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**Internal review of Freedom of Information request - Annual review of
Common Data Collection Format (CDCF)**

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Dear University Grants Committee Secretariat,

Please pass this on to the person who conducts Freedom of Information reviews.

I am writing to request an internal review of University Grants Committee Secretariat's handling of my FOI request 'Annual review of Common Data Collection Format (CDCF)'.

Primarily I would like the review to consider why it took from 21st August (my original request date) to 5th October (the response that finally addressed my request) to produce an answer that amounted to 2 URL hyperlinks to readily available information and an excuse for not releasing any further information. The Code on Access to Information has quite clear guidelines for the time scales to be taken for responses and this effort by the UGC has failed quite spectacularly. If more information had been provided, the delay might be understandable but under the circumstances I do not see that a delay has been warranted.

Secondly, I would like the review to consider the excuse for not releasing documentation under sections 2.10(b) and 2.14 of the Code. To my interpretation those clauses require some sort of potential for embarrassment or harm to government proceedings and are not simply a blanket excuse for refusing to release any internal documentation. Can the review confirm that the clauses are being used appropriately and that the mundane discussions regarding the 'Common Data Collection Format' represent a serious potential for embarrassment or harm to the government or its advisors?

A full history of my FOI request and all correspondence is available on the Internet at this address:

https://accessinfo.hk/en/request/annual_review_of_common_data_col

Yours faithfully,

Rob Davidson

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