



Ref. FOI/20190822/1

18 September 2019

<b>Reply to request for information under Freedom of Information of Act</b>	
Your Ref	Emails dated 22 August 2019
Address	WhatDoTheyKnow.com
Request	See Annex.

Dear Ms Shohet,

I write in reply to your emails of 22 August 2019 requesting the information shown at the Annex.

We will not comply with your requests in their current form, as we estimate that the time required to determine whether the information requested is held, and to locate, retrieve and extract it, would exceed the maximum amount of time a public authority is required to spend on a single request, namely, 18 hours.

The requests are broad in nature, and cover large amounts of information. The information relates to a total of 73 different companies and 14 departments. It is not readily available from a single system, file or set of files, but would need to be collected from different departments, sections or individuals, and from information held in a number of different formats. Three administrative departments hold data about research grants and related contracts and industrial consultancies, while a fourth holds information about donations to the University. In addition, it is likely that we would also need to contact each individual academic department for further information, especially in relation to industrial consultancies.

Of the 73 companies you have enquired about, we have been advised that ten have made donations to the departments/centres specified for what appear to be six separate projects in the financial years of 2014-15 to 2018-19. Approximately two days' work is estimated to be required to retrieve and extract this data. In addition to the donations, we have been advised that sixteen companies/bodies have provided research funding to fourteen of the departments/centres listed for approximately 212 separate projects. It is estimated that retrieving and extracting the information in terms of total funding received over the period specified would take at least one working day. However, more time would be required to provide a breakdown by year.

We are therefore refusing your requests under section 12 of the FOIA. Section 12 of the FOIA allows a public authority to refuse a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with it would exceed the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit for Universities is £450, which corresponds to a time limit of 18 hours or just over two working days, because the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 (the 'Regulations') fix staff costs at £25 an hour.

In reaching this conclusion, we have aggregated your requests and other requests received from three other requestors. All 23 requests seek the same or similar information but in respect of different departments, namely, research grants, donations and projects funded by the same energy-related companies and/or defence-related companies or bodies. Section 12(4) of the FOIA, read together with Regulation 5 of the Regulations, allows a public authority to aggregate two or more requests seeking the same or similar information where the requests are made by the same person, or by different persons who appear to be acting in concert, and where the requests are received within 60 consecutive working days of each other.



We consider that the University is also entitled to refuse your requests under section 14(1) of the FOIA. The Information Tribunal has accepted that a public authority may use section 14(1) to refuse a request that would impose a disproportionate burden, after allowing for activities that cannot be taken into account under section 12 e.g. the time required to redact any exempt information or to consult with third parties.

Where a request is made for information relating to a third party, we need to consult that third party in order to determine whether they regard any of the information to be exempt from disclosure under the FOIA. Such a consultation exercise in this particular case would be a large and time consuming task, given the large number of donations, research grants and projects involved.

The University is mindful of its obligation under section 16 of the FOIA to provide advice and assistance. If you were to list the organisations that you have enquired about in order of priority, we would provide as much information as the appropriate limit allows, starting with the first organisation, and working downwards, until the appropriate limit is reached. Please indicate whether you wish to submit a new request on this basis.

### **INTERNAL REVIEW**

If you are dissatisfied with this reply, you may ask the University to review it, by writing to the Head of Information Compliance at the following address:

University Offices  
Wellington Square  
Oxford  
OX1 2JD

Alternatively, you may request a review by e-mailing [foi@admin.ox.ac.uk](mailto:foi@admin.ox.ac.uk)

### **THE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER**

If, after the internal review, you are still dissatisfied, you have the right under FOIA to apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision as to whether your request has been dealt with in accordance with the FOIA. The Information Commissioner's address is:

Information Commissioner  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123113

Further information for submitting complaints to the Information Commissioner is available at <http://www.ico.gov.uk/complaints.aspx>

Yours sincerely,

**FOI OXFORD**

## ANNEX

Email dated 22 August 2019, timed at 07:42

I write to request information regarding the funding the School of Materials has received from the following companies: Lockheed Martin, Rolls-Royce, Boeing, EDO MBM Technology LTD, General Dynamics, Airbus, BAE Systems, QinetiQ, GKN, Cobham, Elbit Systems, Leonardo, United Technologies, L3 Technologies, Babcock International, Northrop Grumman, Serco, Leonardo S.p.A., Raytheon, Meggitt, Thales, AirTanker, Ultra Electronics, Chemring, Atomic Weapons Establishment (AWE).

In addition, I write to request information regarding the contracts the School of Materials holds with the Ministry of Defence, the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory, the United States Army, the United States Air Force, the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, the US Department of Defense and the American Office of Naval Research.

Please include the following information:

For each of the above companies/bodies please list all projects, industrial research and industrial consultancy that the School of Materials has received funding for over the past five academic years, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19. Please also include donations from any of the aforementioned companies/bodies.

Please ensure that details show the company or government body that provided the funding, the start and end date of the contract/project, the title of the project/research/donation and the total funding of each contract/project year-by-year for the past five academic years.

Please also show any public research councils involved or participating in the contract/project in question.

Email dated 22 August 2019, timed at 07:46

I write to request information regarding the funding the Mathematical Institute has received from the following companies: Lockheed Martin, Rolls-Royce, Boeing, EDO MBM Technology LTD, General Dynamics, Airbus, BAE Systems, QinetiQ, GKN, Cobham, Elbit Systems, Leonardo, United Technologies, L3 Technologies, Babcock International, Northrop Grumman, Serco, Leonardo S.p.A., Raytheon, Meggitt, Thales, AirTanker, Ultra Electronics, Chemring, Atomic Weapons Establishment (AWE).

