

Hina Bokhari
Assembly Member

Date: 11 July 2023

Dear Hina,

Thank you for your letter of 28 June 2023 regarding our discussion at the GLA Oversight Committee meeting on 20 June. I have asked officers to look into the points you raise.

I can now confirm that the Deputy Mayor for Business took part in meetings in Mumbai over two days, on both 17 and 18 April 2019. The Deputy Mayor was on a personal visit to India at that time, and these meetings were organised by London & Partners (L&P) to take advantage of his presence in a key international market for London.

The written response to MQ2021/0577, which states the Deputy Mayor visited Mumbai for one day only, is likely to be down to an error made when drafting the response, as the Deputy Mayor was able to extend his time in Mumbai from one day to two days at short notice. We will ensure the answer is updated online. It remains the case that I find it hard to foresee circumstances in which the GLA would fund a one-day trip to India.

I can also confirm that the Deputy Mayor for Business travelled to Berlin on 3 March 2019 to take part in meetings organised by L&P throughout 4 March 2019. At the committee meeting, I was referring to information provided to me from the GLA's central Foreign Travel Approval log which listed the dates of travel as 3/4/2019-4/4/2019, not 3/3/2019-4/3/2019. I have asked for this typographical error to be corrected, and am happy for the committee to be updated accordingly.

Yours sincerely,



David Bellamy

cc Caroline Pidgeon AM