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Dear Mr Keenan

Dendrochronology Research

My correspondence of 16 April and 12 May 2007 refers.

Having now had an opportunity to review your request and to consult with relevant colleagues, I can confirm that, although information relating to research undertaken by the Department of Archaeology and Palaeoecology on dendrochronology is held by the University, it is not held in the format you have requested. To prepare the data, would involve an inordinate effort on the part of staff and would, in any case, exceed the "appropriate limit" provided by the Freedom of Information (FOI) and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004, i.e. 18 hours of staff time. As such, your request can be refused under Section 12 of the FOI Act.

In the interest of providing appropriate advice and assistance to you as required under Section 16 of the FOI Act, it is useful to note that the Department has already made available a substantial amount of statistical data emanating from its research on dendrochronology on the International Tree-Ring Data Bank. Maintained by the NOAA Paleoclimatology Programme and World Data Centre for Paleoclimatology, this information is freely accessible to you on the following website:

<http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/paleo/treering.html>

Please note that given the availability of this information, the University is not obliged to provide you with additional copies as it is exempt under Section 21 of the FOI Act (Information accessible to applicant by other means).

Please accept my sincere apologies for the delay in providing this response to you.

Yours sincerely,

Clare McVeigh
Information Compliance Officer