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To: [REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED]

**Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**

Following your requests for information on 15 July 2023 regarding CSSA, please see below for the University's response. Please accept our apologies for the delay in responding to you.

For your ease of reference, our answers are set out following your original questions as shown below:

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

Please be advised that searching all University documentation would exceed the cost limit imposed by section 12 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. However, we have searched our main document management system and have not found any relevant results.

Information regarding student groups is generally held by the Hertfordshire Students' Union who are a separate body from the University and are not a public authority under the FOIA. However, we have spoken with them on this occasion, and they have confirmed that the students' union has no affiliation with this organisation.

- **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.**

We can confirm that we have not made any payment to this organisation.