

Andrew Thomas
via email

Ref No: FOI 1807/003

15th August 2018

Dear Mr Thomas

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Thank you for your email of 13th July 2018 requesting the following information:

Please provide copies of the following, subject to the usual redaction eg of commercial information i.e. figures:

Any Agreements, Treaties, Memoranda of Agreement, heads of agreement. or similar, between the UK Space Agency and China, Chinese corporations or agencies or companies, relating to space exploration, travel or utilisation, including for example satellites, earth observation, rockets, launches, manned space flight, telemetry tracking etc

The UK Space Agency (UKSA) enjoys a variety of productive relationships with China. However, there is only one extant Memorandum of Understanding between the UKSA and a Chinese entity. This is the Memorandum of Understanding with the China National Space Administration (CNSA) signed in December 2013, which may be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/memoranda-of-understanding-international>

The UKSA facilitates relationships between UK entities and China but does not generally seek to be a signatory in these relationships.

Additionally, while the UKSA attends, and may organise, events to which Chinese entities are invited, it does not enter into any agreements such as your request describes in order do so.

Appeals Procedure

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Graham Turnock, CEO
UK Space Agency
Room C204
Polaris House
North Star Avenue
Swindon, SN2 1SZ

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'G' followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Correspondence Officer

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