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(By email)

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the GLA received on 15 January 2019. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested:

Please may I submit an FOI request for the following:

A list of all hotels (including name) used by all existing and previous London deputy mayors on overseas visits since May 2016.

Please find attached the information we hold within the scope of your request:

In an increasingly connected and mobile world, the Mayor is committed to champion London at home and abroad, making the case for inward investment in our city, and working to attract more global business, tourists and talent.

Whilst the Mayor can only lead on a small number of overseas trips, the Deputy Mayors share the responsibility of this important area of work, representing the Mayor and the City Hall in their respective remits to promote London on the global stage. Such visits include a busy schedule of high-profile speaking events, meetings with business and political leaders, actively engaging with leading global cities networks, and exploring innovative policy ideas. With the uncertainty being created by the chaotic Brexit negotiations, the collaborative approach demonstrated by London in such activities are more important now than ever.

All expenditure for the Deputy Mayors trips is in line with the Greater London Authority (GLA)'s Expenses and Benefits Framework. Where applicable, experience from previous Mayoral administrations has also been taken into consideration.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA150119-3308.

Yours sincerely

Ruth Phillips
Information Governance Officer

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| Rajesh Agrawal, Deputy Mayor for Business | Sao Paulo & Rio August 2016 | Renaissance Marriot Hotel Sao Paulo | 1 night | Represented the Mayor and spoke at the Global Investment Conference, at the invitation of UKTI, and undertook other business engagement as part of the British House programme at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games which was delivered in partnership with HM Government and Team GB. Engaged with business leaders and entrepreneurs in Sao Paulo to reassure them that London remains open for business. | Yes - International Olympic Committee |
| | | Excelsior Hotel Rio | 2 nights | | |
| | Chicago & New York September 2016 | Hyatt Regency Chicago | 3 nights | Supported the Mayor on his official visit to North America. Led the Mayor's International Business Programme (MIBP) Trade Mission with 26 high growth technology companies. Held a range of meetings with key FDI clients. | Yes - London and Partners (Rajesh Agrawal is Chair) |
| | | Double Tree Hilton New York | 3 nights | | |
| | Delhi & Mumbai November 2016 | Taj Palace Delhi | 4 nights | Invited by Department of International Trade and Confederation of Indian Industry to speak at the UK - India Tech Summit, India's largest knowledge and technology conference and exhibition, the UK was India's partner country in 2016. Held a series of meetings and events to promote London to fast growth tech companies, investors and multipliers. | Yes - London and Partners (Rajesh Agrawal is Chair) |
| | | Taj Lands End Mumbai | 1 night | | |
| | Barcelona November 2016 | Pastana Arena Barcelona | 1 night | Invited to deliver a key note speech at the Smart Cities Expo World Congress. As the world's leading event for cities, Smart City Expo exists to empower cities and collectivise urban innovation across the globe. Through promoting social innovation, establishing partnerships and identifying business opportunities the world congress is dedicated to creating a better future for cities. He also led a MIBP trade mission with 9 companies and met with key FDI clients. | Yes - London and Partners (Rajesh Agrawal is Chair) |
| | Davos January 2017 | Private accommodation | 2 nights | Attended the World Economic Forum in Davos. Met with key FDI clients and promoted London Is Open to senior international business and political stakeholders. | Stayed in private accommodation |
| | Berlin, Paris and Madrid March 2017 | Sofitel Berlin | 2 nights | Led MIBP Trade Mission with 15 high growth companies from Technology and Life Science sectors to Berlin. Led MIBP Trade Mission with 17 high growth companies from the technology sector to Paris and 22 high growth companies from the technology sector to Madrid. Held a range of meetings with key FDI clients and gave a keynote speech at the Paris Fintech conference. | Yes - London and Partners (Rajesh Agrawal is Chair) |
| | | Hotel Scribe | 1 night | | |
| | | NH Collection Eurobuilding | 2 nights | | |

