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11 August 2023

Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – request response (ref: 3494)

I am writing in reply to your two separate Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) requests to Brunel University London of 23 July 2023, for information relating to the Chinese Students and Scholars Association (CSSA).

have considered your requests in line with the FOIA and our response to both questions is as follows.

Your question:

Q.1 'Please provide all documentation the university holds about the Chinese Students and Scholars Association (CSSA). This is a student group at your university that is controlled by the Chinese embassy.'

Our response:

We have located no records indicating that Brunel University London has any relationship with this organisation. As you have indicated CSSA is a student group, we believe the Union of Brunel Students would be better placed to answer this question.

Your question:

Q.2 'Please provide a list of all financial interactions between the university and its subsidiary institutions and the Chinese Students and Scholars Association (CSSA). IE, please provide a list of funding provided to the CSSA.'

Our response:

We contacted you on 24 July to ask which academic years this question related to, however we did not receive a response. We have therefore searched for any relevant information from the last complete financial year, that is, 01 August 2022 to 31 July 2023.

We have no records of any financial interactions with the CSSA in this period.

We trust this information will meet your requirements. However, if you are unhappy with the way the University has handled your request, or with the information you have received, you have the right of appeal.

If you wish to appeal, please set out in writing your reasons for appealing and send to the above address. You must appeal within 40 working days of the date of this letter. In line with section 5.3 of the UK Government's Freedom of Information Act Code of Practice, we are not obliged to accept internal reviews after this date.

If we are unable to resolve your complaint to your satisfaction, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Further information is available on their website: ico.org.uk, or by telephone on 0303 123 1113.

Please quote our reference given at the head of this letter in all correspondence.

Sincerely


Freedom of Information
Brunel University London