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Via email: [fyi-request-17278-@xorg.nz](mailto:fyi-request-17278-@xorg.nz)

Tēnā koe V. K. Raj,

I am responding on behalf of the University to your recent OIA request, in which you have asked for information regarding the Centre for Culture-Centered Approach to Research and Evaluation (CARE), Director of CARE Professor Dutta, and Massey University's relationships with overseas companies/organisations and funding bodies.

I will respond to each part of your request as follows:

1. *What is the total amount of funding given to Center for Culture Centered Approach to Research and Evaluation (CARE) by Massey University since CARE has been at the university (2018-2021)?*

2018	\$160,102
2019	\$445,969
2020	\$569,450
2021	\$307,000 (as of 30 September 2021)

2. *Where has CARE received its funding from (both NZ and overseas funding) and what are the names of the organisations/funding bodies that have funded CARE? I want details from 2018 to date.*

2019: SGD \$0.9 Million (Note: Grant funding held by Partner Organisation Tsao Foundation in Singapore), NZD \$2,535 (Celebrating Communities Fund)

2020: NZD \$ 17,965.12 (NCA Editorship Stipend)  
NZD \$279,227.00 (Ministry of Justice)

3. *For each organisation/funding body that has funded CARE, what is the amount of funding that CARE has received from them? I want a breakdown of the organisation names and next to it, how much funding that organisation has provided CARE. I want this from 2018 to date.*

Please refer to Question 2 response.

4. *What is the average salary of a Vice-Chancellor at Massey University? An approximate average is fine.*

Information on Public Sector Chief Executive Remuneration can be found on the Public Service Commission website [here](#). The salary of the Vice-Chancellor at Massey University for the full year ending 22 January 2021 was \$495,000.

5. *What is the average salary of Deans at Massey University? An approximate average is fine.*

The average salary for a Dean at Massey University is \$226,594.

6. *In 2020, CARE applied to MBIE for a grant/funding. Was this grant successful and if so, how much was CARE awarded by MBIE?*

No.

7. *What details did CARE provide in its funding application to MBIE?*

The contents and ideas contained in funding application proposals are confidential and contain commercially sensitive information. Successful grant applications, including budgets and associated plans, are used to form the basis of a contractual agreement to be negotiated between the parties.

The information requested is withheld under sections 9(2)(ba) and 9(2)(i) of the Official Information Act, to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence, and to enable the University to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage its commercial activities.

8. *What details does CARE provide to funding bodies in its application for funding?*

Please refer to Question 7 response.

9. *From its inception in 2018 to date, what other government organisations and/or Ministries has CARE applied to for funding and have they been successful? If successful, how much was CARE funded by them?*

2020: NZD \$279,227.00 (Ministry of Justice)

10. *The Director of CARE, Prof. Mohan Dutta, has been doing research on Hindutva in Aotearoa. What funding has he received for this research? What organisations/funding bodies (both in NZ and overseas) have funded this research? And how much funding from each organisation has he received for this research?*

Nil

11. *I want to know what evidence Prof. Mohan provided to warrant any funding approvals for research on Hindutva in New Zealand.*

N/A

12. *What funding did Prof. Mohan receive for his paper titled "Cultural Hindutva and Islamophobia"? Was this paper approved by the Ethics Committee?*

Nil funding. Applications to Massey University Ethics Committees are required for research involving human and/or animal participants and for research involving genetic technologies.

13. *What was the epistemology, methodology, objectives and results from Mohan's research to warrant him publishing the above paper? Other than Prof. Mohan, who were the other researchers involved in his 'Cultural Hindutva and Islamophobia' white paper?*

N/A

14. *Is Prof. Mohan's blog, titled 'CARE Director's Blog' on the official CARE website subject to the scrutiny of the Ethics Committee?*

No.

15. *If one wanted to lodge a formal complaint against Prof. Mohan, his research and CARE to Massey university, how does one go about doing so and what is the complaints process?*

Please find attached Massey University's Code of Responsible Research Conduct. This policy sets out the principles, standards and responsibilities of all research undertaken by University researchers. This policy identifies three categories of research misconduct: questionable research practices, breaches of research conduct, and research misconduct. The processes for dealing with allegations in any of these categories are set out in Appendix 2 of the Code.

16. *Are Prof. Mohan's publications approved for by the universities Ethics Committee prior to him publishing them? If so, I want a copy of the Ethics Committee's approvals for all of Mohan's research and publications, in particular his white paper mentioned above and his lecture on 24th August 2021 titled "Critically Interrogating the Hinduphobia Narrative".*

No. Applications to Massey University Ethics Committees are required for research involving human and/or animal participants and for research involving genetic technologies.

17. *What details does Prof. Mohan/CARE provide to the Ethics Committee about his research projects?*

N/A

18. *Massey University was a co-sponsor of the "Dismantling Global Hindutva" Conference. How much funding did it receive for sponsoring this event, and how much money did Massey Uni spend on co-sponsoring the event?*

Nil funding received or provided in relation to this event.

