# Freedom of Information

# Decision Notice

| SUMMARY | |
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| **APPLICANT** | Ms Jinsella Kennaway |
| **REF NUMBER** | FOI-19-23 |
| **SCOPE** | University investments in arms trade companies |
| **DECISION MAKER** | Sophie Cole |
| **DECISION DATE** | 1 March 2023 |

## Decision

I, Sophie Cole Information Governance Officer, dealt with your request for information received by the University of Wolverhampton (University) in accordance with the *Freedom of Information Act 2000* (FOIA).

I can confirm, the requested information is not held by the University of Wolverhampton as the information pertaining to the scope of your request does not exist.

Please refer to the subsequent pages of this Decision Notice for further clarification on my decision.

Sophie Cole
Information Governance Officer
1 March 2023

## Background & Scope of Application

On 1 February 2023, the University of Wolverhampton received Ms Kennaway's FOI application, requesting the following:

- In the below request, the phrase 'arms trade companies' relates to, but not limited to:

    - Mitsubishi
    - Ministry of Defence
    - Raytheon.
    - General Electric
    - Babcock
    - BAE Systems,
    - Rolls Royce
    - Boeing
    - Lockheed Martin Corp.
    - Leonardo
    - Thales
    - Airbus
    - GKN
    - Smiths Group
    - Cobham
    - VT Group
    - General Dynamics
    - General Electric
    - Halliburton,
    - L3 Harries Technologies and Communications,
    - Northrup Grumman

- Can you please provide:

    1) An annual investment report detailing the name of company/organisation, amount invested, and type of investment of that financial year for the past five financial years
    2) The list of companies the University of Wolverhampton endowment fund invests in, organised by name of company/organisation, amount invested and type of investment. Please also include the list of investors in the CUEF and the amount they have individually invested for the past five financial years
    3) Please provide the details of any investment made via an investment management firm or bank, including the name of the management organisation, and the amount given to them annually. For the past five financial years. If they do provide a list of the name companies/organisations/investments they make on behalf, please include.

On 2 February 2023, in accordance with section 8(1)(b) of the FOIA, I requested that you provide your name in order to accept your application as valid.

On 8 February 2023, you provided your name and your application was accepted as valid.

A revised date of 8 March 2023 was applied to your application.

## Search for Documents

Based on the original scope of this request, I conducted a search of the University of Wolverhampton's records to determine whether the requested information can be provided to Ms Kennaway in response to the original application, dated 1 February 2023.

The following searches were undertaken:

- Consultation with the University of Wolverhampton's Finance Directorate

## Decision

In accordance with Section 1(1)(a) of the FOIA, I can confirm, the requested information is not held by the University of Wolverhampton as the information pertaining to the scope of your request does not exist.

The University does not have any investments in the companies listed in this application and therefore, no such data exists. This decision has been made after all reasonable steps have been taken to locate the requested information. Whilst I acknowledge that it is the principle object of the FOIA to provide public access to documents, I am satisfied that the requested information does not exist.

## Right of Review

If you are dissatisfied with our response, please contact us with the details of your dispute via email at FOI@wlv.ac.uk and we will conduct an internal review of our response.

If you are still dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address: https://ico.org.uk/