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| | San Francisco June 2017 | Hotel Zeppelin | 4 nights | Led joint MIBP/Silicon Valley Comes to the UK with 15 female founders of high growth companies. Held a range of meetings with key FDI clients. SVC2UK is an initiative that brings together investors, serial entrepreneurs and first-time CEO's to help high growth companies to become world beaters and grow their companies. One of the companies went on to raise \$8m in US funding. | Yes - London and Partners (Rajesh Agrawal is Chair) |
| | India September 2017 | Taj Lands End Mumbai | 2 nights | Undertook meetings and events to promote London as the pre-eminent business destination to potential investors and fast growth tech companies. Held preparatory meetings ahead of the Mayor's visit to India later in the year. | Yes - London and Partners (Rajesh Agrawal is Chair) |
| | | The Lalit Delhi | 2 nights | | |
| | Lille November 2017 | Couvent Des Minimes Alliance Lille | 1 night | Led a MIBP Mission with 14 high growth companies from the retail technology sector. Also held a range of meetings with key FDI clients | Yes - London and Partners (Rajesh Agrawal is Chair) |

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| | India & Pakistan December 2017 | Taj Palace Hotel Mumbai | 2 nights | Supported the Mayor on his official visit to India and Pakistan. Led the simultaneous MIBP Mission with 17 high growth companies from the technology sector to India. Held a range of meetings with key FDI clients. | Yes - London and Partners (Rajesh Agrawal is Chair) |
| | | The Lalit Delhi | 1 night | | Yes - Government of Pakistan |
| | | The Hyatt Amritsar | 1 night | | |
| | | Serena Hotel Islamabad | 1 night | | |
| | | Avari Towers Karachi | 1 night | | |
| | Vienna March 2018 | Flemings Hotel Wien-City | 2 nights | Led MIBP Mission with 12 high growth companies from the financial services technology and Life Sciences sectors. Held a range of meetings with key FDI clients and met with the Mayor of Vienna. | Yes - London and Partners (Rajesh Agrawal is Chair) |
| | Amsterdam June 2018 | Hilton Amsterdam | 2 nights | Led MIBP Mission with 18 high growth companies from the financial services technology sector. Invited to give a keynote speech at Money2020 Europe, which is where the smartest visionaries and innovators in payments, FinTech and financial services industries come together and build the future of money. Met with the organisers and key FDI clients. | Yes - London and Partners (Rajesh Agrawal is Chair) |
| | Shanghai, Shenzhen & Beijing July 2018 | Park Hyatt Beijing | 1 night | Undertook meetings and events to promote London as the pre-eminent business destination to potential investors and fast growth tech companies. Met with political counterparts. Led MIBP Mission with 10 high growth companies. Held a range of meetings with key FDI clients. Promoted London as the tourist destination; and opened London & Partners' Shenzhen office. | Yes - London and Partners (Rajesh Agrawal is Chair) |
| | | Crowne Plaza Shenzhen | 2 nights | | |
| | | Westin Bund Center Shanghai | 1 night | | |
| | Frankfurt October 2018 | Scandic Frankfurt | 1 night | Led MIBP Mission with 15 high growth companies. Held a range of meetings with key FDI clients. | Yes - London and Partners (Rajesh Agrawal is Chair) |
| | Shanghai, Hangzhou & Beijing - November 2018 | Jing-An Shangri-La | 2 nights | Invited to give a keynote speech at Money20/20 China in Hangzhou. Money20/20 China brought a senior audience of key stakeholders from established multinational organisations to the earliest stage startups as well as retailers, investors, analysts, media, regulators and more. It connects the banking industry with the new tech industry and brings players from the finance eco-system together. This was the first Money20/20 in China. Led MIBP Mission with 12 high growth companies and met with key FDI clients. | Yes - London and Partners (Rajesh Agrawal is Chair) |
| | | Mid Town Shangri-La - Hangzhou | 2 nights | | |
| | | DoubleTree Hilton Beijing | 1 night | | |
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| Shirley Rodrigues, Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy | Copenhagen, Denmark November 2016 | Skt.Petri Hotel | 1 night | Invited to represent the Mayor in Copenhagen to speak at the Urbanisation & Exports Conference. Met with senior policy makers and industrial experts to present an outlook on global urbanization and the need for new sustainable urban solutions as well as discussion on how to promote international collaboration and increase exports. | Yes - Real Dania |
| | Mexico City, Mexico Nov/Dec 2016 | Hilton, Mexico City | 5 nights | Attended C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group Mayors Summit. The C40 Climate Leadership Group is the network of over 90 cities who collaborate on climate change action, and of which London is a founding and active member. This is an important opportunity to network with Mayors and senior city representatives to help create a supportive international context for the Mayor's climate change and air quality manifesto commitments (which includes working with the C40), as well as fulfil the Mayor's Steering Committee duties (the Mayor is a member of the Steering Committee). The Mayors Summit (held every two years) is attended by senior representatives from megacities globally. A handover of chairpersonship took place at the Summit to which London is supportive. | Yes - C40 4 nights |
| | Brussels, Belgium January 2017 | Hotel Thon EU | 1 night | Engage with MEPs to lobby on legislation and reaffirm London's engagement with EU environment policy | |
| | Paris, France March 2017 | Novotel Paris | 1 night | Air Quality Summit - attend C40 Steering Committee representing the Mayor, including at a joint London/Paris/C40 Air Quality Launch of a London Clean Vehicle checker scheme and meeting with car manufacturers. | |
| | New York, United States May 2017 | Refinery Hotel | 2 nights | C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group Mayors Summit Board Meeting. Fostering closer relations with board members to help shape the direction of C40's business going forward. | Yes - C40 |
| | Middelfart, Denmark Jul/Aug 2017 | Hindsgavl Castle | 2 nights | C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group Mayors Summit Board Away Day. Participants are the C40 management team and the C40 Board of Directors. The purpose of the meeting is to focus on how C40 will deliver the goals laid out in the C40 Business Plan 2017-2020, as well as discuss budget priorities for 2018 and proposed European Summit. | Yes - C40 |

