

## Freedom of Information Request

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### REQUEST

**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 staffmember(s) who went, and a list of meetings/itinerary.**

### RESPONSE

Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at Section 1 (1) (a) is to confirm or deny whether the information requested is held. The second duty at Section 1 (1) (b) is to disclose information which has been confirmed as being held. Where exemptions are being applied Section 17 requires us to provide the requestor with a statement which a) confirms that fact, b) specifies the exemption(s) used and c) states why the exemption(s), unless otherwise apparent, has been applied.

The University of South Wales can confirm that there has been no travel to China for any of the above staff in the last 18 months.