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Dear [REDACTED]

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Information Request Ref: FOI 23012**

Further to your Freedom of Information request on 23 January 2023, London South Bank University (LSBU) has now considered your request. Our response is below, together with a copy of your request.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us and quote the reference above in any future communications.

You may request an internal review of this response. If you wish to request a review, please set out in writing your reasons and send it within 2 months of the date of this letter to the Group Secretary and Clerk to the Board of Governors, London South Bank University, 103 Borough Road, London, SE1 0AA. We will aim to carry out the review within 20 working days, or in exceptional circumstances within 40 working days.

If you are not satisfied with the review decision, you have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner whose contact details can be found at <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/>.

Yours sincerely,

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Please see the request and LSBU's response [in blue](#)

**LSBU's Response (In Blue)**

*This FOI request relates to the university's Confucius Institute, in particular to the roles at the Confucius Institute for which individuals are recruited in China (if I understand correctly, that is the Chinese language teachers, and the 'Chinese co-director').*

- Are these university roles? Are the rights and privileges of university staff attached to these roles? Are those who occupy these roles staff of the university? Are these individuals employed by the university? Please share any documentation that answers these questions or otherwise defines the legal status of these roles and those who occupy them.*
- Please state whether the university has received legal advice about the legal status of these roles and those who occupy them.*

The teachers and co-directors are not employed by LSBU but are contracted and remunerated by the Chinese partner universities. They are put in the category of "contractor"/ "contingency worker," which entails a university email account and fixed-term staff card, allowing them to have access to limited services such as the library and printing and photocopying.