the public may well find the information they are looking for in the PS, but the offer of further advice and assistance is made should any enquirers wish to avail themselves it.
3. Having heard the account of the representative of the responsible body in the matter, the panel was satisfied that Professor Hoskins had disclosed all the relevant information held by him. In these circumstances it saw no reason to vary the University's normal practice by the commissioning of an independent search.

Yours sincerely



K.N. Hodgson
University Secretary

