

Good Afternoon,

**Our Reference: 2592**

I write in regards to your recent FOI Request dated 22/03/2022 as follows –

*Which books, plays, poems and films at the university have been given content warnings over the last 3 academic years? (2021-2022, 2020-2021 and 2019-2020). In each case, what is the reason given for that content warning?*

Your request has now been considered and please find below response.

**Response**

Due to the broadness of the request and the amount of engagement across the institution it is looking for (across a scope of 3 years), this would exceed the 18 hour cost limit of FOI due to a lengthy manual check being required of all departments. Therefore S12 of the Act applies.

Section 12 – Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit.  
s1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the ‘appropriate limit’ (18 – hours).

Activities that may be counted within our time estimations are:

- Determining if the information is held;
- Locating the information, or a document containing it;
- Retrieving the information, or a document containing it; and
- Extracting the information from a document containing it.

The following have not been included within our calculations:

- The time spent identifying information to be exempted
- The time dedicated to the process of redaction.

Please take this as a refusal notice in accordance with section 17(5) of the Act which states; A public authority which, in relation to any request for information, is relying on a claim that section 12 or 14 applies must, within the time for complying with section 1(1), give the applicant a notice stating that fact.