

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

[REDACTED]
(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA050819-9382

24 October 2019

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the GLA received on 5 August 2019 and your further clarification of 20 August. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

You asked for;

I would like emails from Boris Johnson during his period of office as Mayor (2008-2016) and the following named individuals at the Foreign Office: Sir Simon McDonald, Sir Simon Fraser, Sir Peter Ricketts, Margaret Beckett, David Miliband, William Hague, Philip Hammond, Alan Duncan

Our response to your request is as follows:

Please note that all IT accounts belonging to the former Mayoral team have previously been deleted, however the GLA does hold some Mayoral correspondence within scope of your request - please find attached. Some further correspondence has been withheld under s. 27 (International Relations), s.29 (The Economy) and s.40 (Personal information) of the Freedom of Information Act.

Section 27 (2) applies to some of the withheld information because it relates to information obtained from a state other than the United Kingdom. The information is not in the public domain and for the purposes of this section any information obtained from a State is confidential at any time while the terms on which it was obtained require it to be held in confidence or while the circumstances in which it was obtained make it reasonable for the State, to expect that it will be so held.

Section 29 applies to information where disclosure would or would be likely to prejudice the economic interests of the UK or the financial interests of a UK administration. In this instance it is considered that the prejudice relates to the economic interests of the UK and that the information in question is time sensitive pending ongoing negotiations.

Section 40 (2) applies to correspondence which contains Personal information of third parties. The content is biographical in nature and as such constitutes as personal data which is defined by Article 4(1) of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) to mean any information relating to an identified or identifiable living individual. It is considered that disclosure of this

information would contravene the first data protection principle under Article 5(1) of GDPR which states that Personal data must be processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to the data subject.

Section 27(2) and section 29 are qualified exemptions and subject to the public interest test.

It accepted that there is a public interest in a greater understanding of the UK's foreign relations and the information could also provide the public with a better understanding of Britain's conduct overseas. There is also a public interest in promoting accountability and transparency by public authorities on matters relating to the UK economy.

However, we do not consider it within the public interest to disclose information given in confidence to UK officials and where it is expected that the UK continue to protect its confidentiality. We also do not consider it within the public interest to disclose information which would harm the economic interests of the UK.

Disclosure would be prejudicial to the UK's relations with foreign States and withholding the material serves the public interest better than release in this instance.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely


Information Governance Officer

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



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21 FEB 2013

Simon Fraser CMG
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15 February 2013

Dear Boris,

INVITATION TO SPEAK AT THE FCO LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE: 15 MAY 2013

Each year the FCO holds a Leadership Conference in London. This is a central moment in the FCO's year, when we set the strategic direction of the organisation. All of the FCO's Heads of Mission attend, together with Ministers, FCO Board members, Directors and external guests.

This year's event will be in the week commencing Monday 13 May, and will focus on the role of the FCO in delivering security and prosperity for the UK and on the capabilities we need to be the best Diplomatic Service in the world.

Our closing event will take place on Wednesday 15 May at the FCO in King Charles Street. It would be wonderful if you could attend as our closing speaker at 1300 to talk about leadership, London and the Foreign Office, or whatever variants of those themes inspire you. If you are able to come I would be happy to discuss in more detail.

yes,
Siri.

Simon Fraser

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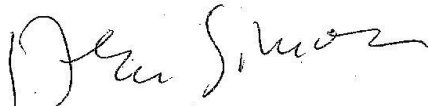
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Date:

22 MAR 2013

Simon Fraser CMG

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Dear Mr Fraser

Thank you for your letter of 15 February kindly inviting me to speak at the FCO's Leadership Conference in May.

I am very sorry but, much as I am very grateful for the invitation, unfortunately it is not possible for me to accept on this occasion as my diary is already full with Mayoral commitments and engagements on that day.

However, Sir Edward Lister, my Chief of Staff and Deputy Mayor for Planning, would be happy to speak in my place. If this is acceptable to you, please could your office contact his PA, [REDACTED] or by email at [REDACTED]@[london.gov.uk](mailto:mayor@london.gov.uk) to make the necessary arrangements.

I hope the Conference is a fantastic success.

Yours sincerely



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Rt Hon William Hague MP

First Secretary of State and Secretary of State for
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Date:

11 MAR 2013

Dear William

I am writing to update you on the preparations for the 9th World Islamic Economic Forum (WIEF) in London and to seek your support in ensuring that both the UK and London maximise the opportunities presented by WIEF.

I am delighted WIEF chose London for its first conference ever to be held outside of a Muslim country. The Forum is a fantastic opportunity for the UK and London, both in terms of the interest generated by 2,000 delegates and multiple Heads of State, and in terms of trade and investment. The Forum will not only further strengthen London's status as the conference and event capital of the world, but will also promote London as a centre for Islamic Finance, in line with the aim of the Islamic Finance Task Force.

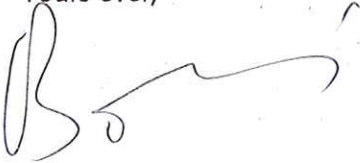
As you are aware, my office and my promotional organisation London & Partners are working very closely with WIEF and colleagues across government to assist with preparations for the event. The Memorandum of Understanding with the UK agencies will be signed by the Hon Tun Musa Hitam, Chairman of the WIEF Foundation when he is next in London on 21 March.

However, I understand serious concerns have arisen in relationships with WIEF due to the absence of Guest of Government status for visiting Heads. Sir Edward Lister, my Chief of Staff and Deputy Mayor for Policy & Planning, wrote to Lord Green to address these issues on 19 February. The FCO has subsequently offered a tailored package, but this is only up to 12 Heads of State, whereas the guarantee of Guest of Government status for all visiting Heads of State would encourage them to bring high level business delegations to participate in the British Business Pavilion. (We estimate, for example, that conferences of a similar size to WIEF bring economic benefits of up to £10m to their host cities). It would also increase our influence on the themes of the conference, including Islamic Finance, entrepreneurship, youth, education and empowerment of women which are crucial to overall delivery of UK objectives.

