



28 May 2024

Dear 

**F-24-0065: Freedom of Information Request**

We refer to your request for information dated 22/04/2024 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the “Act”).

Please find below your question, with the University’s corresponding response.

**Question**

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 Southampton Ocean Engineering Joint Institute during the years 2015-2023.
- Total annual expenditure spent by the Southampton Ocean Engineering Joint Institute’s Chinese Communist Party branch during the years 2015-2023.

**Answer**

In accordance with [Section 1\(1\)\(a\)](#) of the Act, we confirm that the University does not hold the information of the description specified in your request. As requested, the appropriate institution that may hold the information you require is likely Harbin Engineering University.

If you do not feel that we have dealt with your request in accordance with the requirements of [Part I](#) of the Act, you may request a review. Your request for a review **must** specify in what respect you consider that the requirements of [Part I](#) of the Act have not been met; mere dissatisfaction with our response is insufficient. Please submit your request for a review by emailing [foi@soton.ac.uk](mailto:foi@soton.ac.uk) with the subject heading ‘FOI Review’ and the original request reference number.

In accordance with section 5.3 of the [Code of Practice](#), a request for a review must be sent within 40 working days of the date of this letter. The University is not obliged to accept any requests for a review beyond 40 working days. We will acknowledge your request for a review and endeavour to respond within 20 working days of its receipt but please note that a deadline for a review response is not prescribed by the Act.

The Information Commissioner is responsible for enforcing rights of access to information and the operation of the publication scheme. You may apply to the Information Commissioner in writing (FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution, Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF) or [electronically](#) for a decision whether, in any specified respect, your request for information has been dealt with by the University in accordance with the requirements of [Part I](#) of the Act. The Information Commissioner will not normally act unless they are satisfied that the University's review procedure has been exhausted.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'foi' in a cursive, lowercase style.