19. *Is Massey Uni a co-sponsor of any similar upcoming events related to Hindutva? If so, what are the events and how much is Massey sponsoring them?*

No.

20. *On Prof. Mohan's Massey profile page it states "He has received over \$4 million in funding to work on culture-centered projects of health communication, social change, and health advocacy". Where did this \$4 million come from?*

The funding referred to in the profile page pre-dates the staff member's time at Massey University. Therefore, this is not official information that Massey University holds.

21. *Does Massey University still have an agreement with iFLYTEK (a blacklisted company for human rights violations) and if so, how much funding does it receive from them? If the agreement is cancelled, how much funding did Massey Uni receive from them when the agreement was in force?*

Massey University does not have any current agreements with the organisation iFLYTEK.

Massey University previously had a contractual relationship with iFLYTEK that involved co-funding of a professorial position. Massey University and iFLYTEK mutually agreed to end the relationship, effective from 1 December 2019. Massey did not receive any funding from iFLYTEK during the contracted term.

22. *Does Massey University still have links to universities connected to the Xinjiang paramilitary group? In particular, does Massey Uni still have a connection/relationship/agreement with Shihezi University? If not, then when the connection was there, what was the nature of the connection to these universities linked to the human rights violations against Uyghurs in Xinjiang?*

Without a list of specific universities that you note are connected to this group, we are unable to identify information in relation to this part of your request. Massey University does not have any agreements with a 'Xinjiang Paramilitary Group'.

In relation to the second part of this question, please find below one current and four expired agreements with Shi He Zi University:

Contract Title	Start Date	End Date	Contract Status
Agreement for Scientific Research and Academic Cooperation with ShiHeZi University, China	12/10/06	11/10/11	Expired
Memorandum of Understanding on a Three-Year Faculty Exchange Program Between Shihezi University and Massey University	19/06/10	18/06/13	Expired
The Agreement for Academic Cooperation between Peking University,	25/09/12	24/09/17	Expired

Shihezi University and Massey University - 2012			
Peking Universtiy, Shihezi University and Massey University Modern Grassland and Sheep Industry Academic Cooperation Agreement	28/01/13	27/01/23	Current
Cooperation Agreement for Corps Financial Science and Technology Plan Project - Bingtuan Science and Technology Project with Shihezi University	01/12/19	31/12/20	Expired

23. *Does, or did Massey Uni ever, have a connection/relationship with Xinjiang Production and Construction Corps (XPCC)?*

We have found no relationship between Massey University and Xinjiang Production and Construction Corps (XPCC).

24. *Is Massey Uni still part of the Tripartite Agreement? And if so, how much funding does it receive from this agreement? If not, how much funding did it receive when it was signed onto this agreement?*

We are unable to answer this question without further information regarding the specific tripartite agreement referred to.

25. *What companies/organisations and/or funding bodies does Massey currently have a relationship with that are located in the People's Republic of China? Does Massey have any ongoing relationships with blacklisted groups (from China or elsewhere)?*

Please find on the next page a table which lists agreements where the contracting party is listed as located in the People's Republic of China.

\*Please note, the search parameters included organisations that were listed as located within the People's Republic of China and may not include organisations where the contract information does not specify the organisation location.

We are unable to answer the section of this question regarding relationships with blacklisted groups without due specificity of the names of groups referred to.

I trust this is the information you require.

Ngā mihi,

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Contract Title	Start Date	End Date	Contract Status	Contract Type	Organisation
Master Agreement with Lei Garden Restaurant Group of Hong Kong	01/04/17	01/04/22	Completed	C-Research & Development (R&D)	Ever Wealthy International Investment Ltd t/a Lei Garden Restaurant Group
Research on production and evaluation of antimicrobial resistance across the dairy value chain	15/05/18	15/05/23	Completed	C-Memorandum of Understanding (Collaboration)	COFCO Nutrition and Health Research Institute Co. Ltd
Learning economics and finance at Massey (Nanjing University of Finance and Economics)	01/01/19	31/12/23	Completed	C-Consultancy	Nanjing University of Finance and Economics
Collaboration on social science and engagement for natural hazards and risk research	23/11/18	23/11/23	Completed	C-Memorandum of Understanding (Collaboration)	Tongji University
Milk quality and safety	06/09/19	06/09/24	Completed	C-Memorandum of Understanding (Collaboration)	Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences
Doctoral Programme Scholarship	02/07/19	28/03/23	Completed	C-Variation to Contract/Agreement	Foshan University
Research cooperation in the field of milk quality and safety	04/11/19	03/11/24	Completed	C-Memorandum of Understanding (Collaboration)	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs of China
Antimicrobial resistance in dairy farming environments - phase 2	01/07/21	30/06/24	Completed	C-Subcontract (ex Massey only)	Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences
Improving mental health in construction industry and improving safety and health of ethnic minority construction workers in New Zealand	01/12/20	30/11/23	Completed	C-Research & Development (R&D)	Henan Yingsong Technology Co. Ltd