

RE: FOI Request: Finance of the Chinese Communist Party

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Foi <foi@abdn.ac.uk>

15 May 2024 at 16:09

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI 2024-143

I refer to your email of 23 April 2024 requesting information relating to the Aberdeen Institute of Data Science & Artificial Intelligence.

Your request has now been considered under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, 'the Act'.

• Total annual budget allocated to its directly-affiliated Chinese Communist Party branch by the Aberdeen Institute of Data Science and Artificial Intelligence during the years 2015-2023.

• Total annual expenditure spent by the Aberdeen Institute of Data Science and Artificial Intelligence's Chinese Communist Party branch during the years 2015-2023.

No monies from the University of Aberdeen are sent to the Chinese Communist Party and no money is received by the University of Aberdeen from the Chinese Communist Party.

Any money sent to the Chinese Communist Party or received/sent from the Chinese Communist Party by the South China Normal University is a matter for the South China Normal University.

Should you be dissatisfied with this response, you have the right to request a review. A request for review must be made within 40 working days of the receipt of this reply. It must include your name and address for correspondence and specify the request for information and the grounds for dissatisfaction with the decision. Please send your request for review to foi@abdn.ac.uk.

If you are unhappy with the outcome of the University's internal review, you have the right to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months of the receipt of the University's review response. Details on how to make an appeal to the Commissioner are available at www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal. Should you be dissatisfied with the Commissioner's decision, you have a right of appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

Yours sincerely,

Information Compliance Officer

University of Aberdeen

From: Sent: Monday, April 22, 2024 5:14 PM To: Foi <foi@abdn.ac.uk> Subject: FOI Request: Finance of the Chinese Communist Party branch at the Aberdeen Institute of Data Science and Artificial Intelligence

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Dear University of Aberdeen,

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

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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.

If you feel that a substantive response to this request is not possible within a reasonable time frame, I would be grateful if you could contact me and provide assistance as to how I can refine the request. If you need any clarification, please contact me. I look forward to receiving a response in 20 working days. Many thanks.

China Strategic Risks Institute (London)

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