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Freedom of Information Office 4 West University of Bath Claverton Down Bath BA2 7AY

26 September 2024

Dear Ms/r Dunning

Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 2000 – 2024/238

Your request was received on 4 September 2024 and handled under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, 2000. It is copied below for your reference.

- '- The number of visits to China in the last 18 months by the Vice-Chancellor (or equivalent), any pro-VC (or equivalent), dean international (or equivalent), or any other executive-level staff (not academic or research staff).
- Please, for each visit, state the role of the staff member(s) who went, and a list of meetings/itinerary.'

Section 1(1) usually entitles you to be told whether the requested information is held and have that information provided to you unless it is judged to be exempt from disclosure. We can confirm the held information below.

Vice-Chancellor and President until 31 July 2024, Professor Ian White:

Two visits within the last 18 months for:

- Attendance at the 2023 Annual Conference and related meetings in Beijing associated with the Nature Microsystems & Nanoengineering Journal and meetings with senior members of Peking and Dalian Universities – four days including travel time
- Partnership and Alumni Relations and Donnor Events in Hong Kong four days including travel time: evening dinner, meetings, lunch and general evening reception with alumni.

Director of Advancement:

One visit within the last 18 months to Hong Kong for Development and Alumni Relations and Engagement – two/three days including travel time: evening dinner, meetings, lunch and general evening reception with alumni.

If you are dissatisfied with any aspect of how your request was handled you may ask the University to conduct an internal review. A request for an internal review must be submitted within 40 working days of receipt by you of this response. Requests received outside this period will only be considered at the University's discretion and where there is a valid reason to do so.

Applications for internal review should be emailed to: The Freedom of Information Team, freedom-of-information@bath.ac.uk or addressed in writing to University of Bath, Claverton Down, Bath, BA2 7AY.

If you remain dissatisfied you may appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF. Further details of this process are available via the following link:

https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/foi-and-eir-complaints/foi-and-eir-complaints/

Please note that the Information Commissioner will only consider appeals once the internal review process has been completed.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Officer