



UNIVERSITY
of HULL

Request Reference: 3532

FOI Request dated 17/11/2025 –

1. *A list of all current agreements or contracts, including non-research sponsorships, that your university has in place with Chinese companies or institutions, including purpose and value*
2. *Confirmation of whether your university uses CCTV and other surveillance systems made by Hikvision or Dahua. If so, have you received any guidance or funding to replace them?*
3. *A list of donations received by Chinese companies and Chinese donors and/or their proxies since 2019*
4. *Any correspondence from UK government bodies regarding risks of partnerships with China and concerns over the suppression of academic research into China at your university*

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 specified in a request is held. The second duty at Section 1(1)(b) is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held. Where exemptions are relied upon Section 17 of FOIA requires that we provide the applicant with a notice which: a) states that fact b) specifies the exemption(s) in question and c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

Under Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act, we can confirm that the University does hold the information requested, however on this occasion it is not possible for us to provide any information relating to your request as we have determined that the cost of finding and assembling some of the requested information will exceed the 'appropriate limit' as defined by section 12 of the Act and the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004/3244.

'The 'appropriate limit' of £450, which equates to 18 hours' work, as defined by the Information Commissioner's Office, can relate to one request in its entirety or to a series of linked requests. If the University cannot locate, retrieve, and extract some or all of the requested information within 18 hours we are not obliged to retrieve any of the requested information.

Please take this as a refusal notice in accordance with section 17(5) of the Act which states; A public authority which, in relation to any request for information, is relying on a claim that section 12 applies must, within the time for complying with section 1(1), give the applicant a notice stating that fact.

While the excess cost relieves the University of its obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, I have, as a goodwill gesture, provided information relevant to your request. This information was retrieved or available before it was determined that the cost limit would be exceeded. I hope this is beneficial, but it does not alter our legal right to rely on the fee regulations for the remainder of your request.

1. [3204-agreements-people's-republic-of-china](#)
2. We can confirm that the University does not use any CCTV equipment manufactured by either Hikvision or Dahua. We therefore have not received any guidance or funding to replace them.
3. The University has received 0 donations since 2019.