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BIRMINGHAM

Legal Services

Director

Solicitor

(By Email)

24 April 2024

Dear [REDACTED]

**Re: request for information under The Freedom of Information Act.**

Further to your request for information dated 27 March 2024, please find attached the University of Birmingham's response. If you have any queries regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

If you are unhappy with the manner in which your request has been dealt with, you may ask the University to conduct an internal review of its response. If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether the University's response complies with the Freedom of Information Act. A copy of the University's Complaints and Appeals procedure, which provides further details of your rights, is attached.

Please note our statement in respect of Copyright, which is also attached.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Team  
University of Birmingham

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**Your request for information reads:**

*This is a Freedom of Information request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please provide the following information:*

- *Total annual budget allocated to its directly-affiliated Chinese Communist Party branch by the Jinan University- University of Birmingham Joint Institute during the years 2015-2023.*
- *Total annual expenditure spent by the Jinan University- University of Birmingham Joint Institute's Chinese Communist Party branch during the years 2015-2023.*

*The sought information is vital for assessing how public resources are managed in contexts influenced by the Chinese Communist Party. Should the university not directly hold the requested information, I kindly ask for guidance on the appropriate entity or partner institution that does, ensuring compliance and facilitating informed public discourse on these matters.*

**The University of Birmingham responds:**

The University of Birmingham is required to respond to a request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the Act") if it holds the information being requested, unless it is appropriate to apply one of the limited exemptions set out in the Act.

- **Total annual budget allocated to its directly-affiliated Chinese Communist Party branch by the Jinan University- University of Birmingham Joint Institute during the years 2015-2023.**

The University holds no recorded information in relation to this question.

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The University is only able to provide information which is held in its own records. Therefore, the University is unable to provide guidance on what information is held by external entities or organisations.

## **The University of Birmingham**

### **Freedom of Information**

#### **Complaints and Appeals Procedure**

If you are dissatisfied with the manner in which your request has been dealt with, you may ask for an internal review. If you want us to carry out a review, please let us know within 40 working days by contacting [foi@contacts.bham.ac.uk](mailto:foi@contacts.bham.ac.uk) and this matter will be referred to the University's Director of Legal Services or nominee for consideration.

Further details about the University's Internal Review process can be found at: <https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/university/leadership/governance/policies-regs/information/index.aspx>

If you are still dissatisfied after our internal review, you can complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). You should make complaints to the ICO within six weeks of receiving the outcome of an internal review. The easiest way to lodge a complaint is through their website: [www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints](http://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints) or write to:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House, Water Lane  
Wilmslow, Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) / 01625 545 745 (national rate number)  
Email: [casework@ico.org.uk](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk)

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