

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA100220-2329

3 March 2020

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your requests for information which the GLA received on 9 February 2020. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested:

Please could you respond to the following questions as a Freedom of Information request?

- 1) How many times has Sadiq met with the chief executive, chair and senior management of South Western Rail? May we see the correspondence if available?*
- 2) How many international trips has Sadiq Khan taken during his mayoralty and to where? What method of travel did he use on each occasion?*
- 3) Of the new homes built during Sadiq Khan's mayoralty, how many in number and percentage terms have been fitted with gas boilers?*

Our responses to your request are as follows:

1) How many times has Sadiq met with the chief executive, chair and senior management of South Western Rail? May we see the correspondence if available?

We have conducted searches and we have not located any correspondence or meeting records within the scope of your request.

For reference, the Mayor has committed to publishing his diary as part of his commitment to openness and transparency and they can be found at <https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/governance-and-spending/sharing-our-information/publication-scheme/mayor-londons-diary>

The Mayor's reports to the London Assembly also contain details of key meetings and can be reviewed at <https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/mayor-london/mayors-reports-assembly>

2) How many international trips has Sadiq Khan taken during his mayoralty and to where? What method of travel did he use on each occasion?

The Mayor has undertaken thirteen international visits since May 2016 in order to champion London's interests overseas. Details of these visits can be found below.

1. On 18 February 2020, the Mayor visited Brussels to meet with senior EU leaders and the UK Mission to the EU to discuss the status of the negotiations on the future EU-UK relationship and to ensure that London is at the forefront of these discussions. During the meetings he stressed the need for close alignment with the EU in spite of Brexit, the importance of protecting EU citizens' rights and the need for action on the climate emergency. The Mayor travelled on Eurostar both to and from Brussels.
2. On 27 January 2020 the Mayor attended the commemoration to mark the 75th anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi concentration camps, Auschwitz-Birkenau, in Poland. The Mayor met with Holocaust survivors and paid respects to all those who lost their lives during the Holocaust. He unveiled London's name on the donor walls at the main entrance to Auschwitz in recognition of our grant to the Auschwitz-Birkenau Foundation to help preserve the concentration camps and the lessons they tell us for generations to come. The Mayor flew to and from Krakow.
3. On 1 and 2 September 2019, the Mayor visited Warsaw and Gdansk. On the invitation of the Mayor of Gdansk, he took part in a special ceremony to mark the 80th anniversary of the outbreak of World War Two in Gdansk. The Mayor then met with senior political and business stakeholders in Warsaw to bang the drum for London in one of the EU's fastest growing economies. Whilst in Warsaw he also spoke at events to highlight the need to combat the rise of far-right extremism across Europe. The Mayor flew to Gdansk and from Warsaw. The Mayor travelled from Gdansk to Warsaw by train.
4. On 6 December 2018, the Mayor went to Dublin as part of a series of visits to European cities to make the case that despite Brexit, London remains open to the world. He spoke at the Dublin Chamber of Commerce's Annual Lunch and held talks with senior political leaders to discuss the enduring friendship between London and Ireland. The Mayor flew both ways.
5. During the Mayor's trip to Berlin and Paris on 12 and 13 November 2018, the Mayor met with senior political and business stakeholders to highlight trade and investment opportunities in London, and further strengthened relations with counterpart cities in the run up to Brexit. The Mayor flew from London to Berlin, Berlin to Paris, and took the Eurostar from Paris to London.
6. On 26 October 2018, the Mayor travelled to Brussels for meetings with senior EU politicians including the EU's chief Brexit negotiator, Michel Barnier, to discuss the capital's needs from the Brexit negotiations. The Mayor travelled on Eurostar.
7. In March 2018, the Mayor attended South by Southwest in Austin. In addition to making one of the keynote speeches, the Mayor held bilateral meetings with US-based business leaders to encourage future investment in the capital. His flights were provided by the organiser of South by Southwest.

8. In December 2017, the Mayor visited India and Pakistan. The focus of the Mayor's visit was to build new business and trade links in these two countries, and to make connections across their cultural and creative industries. The visit increased awareness in India and Pakistan's business communities that, despite Brexit, London remains open for business and a key destination for investment and tourism. The Mayor flew to all destinations.
9. On 23 October 2017, the Mayor attended the Mayoral meeting of the C40 Steering Committee in Paris, alongside Mayors from 11 other cities, including Paris, Tokyo, Los Angeles and Milan. He also undertook bilateral meetings with the Mayors of Barcelona, Los Angeles and the Governor of Tokyo. The visit reinforced London's leading role in climate change initiatives and strengthened city-to-city ties between London and other global cities. The Mayor travelled on Eurostar.
10. During the Mayor's visit to Brussels and Paris on 27-28 March 2017, he held talks with senior EU officials on the impact of Brexit on London and the European Union, particularly around security cooperation, financial services and citizens' rights, as well as the capital's needs from the withdrawal negotiations. He highlighted existing business successes and promoted the London's Open Campaign to political and business leaders. The Mayor travelled on Eurostar and trains.
11. The Mayor attended the World Economic Forum in Davos on 18-19 January 2017, where he spoke to senior political and business leaders to promote London as the pre-eminent business capital of the world. The Mayor flew to and from Zurich.
12. Between 14-19 September 2016, the Mayor visited Montreal, Chicago and New York, during which he shared platforms with Heads of Government, senior business and political leaders. He also met with community and faith representatives, attended cultural events and visited various business and redevelopment projects. The Mayor flew to all destinations.
13. On 25 August 2016, the Mayor visited Paris as a special guest of honour to mark the anniversary of the liberation of Paris during the Second World War. During the visit the Mayor also met with the Mayor of Paris and French business representatives where they pledged closer collaboration between the two cities following the EU referendum result. The Mayor travelled on Eurostar.

3) Of the new homes built during Sadiq Khan's mayoralty, how many in number and percentage terms have been fitted with gas boilers?

The GLA does not hold the information that you have requested for new homes funded by the GLA. We do not require our registered partners to report this information to the GLA.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA100220-2329.

Yours sincerely


Information Governance Officer

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<https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/governance-and-spending/sharing-our-information/freedom-information>