

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your request for information received on 28/03/24.

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request

Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act (FoIA) places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at Sec1(1)a is to confirm or deny whether the information specified with a request is held. The second duty Sec 1(1)b is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held. Where exemptions are relied upon section 17 requires that we provide the applicant with a notice which: a) states that fact, b) specifies the exemption(s) in question and c) state (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

You had asked:

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

Q1. Total annual budget allocated to its directly-affiliated Chinese Communist Party branch by the Surrey International Institute during the years 2015-2023.

Q2. Total annual expenditure spent by the Surrey International Institute's Chinese Communist Party branch during the years 2015-2023.

A1&A2. No information held.

If you are dissatisfied with the response you have received, you may appeal in writing or by email to the University requesting a review. Correspondence should be sent to freedomofinformation@surrey.ac.uk.

On receipt of your appeal, arrangements will be made for a review of the original decision. You will be notified of the review decision in writing.

If, following the internal process, you are still not content with the outcome, you may appeal further in writing to: First Contact Team, Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or by email to [Make a complaint | ICO](#) or 0303 123 1113.

Kind regards

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