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**RE: FOI Request**

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**St Catherines FOI** <foi@stcatz.ox.ac.uk>

Thu, Aug 1, 2024 at 10:29 AM

To: 

Dear 

Thank you for your request for information. Your request was received on 25 July 2024 and we have considered it under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I can confirm that St Catherine's College holds the information you have requested and I have supplied the answer to your questions below. Please note that as a charity registered with the Charity Commission, St Catherine's financial statements for years 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23 are publicly available.

With regard to actual figures, we do not have direct holdings in any companies domiciled in Israel, Syria, or Palestine, nor any of the specific companies you mention in your request. Our only exposure to these would be through indirect investments including passive funds (rather than active funds), for example, Vanguard Funds All-World ETF. Any exposure to such companies via indirect investments would be very low, estimated to be less than 0.2% of overall investments. ie £16k out of total investments of £128m.

I hope this information is helpful. If you have any further queries, then please send them to [foi@stcatz.ox.ac.uk](mailto:foi@stcatz.ox.ac.uk).

Yours sincerely,





**Executive Officer (Legal, Governance & Compliance)**

St. Catherine's College, University of Oxford

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Telephone: 



If you are unhappy with the response you have received in relation to your request for information and/or consider that your request was refused without a reason valid under the law, you may ask for an internal review. If you ask us for an internal review of our decision the following outcomes are possible: • the original decision is upheld; or • the original decision is reversed or modified. If you wish to exercise your right to an internal review you should contact us within two months of the date of this email. If you wish to request an internal review, you should contact [foi@stcatz.ox.ac.uk](mailto:foi@stcatz.ox.ac.uk). If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Further information about this, and the internal review process can be found on the Information Commissioner's Office website. Alternatively, the Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 25 July 2024 22:36  
**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,

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