In addition, I write to request information regarding the contracts the Mathematical Institute holds with the Ministry of Defence, the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory, the United States Army, the United States Air Force, the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, the US Department of Defense and the American Office of Naval Research.

Please include the following information:

For each of the above companies/bodies please list all projects, industrial research and industrial consultancy that the Mathematical Institute has received funding for over the past five academic years, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19. Please also include donations from any of the aforementioned companies/bodies.

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Please also show any public research councils involved or participating in the contract/project in question.

Email dated 22 August 2019, timed at 07:49

I write to request information regarding the funding the Department for Continuing Education has received from the following companies: Lockheed Martin, Rolls-Royce, Boeing, EDO MBM Technology LTD, General Dynamics, Airbus, BAE Systems, QinetiQ, GKN, Cobham, Elbit Systems, Leonardo, United Technologies, L3 Technologies, Babcock International, Northrop Grumman, Serco, Leonardo S.p.A., Raytheon, Meggitt, Thales, AirTanker, Ultra Electronics, Chemring, Atomic Weapons Establishment (AWE).



In addition, I write to request information regarding the contracts the Department for Continuing Education holds with the Ministry of Defence, the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory, the United States Army, the United States Air Force, the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, the US Department of Defense and the American Office of Naval Research.

Please include the following information:

For each of the above companies/bodies please list all projects, industrial research and industrial consultancy that the Department for Continuing Education has received funding for over the past five academic years, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19. Please also include donations from any of the aforementioned companies/bodies.

Please ensure that details show the company or government body that provided the funding, the start and end date of the contract/project, the title of the project/research/donation and the total funding of each contract/project year-by-year for the past five academic years.

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Email dated 22 August 2019, timed at 07:54

I write to request information regarding funding the Oxford Centre for the Analysis of Resource Rich Economies has received from the following companies:

BP Plc, Royal Dutch Shell, Statoil, Total SA, E.ON, Maersk Oil, ConocoPhillips, OMV, BHP Billton, Exxon Mobil, Rio Tinto, Gazprom, Glencore, Tullow Oil, Perenco, Petro China, Chevron Corporation, Sinopec, Rosneft, Reliance Industries, Valero Energy, Engie, Marathon Petroleum, Saudi Aramco, China National Petroleum Corporation, Kuwait Petroleum Company, ENI, APICORP, Bahrain Petroleum Company, Delonex Energy, Japan Oil, Gas and Metals National Corporation, Petrobras, Cheniere Energy, Enagás, Mercuria Energy Group, RS Energy, Vitol, Tellurian Inc., Snam S.p.A., Schlumberger and Techint.

Please include the following information:

For each of the above companies/bodies please list all projects, industrial research, industrial consultancy and university positions that the Oxford Centre for the Analysis of Resource Rich Economies has received funding for over the past five academic years, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19. Please also include donations from any of the aforementioned companies/bodies.

Please ensure that details show the company that provided the funding, the start and end date of the contract/project, the title of the project/research/donation/position and the total funding of each contract/project/position year-by-year for the past five academic years.

Please also show any public research councils involved or participating in the contract/project in question.

Email dated 22 August 2019, timed at 07:55

I write to request information regarding funding the School of Chemistry has received from the following companies:

BP Plc, Royal Dutch Shell, Statoil, Total SA, E.ON, Maersk Oil, ConocoPhillips, OMV, BHP Billton, Exxon Mobil, Rio Tinto, Gazprom, Glencore, Tullow Oil, Perenco, Petro China, Chevron Corporation, Sinopec, Rosneft, Reliance Industries, Valero Energy, Engie, Marathon Petroleum, Saudi Aramco, China National Petroleum Corporation, Kuwait Petroleum Company, ENI, APICORP, Bahrain Petroleum Company, Delonex Energy, Japan Oil, Gas and Metals National Corporation, Petrobras, Cheniere Energy, Enagás, Mercuria Energy Group, RS Energy, Vitol, Tellurian Inc., Snam S.p.A., Schlumberger and Techint.

Please include the following information:

1. For each of the above companies/bodies please list all projects, industrial research, industrial consultancy and university positions that the School of Chemistry has received funding for over the past five academic years, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19. Please also include donations from any of the aforementioned companies/bodies.

Please ensure that details show the company that provided the funding, the start and end date of the contract/project, the title of the project/research/donation/position and the total funding of each contract/project/position year-by-year for the past five academic years.



Please also show any public research councils involved or participating in the contract/project in question.

Email dated 22 August 2019, timed at 07:59

I write to request information regarding funding the School of Engineering Science has received from the following companies:

BP Plc, Royal Dutch Shell, Statoil, Total SA, E.ON, Maersk Oil, ConocoPhillips, OMV, BHP Billton, Exxon Mobil, Rio Tinto, Gazprom, Glencore, Tullow Oil, Perenco, Petro China, Chevron Corporation, Sinopec, Rosneft, Reliance Industries, Valero Energy, Engie, Marathon Petroleum, Saudi Aramco, China National Petroleum Corporation, Kuwait Petroleum Company, ENI, APICORP, Bahrain Petroleum Company, Delonex Energy, Japan Oil, Gas and Metals National Corporation, Petrobras, Cheniere Energy, Enagás, Mercuria Energy Group, RS Energy, Vitol, Tellurian Inc., Snam S.p.A., Schlumberger and Techint.

Please include the following information:

For each of the above companies/bodies please list all projects, industrial research, industrial consultancy and university positions that the School of Engineering Science has received funding for over the past five academic years, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19. Please also include donations from any of the aforementioned companies/bodies.

Please ensure that details show the company that provided the funding, the start and end date of the contract/project, the title of the project/research/donation/position and the total funding of each contract/project/position year-by-year for the past five academic years.

Please also show any public research councils involved or participating in the contract/project in question.