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| | Paris, France October 2017 | Scribe Hotel | 1 night | C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group Mayors Summit Steering Committee. To demonstrate London's global leadership on climate change and leadership amongst cities of Europe on climate change. The Deputy Mayor has been nominated to deputise for the Mayor on the Steering Committee. This meeting in Paris is the annual "in person" meeting of C40's Steering Committee with Mayors in attendance. Alongside the Steering Committee activities and Board meetings, C40 host a number of parallel meetings for Mayors and senior representatives of cities to facilitate strategic discussions on international city collaboration and high level communications activities to raise the profile of city led climate action. | Yes - C40 |
| | Brussels, Belgium February 2018 | Thon Hotel EU | 1 night | Speaking at the closing session of the Green Week, an annual conference dedicated to debating environmental issues at EU level organised and hosted by the European Commission. Meeting with EU officials to discuss air quality policy issues. Taking part in this event fulfils one of the actions we set ourselves to achieve when drawing the Air Quality EU lobbying strategy and agreed at the Air Quality Implementation Group (AQIG). | |
| | New York, United States February 2018 | Box House Hotel | 2 nights | Attended C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group Mayors Summit Steering Committee. Meeting with senior representatives of the network, enabling London to steer C40's priorities for 2018, and build relationships with other influential Board members and identify upcoming areas of C40's work that could support the implementation of the London Environment Strategy. | Yes - C40 |
| | Brussels, Belgium May 2018 | Hotel NH Brussels | 1 night | Speaking at the closing session of the Green Week, an annual conference dedicated to debating environmental issues at EU level organised and hosted by the European Commission. Meeting with EU officials to discuss air quality policy issues. Taking part in this event fulfils one of the actions we set ourselves to achieve when drawing the Air Quality EU lobbying strategy and agreed at the Air Quality Implementation Group (AQIG). | |

