REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

I am writing in response to the request you made to BBSRC under the Freedom of Information Act, which was received on Wednesday 21 September 2016.

Statement of information requested

1) Confirmation of your organisation/departmental budget for each of the last five years for which such data is published and available;
2) Details of any policies relating to evaluating the impact of your departmental/organisational spend in terms of global influence gained for the UK, the UK government and/or your department as a result of that spend;
3) Pursuant to any such policies, how “global influence” is defined within your organisation or department.

Background

The Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC) is one of seven Research Councils that work together as Research Councils UK (RCUK). It is funded from the Government’s Department for Business, Innovation and Skills. BBSRC’s budget for 2014/15 was £509M and it supports around 1,600 scientists and 2,000 research students in universities and institutes in the UK. Information about BBSRC’s mission can be found on our website at http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/organisation/mission.aspx.

UK Shared Business Services (UK SBS) provides a range of services, including IT, to BBSRC and other public sector organisations. UK SBS enters contracts on its clients behalf and provides services to them.

Duty to confirm or deny

BBSRC does hold some of the information requested.

Requested Information

Our response is below;

1) Confirmation of your organisation/departmental budget for each of the last five years for which such data is published and available;
This information is available as part of our Annual Report and is available on our website. Please use this link to access this information; http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/news/.

2) Details of any policies relating to evaluating the impact of your departmental/organisational spend in terms of global influence gained for the UK, the UK government and/or your department as a result of that spend;
This information can be found using BBSRC Impact reports using the following link; http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/news/impact/.
3) Pursuant to any such policies, how “global influence” is defined within your organisation or department.

The term “global influence” isn’t a term defined within BBSRC. Please refer to the BBSRC Annual Report and Impact Reports to see how the BBSRC interprets this phase.

If you have any further questions, please contact me quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely

BBSRC Freedom of Information Officer

Publication: please note that this response to your request may be published on a public website.

Complaints Process

If you are dissatisfied with how we have handled your request, you may register a formal complaint with the BBSRC Complaints Officer at complaints.officer@bbsrc.ac.uk, who will conduct an internal review.

If you are not happy with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner, Information Commissioner’s Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF, Tel: 01625 545 745, https://ico.org.uk/.