

GREATER **LONDON** AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA301118-9627

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 30 November 2018. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested:

- A list of all hotels (including name) used by the Mayor and his team on overseas visits since May 2016.

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

All expenditure for the Mayor's trips is in line with the Greater London Authority (GLA)'s Expenses and Benefits Framework. Overseas hotels used by the Mayor and his team have been selected in line with guidance and suggestions set by HM Government, ie the British Embassies and High Commissions in the countries visited. Where applicable, experience from previous Mayoral administrations has also been taken into consideration.

- Between 14-19 September 2016, the Mayor visited Montreal, Chicago and New York during which he shared platforms with heads of states and 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 and accompanying delegation stayed for one night at the Le Germain Hotel in Montreal; two nights at the Sheraton Grand Chicago; and two nights at the Gild Hall hotel in New York. The Mayor's accommodation at the Le Germain Hotel in Montreal was provided by the Canadian Government.

- 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 stayed at the Sunstar Alpine hotel. The accompanying staff stayed at a private accommodation.

- Between 27-29 March 2017, the Mayor visited Brussels and Paris he highlighted existing business successes, promoted the LondonIsOpen Campaign to political and business leaders, reinforced London's leading role in climate change initiatives, and strengthened economic and city-to-city ties between London and the two EU capital cities.

The Mayor and accompanying delegation stayed for one night at the Thon Hotel EU in Brussels; and one night at the Novotel Paris Les Halles.

- 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 demonstrated that London remains open for business and a key destination for investment and tourism following the EU referendum.

The Mayor and accompanying delegation stayed two nights at the Taj Mahal Palace and Tower in Mumbai; one night at the Lalit New Delhi; one night at the Hyatt Amritsar; and one night at the Serena Hotel Islamabad. In Karachi the Mayor stayed at the British Ambassador's Residence and the accompanying delegation stayed at the Avari Towers for one night. As guests of Government, accommodation in Pakistan for the delegation was provided by the Pakistan Government.

- In March 2018, the Mayor attended South by Southwest in Austin. In addition to making one of this year's keynote speeches, the mayor held bilateral meetings with US-based business leaders to encourage future investment in the capital.

The Mayor stayed two nights at the Sheraton Austin. His accompanying staff stayed at an AirBnB flat. The Mayor's accommodation was provided by the organiser of South by Southwest.

- During the Mayor's most recent trip to Berlin and Paris in November 2018, the Mayor met with senior political and business stakeholders to highlight trade and investment opportunities in London, and further strengthened relationship with counterpart cities in the run up to Brexit.

The Mayor's delegation stayed at the Cosmos Hotel Berlin Mitte for one night, and at the Hotel Du Rond Point Des Champs Elysees Paris for one night.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA301118-9627.

Yours sincerely

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