GREATERLONDON AUTHORITY

Our Ref: MGLA301219-9546 (by email)

Date: 28 January 2020

Dear

Thank you for your request for information which the GLA received on 30 December 2019. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested:

• how many trips the Mayor has made to Brussels, where he has stayed, his itinerary (including meetings, meals and with whom) and who paid?

Since May 2016, the Mayor has visited Brussels twice (27-28 March 2017 and 26 October 2018.). During these visits the Mayor held talks with senior EU officials on the impact of Brexit on London and the European Union (EU), particularly around security cooperation, financial services and citizens' rights, as well as the capital's needs from the withdrawal negotiations.

Travel and subsistence costs related to these visits were met by the Greater London Authority (GLA). The Mayor's itineraries were as follows:

27-28 March 2017

27 March:

12:58 - 16:08	Eurostar from London to Brussels
18.00 - 18.30	Meeting with Sir Julian King, European Commissioner for the Security Union

28 March:

08.00 - 09.00	Keynote speech at "The New European Order," hosted by Politico
09.30 - 09.55	Meeting with Guy Verhofstadt MEP, European Parliament Brexit Coordinator and Chair of the Brexit Steering Group
10.00 – 10.30	Meeting with Antonio Tajani, President of the European Parliament
11.10 – 11.40	Meeting with Maroš Šefčovič, Vice-President for the Energy Union
12.15 - 13.00	Meeting with Yvan Mayeur, Mayor of Brussels

13.30 - 14.00	Meeting with Frans Timmermans, First Vice-President of the European
	Commission
14.15 - 14.45	Meeting with Carlos Moedas, European Commissioner covering the portfolio of Research, Science and Innovation
15.00 – 15.30	Meeting with Jean-Claude Juncker, President of the European Commission
16.13 – 17.44	Train from Brussels to Paris

On 27 March, the Mayor stayed at the Thon Hotel EU, Rue de la Loi 75, Brussels.

26 October 2018

06:47-10:07	Eurostar from London to Brussels
11:00-11:45	Meeting with Michel Barnier, Chief Negotiator, Article 50 Task Force
12:30-13:00	Meeting with Valdis Dombrovskis, Vice-President for the Euro and Social Dialogue and European Commissioner for Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union
13:00-13:45	Media interview and sandwich lunch with GLA officials
13:45-14:15	Meeting with Maroš Šefčovič, Vice-President for the Energy Union
14:45-15:30	Meeting with Julian King, European Commissioner for the Security Union
16:56-18:06	Eurostar from Brussels to London

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Yours sincerely

Information Governance Officer

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