

18 May 2023

Tēnā koe John,

I am responding on behalf of the University to your recent OIA request, in which you have asked for information about a Memorandum of Understanding between Massey University, Beijing Jiaotong University and Guizhou University. Specifically, you have asked:

"May I request full copy of Memorandum of Understanding signed between Massey University, Beijing Jiaotong University and Guizhou University. I noted in your response, " Massey University has record of a few low value transactions from Guizhou University" Can you please specify the exact number of value in regards to these transactions? Would you be able to disclose the nature of professor and staff member involved in these transactions? What are the money for, are they attending conference or training?"

Please find a copy of the MOU provided with this response. Note that redactions of names and signatures have been applied to protect the personal privacy of individuals (section 9(2)(ba)).

Information on each transaction relating to Guizhou University is as follows:

Year	Value (\$NZD)	Purpose
2007	2,572.30	Reimbursement of travel related costs for a Professor travelling to China
2013	2,501.00	Reimbursement of travel related costs for a Professor collaborating on a 3 year fully funded research project
2014	2,488.00	Reimbursement of travel related costs for a Professor collaborating on a 3 year fully funded research project
2015	2,481.22	Reimbursement of travel related costs for a Professor collaborating a on 3 year fully funded research project

Please note that the names and specialisations of the staff members associated with the above travel and research are withheld to protect the privacy of those staff members in accordance with section 9(2)(ba) of the OIA.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

I trust this is the information you require.

Ngā mihi,

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