

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA150121-3984

4 February 2021

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 14 January 2021. Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested:

It has been reported that former VBS banker Robert Madzonga has given testimony to South African investigators that he and other former VBS executives had dinner with Mr Khan in the summer of 2017. Mr Madzonga stated that also at the dinner was Angolan banker Alvaro Sobrinho. Other former VBS linked individuals at the dinner were said to be Danny Msiza, Joseph Malukeke, Kabelo Matsepe, Tshifhiwa Matodzi and Andile Ramavhunga.

I have checked Mr Khan's official diary and it does not include any mention of this dinner. It seems it would have been in late July or early August 2017.

Please can you tell me the day of the dinner and provide a list of all of those present. Where did it take place? Who booked the dinner? Who paid for it? If it was paid for by Mr Khan, did he claim it on expenses and if so how much was it?

What was the purpose of the dinner? What was discussed?

Please can you tell me how many times in total Mr Khan has met Mr Sobrinho. Please provide dates and locations of these meetings. What was the purpose of these meetings if there were any?

The GLA's response to your request is below:

Regarding the first part of your request, we have no record of any such dinner involving the Mayor of London in the summer of 2017 based on the information you provided, or of any meeting at any time between the Mayor and Mr Sobrinho.

The GLA publishes information which may be of interest:

The Mayor's diary is routinely published at <https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/governance-and-spending/sharing-our-information/publication-scheme/mayor-londons-diary> and the

Mayor's reports to the London Assembly list key engagements
<https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/mayor-london/mayors-reports-assembly>

You can view all gifts and hospitality records at
<https://www.london.gov.uk/people/mayoral/sadiq-khan/gifts-hospitality>

Expenses records are at <https://www.london.gov.uk/people/mayoral/sadiq-khan/expenses>

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA150121-3984.

Yours sincerely



Information Governance Officer

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