Email 1:

Mon 11/01/21 18:47

To whom this may concern,

My name is [Member of OCJC] and I am interested in learning about the process of funding in research at the University of Oxford. Specifically, I am interested in the following questions:

1. Is the source of funding for a project considered by the ethics committee before a project is approved? If so, does the University have a list of ethics criteria that a funding body must comply to?

2. Can donations (or funding) and grants be given to departments separately to the University or does this all occur centrally (through the University)? For example, can a project be funded by a company/organisation directly to the department without passing through the University? In these circumstances, would there be a separate ethics committee to review this funding?

3. Are all funds and donations public information? If not, what are the legal exceptions to this rule?

4. I am interested in sending Environmental Information Requests - is the process the same as for FOIs? Please could you also let me know the contact details if they are different. Do Environmental Information Requests include funding for projects, donations and the content of research carried out by academics at the University?

5. Is the Oxford Institute for Energy Studies part of the University of Oxford? If not, how are they related?

Thank you very much for your time and I look forward to your reply,

[Member of OCJC]
Email 2:
Tue 12/01/21 10:41

Dear [Member of OCJC],

Thank you for your freedom of information request to the University of Oxford.

Subject to any clarification required, the University will reply to your request within the statutory deadline of 20 working days, starting from the day after receipt of your request.

Yours sincerely

FOI Oxford

Email 3:
Tue 02/02/21 11:33

Dear Information Compliance Team,

Thank you for acknowledging receipt of my FOI request on 11th January. As it has been over 20 working days, I was wondering if there is any update or reason for delay.

Kind regards,
[Member of OCJC]

Email 4:
Mon 08/02/21 16:42

Dear [Member of OCJC],

Our reference: [FOI/20210111/8]

Please find attached the University’s response to your request.

Yours sincerely,

Information Compliance Team