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| | Bengaluru, India July 2018 | ITC Gardina | 3 nights | Attended Air Quality Forum. Followed up air quality work programme with Bengaluru committed by the Mayor during his visit to India in December 2018. Held bi-lateral meetings with city representatives and other partners, information sharing on initiatives such as health impacts, indoor air quality, wood burning and zero emission vehicles, in order to progress policies included in the recently published London Environment Strategy. | Yes - C40 |
| | San Francisco, United States September 2018 | Palace Hotel | 3 nights | Representing the Mayor at the Global Climate Action Week (GCAW). Participated and/or undertook speaking roles at high level events during GCAW such as the Global Covenant of Mayors, Cities4Climate, Climate Safe Communities for All, Building Up to Net Zero Carbon Emissions, and signing ceremony of the Deadline 2020 event. In addition, fulfilled the obligatory requirements on London as Vice Chair for Europe to attend C40 meetings to be held at GCAS. | Yes - C40 |
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| Jules Pipe, Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration and Skills | Cannes, France March 2017 | Majestic Hotel | 3 nights | MIPIIM is a showcase for all development and investment opportunities in the capital, with over 200 exhibiting companies and over 1,100 delegates including developers, investors and London boroughs. MIPIIM provides a significant opportunity to promote projects, seek new development opportunities and find new joint venture partners. Promoting key initiatives in order help deliver the Mayor's priorities for new housing and economic development. Engage with and influence professionals across the planning and development sector – the Mayor, London boroughs, government, private and public sector developers, construction companies and architects must work together to address the housing shortage | Yes Reed Midem |
| | Cannes, France March 2018 | Majestic Hotel | 4 nights | Same as above | Yes Reed Midem - 3 nights |
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| James Murray, Deputy Mayor for Housing and Residential Development | Washington and New York USA Sept/Oct 2016 | Kimpton Mason and Rook Hotel | 2 nights | Urban Land Institute Tour A tour of housing schemes in Washington and NYC, organised by the Urban Land Insititute. Met with planning and housing representatives from New York City Council, and Build to Rent organisations in New York. Explored both private and public rental housing in the US through a | |

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| | | Jolly Madison Towers | 2 nights | mix of private meetings with industry leaders and selected site visits, discovered best practice and innovation; challenges overcome and lessons learned in the major U.S. cities of Boston and Washington D.C. | |
| | Paris, France Feb 2017 | Westin Paris Vendome | 1 night | Invited to speak at Urban Land Institute Conference in Paris. Participated in a session on 'City Competitiveness & Housing Affordability' along with attendance at a City Leadership session. Met with counterparts from Paris and other cities. | Yes - Urban Land Institute |
| | Cannes, France March 2017 | Majestic Hotel | 3 nights | MIPIM is a showcase for all development and investment opportunities in the capital, with over 200 exhibiting companies and over 1,100 delegates including developers, investors and London boroughs. MIPIM provides a significant opportunity to promote projects, seek new development opportunities and find new joint venture partners. Promoting key initiatives in order help deliver the Mayor's priorities for new housing and economic development. Engage with and influence professionals across the planning and development sector – the Mayor, London boroughs, government, private and public sector developers, construction companies and architects must work together to address the housing shortage | Yes - Reed Midem |
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| | China April 2018 | Renaissance HK Harbour View Hotel | 3 nights | Visit to promote London is Open campaign with political and business leaders in China. Visit to Hong Kong, Shenzhen, Guangzhou and Shanghai to promote the #LondonsOpen campaign with political and business leaders in China. Engage with new FDI leads and projects through bespoke events and activities, and identify and provide opportunities for other commercial partners. Secure development investment and attract potential occupiers, accelerate the delivery of homes for London's various commercial and housing schemes. | |
| | | Conrad Guangzhou | 2 nights | | |
| | | Portman Ritz-Carlton Shanghai (British Embassy marker hotel) | 2 nights | | |
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| Justine Simons, Deputy Mayor for Culture | Moscow, Russia October 2016 | Metropole Hotel | 3 nights | 2016 World Cities Culture Forum Global Summit As Chair of World Cities Culture Forum, led global summit attended by international delegates including senior city officials, Deputy Mayors and creative leaders. Focus of the Summit is to share innovative policies and best practice, including leadership exchange between member cities. The theme of the Moscow summit was Future of Cities and the Role of Culture. Gave opening keynote speech, co-hosted event with the Mayor and senior officials from the host city Moscow. Led a number of sessions, gave media briefings and interviews. Undertook bilateral meetings with member cities to maximise the benefit to London, including Paris, Madrid and Vienna. | Yes - City of Moscow |
| | Seoul, South Korea March 2017 | Somerset Palace Hotel | 4 nights | 2017 World Cities Culture Forum Summit Development. As Chair of the Forum, undertook meetings with host city Mayors Office and senior cultural leaders to shape and agree the overarching theme and programme structure. World Cities Culture Forum is the leading network of global cities shaping urban cultural policy. | |
| | Washington, USA July 2017 | JW Marriott | 2 nights | Vision and Strategic Development Workshop for Culture and Education District. Vision and Strategic Development Workshop for Culture and Education District Invited by the Smithsonian Institute to lead a London delegation of East Bank partners (V&A, Sadlers Wells, UCL, London College of Fashion). Focus on developing a joint strategy for a new culture and education district for the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. | |

