



FOI Request 2024/F169

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QM FOI Enquiries <foi-enquiries@qmul.ac.uk>

21 June 2024 at 11:41

To: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Please accept our apologies for the delay in responding.

The three Joint Educational Institutes (JEIs) between Queen Mary University of London and their Chinese partners follow the same financial scheduling pattern as Queen Mary. This pattern pertains solely to Queen Mary's financial planning and does not involve the finances of the Chinese partners.

Annual Planning

Queen Mary conducts an annual 'Planning Round' for all ongoing programmes. For JEI-related planning rounds, budgets are proposed, reviewed, and agreed upon by the JEI Executive Vice-Dean and the Faculty Director of Operations. These budgets cover UK-based staffing costs and expected consumable expenses. The previous year's expenditures are reviewed, and any changes in staffing or consumable costs are considered. Additionally, a 5-year forecast is submitted.

The proposed budgets are reviewed by the Science & Engineering Faculty and consolidated into the Faculty budget. This budget is then shared with the Senior Executive Team, the Chief Financial Officer, and the President and Principal, before being integrated into the overall institutional budget. The financial aspects of the China operations are not considered separately.

Joint Administration Committees / Joint Steering Committees

Each partnership requires a Joint Administration Committee (JAC) or Joint Steering Committee (JSC), composed of equal representation from Queen Mary and the Chinese partner, co-chaired by a member from each side. The JAC/JSC oversees the overall operation and management of the JEI. Significant changes affecting the JEI, such as programme fee adjustments or teaching model changes, must be presented to the JAC/JSC and approved by a majority vote.

The JAC/JSC typically meets at least twice a year, with additional meetings possible given a minimum of 28 days' notice. Forecasted budgets are presented at one JAC/JSC meeting each year after Queen Mary's Planning Rounds, for informational purposes only, as each university retains autonomy over its budget.

Referenced Roles

JEI Executive Vice-Dean: Oversees Queen Mary's operations within a specific partnership and serves as the main contact with the Chinese partner.

Faculty Director of Operations: Manages all operations of the faculty, including UK and overseas programmes.

Chief Financial Officer: Responsible for Finance, Strategic Planning, and the Strategy Delivery Office.

President and Principal: The senior-most position at the university, overseeing all University

activities.

If you are dissatisfied with this response, you may ask QMUL to conduct a review of this decision. To do this, please contact QMUL in writing (including by fax, letter or email), describe the original request, explain your grounds for dissatisfaction, and include an address for correspondence. You have 40 working days from receipt of this communication to submit a review request. When the review process has been completed, if you are still dissatisfied, you may ask the Information Commissioner to intervene. Please see www.ico.org.uk for details.

Yours sincerely

Queen Mary University of London

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 3:52 PM
To: QM FOI Enquiries <foi-enquiries@qmul.ac.uk>
Subject: Re: FOI Request 2024/F126

Dear QMUL team,

Thanks for getting back to me.

Regarding your request for clarification:

- **"Finance schedules"** mean the plans, or any relevant management records, that outline the budgetary allocations at the joint institutes.

In the context, I aim to understand the rules and oversight procedures that dictate the creation, approval, and implementation of these financial plans at the joint institutes. I seek clarity on how financial decisions are made in these institutes, who or which committee(s) are responsible for these decisions, and what QMUL policies exist in place for maintaining the financial decisions.

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[REDACTED] China Strategic Risks Institute (London)

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On Tue, 30 Apr 2024 at 15:33, QM FOI Enquiries <foi-enquiries@qmul.ac.uk> wrote:

Dear [REDACTED]

We acknowledge receipt of your new request.

We are writing to you for some clarification on your request.

We do not understand what you mean by 'finance schedules'. Please could you clarify this?

Please note that we will be unable to process your request any further until we receive a response; the 'clock will be stopped' in the meantime.

Kind Regards,

Queen Mary University of London

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 27, 2024 2:32 PM
To: QM FOI Enquiries <foi-enquiries@qmul.ac.uk>
Subject: Re: FOI Request 2024/F126

Dear Queen Mary University of London,

Thanks for your response re my inquiry on the financing of directly-affiliated Chinese Communist Party branches.

In light of your answer, I would like to further submit a new Freedom of Information request under the FOIA 2000, related to my previous inquiry. My question is as follows:

- Please provide information held by the QMUL regarding the policy and governance structure of *finance schedules* at the three joint institutes listed below:
 - Queen Mary University of London Engineering School
 - Queen Mary School Hainan, Beijing University of Posts and Telecommunications
 - Queen Mary School, Beijing University of Posts and Telecommunications

Please provide relevant policy documents and/or relevant administrative staff role specifications where applicable.

I look forwards to your response.

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