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Dear [REDACTED]

Your request for information received on 23 January 2023 has now been considered. A response is provided below.

*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.*

**These staff are not employed by the University and have no terms linked with the University.**

*Please state whether the university has received legal advice about the legal status of these roles and those who occupy them.*

**We have not received legal advice about the issue.**

If you are unhappy with the way we have handled your request for information, you have a right under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act to ask the University to review it; however, you must do so within 40 working days of the date of this response. Your request should include our reference number and explain the reason for requesting a review. Email [foi@liverpool.ac.uk](mailto:foi@liverpool.ac.uk) or write to the Freedom of Information Reviewer, Legal & Governance, University of Liverpool, Foundation Building, 765 Brownlow Hill, Liverpool L69 7ZX. We will respond to your request for an internal review within 20 working days of receipt.

Following an internal review, if you are still dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF. Telephone: 0303 123 1113 [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk). There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

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