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| | Seoul, South Korea Oct/Nov 2017 | Courtyard by Marriot | 5 nights | 2017 World Cities Culture Forum Global Summit. As Chair of World Cities Culture Forum, led global summit attended by international delegates including senior city officials, Deputy Mayors and creative leaders. Focus of the Summit is to share innovative policies and best practice, including leadership exchange between member cities. The theme of the Seoul Summit was "Beyond the Creative City: a new civic agendas for citizens by citizens". Gave opening keynote speech, co-hosted event with the Mayor and senior officials from the host city Seoul. Led a number of sessions, gave media briefings and interviews. Undertook bilateral meetings with member cities to maximise the benefit to London, including new member cities such as Lisbon, Chengdu and Zurich. | Yes - partly funded by Seoul Foundation for the Arts |
| | San Francisco, USA March 2018 | The Marker | 4 nights | 2018 World Cities Culture Forum Summit Development. As Chair of the Forum, undertook meetings with host city Mayors Office and senior cultural leaders to shape and agree the overarching theme and programme structure. World Cities Culture Forum is the leading network of global cities shaping urban cultural policy. | |
| | Detroit, USA October 2018 | Detroit Renaissance Centre Hotel | 2 nights | Bloomberg CityLab 18 (speaker). Invited to give keynote speech for City Lab conference on London's innovative cultural policies to support jobs, growth, social inclusion, regeneration and the creative economy, including new Creative Enterprise Zones. Attended by approximately 50 Mayors from across USA and internationally. | Yes - CityLab Bloomberg Philanthropies |
| | San Francisco, USA November 2018 | The Clift Royal Sonesta Hotel | 6 nights | 2018 World Cities Culture Forum Global Summit. As Chair of World Cities Culture Forum, led global summit attended by international delegates including senior city officials, Deputy Mayors and creative leaders. Focus of the Summit is to share innovative policies and best practice, including leadership exchange between member cities. The theme of the San Francisco Summit was "Culture and New Technologies Transforming World Cities". Gave opening keynote speech, co-hosted event with the Mayor and senior officials from the host city Seoul. Led a number of sessions, gave media briefings and interviews. Undertook bilateral meetings with member cities to maximise the benefit to London, including new member cities such as Dublin, Helsinki, Nanjing and Oslo. | Yes - partly funded by San Francisco Travel |

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| Joanne McCartney, Statutory Deputy Mayor | Riga, Latvia September 2017 | Semarah Hotel Metropole | 1 night | EU Capital City Mayors meeting in Europe. Representing the Mayor at the meeting of the EU Capital City Mayors with the European Commission to discuss the impact of specific EU policies on cities. | |
| | Brussels, Belgium September 2018 | N Grand Place Arenbert | 1 night | EU Capital City Mayors meeting in Europe. Representing the Mayor at the meeting of the EU Capital City Mayors with the European Commission to discuss the impact of specific EU policies on cities. | |
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| Fiona Twycross, Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience | Paris, France November 2018 | Cercle National des Armees | 2 nights | Attending the Counter-Terrorism Preparedness and Societal Resilience Project and European Conference of the Victim Support Association. Information and discussions of best practice and mutual interest | Yes - Ministere de la Justice, Paris |
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| Sophie Linden, Deputy Mayor for Policing | Brussels, Belgium March 2018 | NH Brussels Louise | 1 night | EU Mayors Conference: Building Urban Defences Against Terrorism (DMPC spoke on behalf of the Mayor) | |
| | New York, USA November 2018 | Hilton Hotel Tribeca | 4 nights | Joint visit with MPS to New York Police Department - fact finding visit/discussions of mutual interest | |
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| Val Shawcross (DM for Transport May 2016-May 2018) | Nil return | | | | |
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| Heidi Alexander (DM for Transport (from May 2018) | Nil return | | | | |
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| Matthew Ryder (DM for Social Integration Oct 2016-Nov 2018) | Cape Town, South Africa Nov 2016 | Cape Grace Hotel | 1 night | Meeting with the Mayor of Cape Town, High Commissioner of Cape Town | |
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| Debbie Weekes-Bernard (DM Social Integration (from Nov 2018) | Nil return | | | | |
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