

Mr John Lubbock
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26 May 2023

Dear Mr Lubbock,

Our ref: FOI-23-0084

Thank you for your correspondence of 26 April 2023, in which you requested the following information from the University of Sussex.

Request

I am conducting a survey of UK higher educational institutions to find out which have had business dealings with the Chinese genomic sequencing company BGI Genomics.

I would like to ask whether your university has ever had any contracts or business relationships with BGI Genomics or its UK subsidiary MGI Tech UK. If there has been any work undertaken by BGI Genomics with your university, please can you provide a list of these contracts with dates from and to, and a short description of what the contract was for.

Response

Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the Act").

A check of the University's Finance records confirms that we have not had any contracts / business relationships with, i.e. have never received any payments or income from, nor made any payments to, BGI Genomics or MGI Tech UK.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you may request a review, but this must be within 40 days of receiving this response. In the first instance please write to Alexandra Elliott, the Head of Information Management and Compliance, at the address below. Full details of our Freedom of Information internal review procedure are at:

<http://www.sussex.ac.uk/ogs/policies/information/foi/procedure>.

If you need to contact us about your request, please quote your reference number FOI-23-0084.

Yours sincerely,

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