

08 November 2023

Dear

## **ATISN 19152 – Confucius Institutes**

### **Information requested**

Thank you for your request which I received on 11 October 2023. You asked for the following information:

- If the Welsh Government has supplied any funding to Confucius Institutes from the 2005/06 financial year to the 2022/23 financial year and, if so, how much funding (£) the Welsh Government has given to Confucius Institutes from the 2005/06 financial year to the 2022/23 financial year, with the information broken down by year.
- A copy of the emails - including the full email chain - sent or received by the Welsh Government referring to Confucius Institutes for April 2022 and September 2022, and a copy of the emails - including the full email chain - received by the Welsh Government from any Confucius Institutes or the Chinese education ministry for April 2022 and September 2022.

### **Our response**

I have set out at Annex 1, my response to each of your questions.

### **Next steps**

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit,  
Welsh Government,  
Cathays Park,  
Cardiff,  
CF10 3NQ

or Email: [Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales](mailto:Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales)

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane,

Wilmslow,  
Cheshire,  
SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely

## Annex 1

**Q.1 If the Welsh Government has supplied any funding to Confucius Institutes from the 2005/06 financial year to the 2022/23 financial year and, if so, how much funding (£) the Welsh Government has given to Confucius Institutes from the 2005/06 financial year to the 2022/23 financial year, with the information broken down by year.**









No information is held for 2005/06 financial year to 2013/14 financial year.



The table below shows the funding provided by the Welsh Government to the British Council for the Confucius Institute China Schools Programme, as part of the British Council's International Education Programme grants, for the 2014/15 financial year to 2022/23 financial year:

|           |         |
|-----------|---------|
| 2014-2015 | £45,000 |
| 2015-2016 | £45,000 |
| 2016-2017 | £45,000 |
| 2017-2018 | £45,000 |
| 2018-2019 | £45,000 |
| 2019-2020 | £45,000 |
| 2020-2021 | £36,000 |
| 2021-2022 | £36,000 |
| 2022-2023 | £46,100 |

**Q.2 A copy of the emails - including the full email chain - sent or received by the Welsh Government referring to Confucius Institutes for April 2022 and September 2022, and a copy of the emails - including the full email chain - received by the Welsh Government from any Confucius Institutes or the Chinese education ministry for April 2022 and September 2022.**

We hold the following email chains for your request:

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|---|-------|--|------------------------------------|---|
| 1. From<br>@cardiff.ac.uk<br>05/05/2023   | Doc 1 | <br>Doc 1.pdf | Doc 1a<br>(attachment<br>to Doc 1) | <br>Doc 1a.pdf |
| 2. From EPS –<br>Curriculum<br>19/05/2022 | Doc 2 | <br>Doc 2.pdf | Doc 2a<br>(attachment<br>to Doc 2) | <br>Doc 2a.pdf |
| 3. From<br>@cardiff.ac.uk<br>19/05/2022   | Doc 3 | <br>Doc 3.pdf | Doc 3a<br>(attachment<br>to Doc 3) | <br>Doc 3a.pdf |
| 4. From<br>@cardiff.ac.uk<br>07/09/2022   | Doc 4 | <br>Doc 4.pdf | Doc 4a<br>(attachment<br>to Doc 4) | <br>Doc 4a.pdf |

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| 5. From<br>@cardiff.ac.uk<br>19/10/2022 | Doc 5 | <br>Doc 5.pdf | Doc 5a<br>(attachment<br>to Doc 5) | <br>Doc 5a.pdf |
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