

## **RE: FOI Request**

FOI Officer <foi.officer@balliol.ox.ac.uk>

Mon, Aug 12, 2024 at 3:37 PM

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Further to your request under the Freedom of Information Act, we can confirm that the College has not held any direct holdings in the companies mentioned in the years specified. The College's investment portfolio mainly consisted of (and still consists of) managed funds and tracker funds in this period. We can confirm that under section 1 (1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act, that the information regarding the detailed holdings within all our managed and tracker funds is not held by the College. However, where we have the data, the College did not, and does not, invest in the companies listed below.

If you disagree with any part of the response to your request, you are entitled to ask the College for an internal review of the way we have responded to this request. You may do this by writing to the Freedom of Information Officer by either email (foi.officer@balliol.ox.ac.uk) or by post to The Freedom of Information Officer, Balliol College, Broad Street, Oxford, OX1 3BJ. Requesters should make requests for an internal review no later than 40 working days after the date of this response. The College is not obliged to accept internal reviews after this point.

If you remain dissatisfied after the result of the internal review you may ask the Information Commissioner's Office to intervene on your behalf. You may do this by writing to the Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or for more details visit <a href="https://www.ico.org.uk">www.ico.org.uk</a>.

Best wishes

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Sent: Thursday, July 25, 2024 10:36 PM

Subject: FOI Request

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing to request information regarding your College's investments under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Could you please provide the following information:

- 1. The direct and indirect investments that your College has held in Israeli-domiciled companies, as well as any companies domiciled in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, or Occupied Syrian Golan. Please provide this information for the financial years 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, and any information available for 2023/24.
- 2. The direct and indirect investments that your College has held in companies complicit in Israeli occupation. Please provide this information for the financial years 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, and any information available for 2023/24. As I assume that this may not a category that is accounted for in general investment reporting, please see the list below of companies that I would like this information for: Caterpillar Inc.

J.C. Bamford Excavators Limited (JCB)

Any companies on the OHCHR's database of business enterprises involved in illegal Israeli settlements, linked here: https://www.ohchr.org/sites/default/files/documents/hrbodies/hrcouncil/sessions-regular/session31/database-hrc3136/23-06-30-Update-israeli-settlement-opt-database-hrc3136.pdf

Hewlett-Packard Company

Siemens

In the event that retrieving this information would exceed the limit as set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004, then please answer question 2 first, taking the above list of companies as in priority order. If responding to the OHCHR list is still likely to reach the limit set out, then please give the data about the College's investments in Israeli-domiciled companies in the database.

If you are still to invoke Section 12 to withhold information in relation to any of these questions please provide details of how locating, retrieving and extracting this information would exceed the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. Please also be aware of your duty under section 16 (1) of the Act to advise and assist me in narrowing my request to bring it within the appropriate limit.

If you are to invoke Section 43 to withhold information in relation to any of these questions please provide details of the exact FOIA exemption, details of who would be prejudiced by this information, and a public interest test justifying a conclusion with arguments for and against the release of the information.

I am happy to provide any clarifications required to support this request, please be in touch at any time. Thanks very much for your help with this request and I look forward to your response within the next 20 working days.

Yours faithfully,