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Information Assurance and Governance
Office of the Principal

11 March 2024

Dear Millie,

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002
Our Ref: 54-24

I refer to your enquiry dated 13 February 2024 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) asking to be supplied with the following information:

- Any academic partnership policy or statement that refers to any commitment by the university to exclude arms trade companies from any of the following:
    - Graduate schemes/apprenticeships/Careers fair appearances;
    - Directly sponsored PhDs or Studentships;
    - Public donations – sponsored buildings/libraries;
    - Company involvement in university departments – MoD Laboratories, EPSRC centres for doctoral research;
    - Dual employment of staff/management or lecturer employees who are also currently employed by an arms trade company.
    - Any consultancy role.

- Details to include:
    - Year of policy/statement release
    - Name of senior management or council or committee that wrote or signed off the statement
    - Name of the council or committee that oversees academic partnerships in any of the aforementioned capacities.

The University does not hold information that specifically relates to the enquiry and carries out due diligence as part of operational practices in accordance with University policies and procedures which are publicly available on our website at: Policies, procedures and guidance - University of St Andrews (st-andrews.ac.uk) . For example:

- Financial Regulations;
- Sustainability investment policy;
- Gift Acceptance policy;

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- Anti-Money Laundering;
- Careers policy on 'Vacancy advertising – information for employers policy'; and
- Collaborative provision of undergraduate and postgraduate programmes.

Section 17 of the FOISA requires that a Scottish public authority confirms in writing where information requested of it is not held. As the University does not hold the specific information that you seek, notice is therefore given to this effect.

Your right to seek a review of how your information request was managed

If you are not satisfied with the University's response and/or our reasoning set-out above, you have the right to request a review of our decision. The timelines in which this right is available are set out in section 20(5)(a) and (b) FOISA. In broad terms the right to seek a review must be exercised within 40 working days of receiving this response.

Any request for review at this time should be sent by email to foi@st-andrews.ac.uk stating:

a) your name and address;
b) details of your original request; and
c) the reasons why you are dissatisfied with our response.

If you remain dissatisfied with how your request for information has been dealt with following Review, you also have the right to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner (SIC) for a decision. In the event of an appeal to the SIC, the Commissioner will generally only be able to investigate the matters raised in the request for review.

Details on how to make an appeal online to the SIC can be found on their website: http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Unhappywiththeresponse/AppealingtoCommissioner.aspx .

This concludes the University's response.

Yours sincerely

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Information Assurance and Governance Officer