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I want to re-iterate our commitment to working collaboratively with colleagues across government to ensure the event is a resounding success. However, this current difficulty is holding up the process and I am therefore seeking your assistance in resolving this matter as soon as possible. If there is anything further my office or London & Partners could do to help speed up the progress please let me know.

Yours ever,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Boris Johnson', written in a cursive style.

Boris Johnson
Mayor of London

Cc: Rt Hon Baroness Warsi, Minister of State for Faith and Communities, Senior Minister of State, FCO

MAYOR OF LONDON

Rt Hon William Hague MP
Secretary of State
Foreign and Commonwealth Office
King Charles Street
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Our Ref: MGLA030314-0349

Date: 18 MAR 2014

Dear William

Thank you for your letter of 24 February suggesting I meet with the groups of individuals who are chosen to participate in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office International Leaders Programme.

Whilst I am happy to support the invaluable work of the FCO in this way, rather than let the pressures on my diary delay interaction with groups of visitors, my Deputy Mayors, Senior Advisers and Directors will be available to meet with them and provide insight into the opportunities and challenges facing the capital. I understand that the Programme team at the FCO is in touch with my International Relations Team to share advice on upcoming visits and they would be happy to make the suitable arrangements.

We look forward to welcoming visitors from your excellent Programme to City Hall in the near future.

Thank you for getting in touch.

Yours ever,



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From the Secretary of State

Dear Boris,

One of the many reasons the United Kingdom is respected and influential abroad is the large number of world leaders who have worked, studied or travelled to our country at some stage in their career. The lifetime of respect and warmth many of them go on to feel towards our country are an asset for our economy and our foreign policy; informing the decisions they make about where to invest, colouring their opinions, and influencing their desire to collaborate with us in many areas.

In the much more competitive global landscape of the 21st century we cannot take this affinity and positive regard for granted. We have to foster our ties with the next generation of world leaders from our traditional allies and from the new global powers of the future.

This is why in March 2013 I founded the Foreign and Commonwealth Office International Leaders Programme. Each year, we bring groups of rising stars from around the world to the United Kingdom.

The participants are selected for their potential to become leaders in government, politics, international organisations, global business or the media. These are individuals whom the Foreign Office assesses will be in a position to make decisions that affect the United Kingdom's future prosperity and security.

We bring them to the UK in groups of ten at a time, to gain an immersion in British culture, political life, media, business, academia and civil society. They meet me and other members of the Government. They visit Parliament and some of our leading businesses. We strive to show them the very best of British ideas, innovation, democracy and institutions.

Among the groups we have hosted so far, we have noted a definite positive shift in perceptions of the UK, a greater understanding of our country, and new opportunities for cooperation. In turn, we have been able to gain an insight into the thinking of a new generation of opinion formers. And over time, we will be able to develop a dynamic and influential alumni group, all with a common connection to our country. And we will reinforce the United Kingdom's role as a global hub, where talented people can build links and exchange ideas with each other and with our own leading figures.

I am writing to ask you if you would be willing to support the aims of this programme, by sparing some time to meet one of these groups of visitors. This would add enormously to the insight they are able to gain into the United Kingdom. I meet each group myself, and find the experience very rewarding. I am confident you would too, and I therefore hope you will be able to accept this invitation. My officials will be in touch to provide any further information you might need.

Yr ever,
Will.

WILLIAM HAGUE

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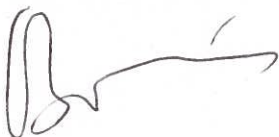
Many congratulations on your reappointment as Foreign Secretary. It was a stunning general election victory and I am delighted the Government can now deliver its Long-term Economic Plan to keep the capital, and the rest of the UK, firmly on the road to economic recovery.

With a year left of my Mayoralty I am as committed as ever to ensuring that London remains the greatest city on earth to do business, invest, study and visit. Building on the success of my previous overseas trade and investment missions I plan to visit Israel and Japan later this year to bang the drum for London and the UK, and our respective teams are making the necessary arrangements. I am also committed to making sure London plays a significant part in supporting the Prime Minister's target of doubling exports to £1 trillion by 2020 and I look forward to working with Francis Maude in his new role to achieve this.

It is also encouraging to learn that that DCMS is behind a UK bid for EXPO 2025. This could bring a huge boost to the UK's economy and I will make a decision shortly as to whether I campaign for London to be considered as the city that would be best placed to host EXPO 2025.

Once again, congratulations on your reappointment and I look forward to working with you over the year ahead.

Yours ever,



Boris Johnson
Mayor of London

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Rt Hon Philip Hammond MP

Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs
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Date: 07 SEP 2015

Dear Philip

I would like to invite you to attend a very special event from 7.30pm on Thursday 5 November at the former Olympic Stadium to mark 10 years since London's successful Olympic bid, which led to the greatest Games ever in 2012, and also to look ahead to the ambitious plans in and around Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.

The event will involve some special guests from the Games, as well the formal launch of my new charity, Foundation for FutureLondon. The charity will be fundraising for Olympicopolis, the new cultural and educational quarter on the Park, which will become a major tourist and visitor destination and the home to some of the world's best arts, cultural and educational institutions.

The project is larger in scale than the Pompidou Centre in Paris and will help cement the incredible economic legacy from the Games, creating over £3bn in additional economic value and further underlining why the IOC describe London as delivering the most successful Games legacy programme in history.

Olympicopolis involves the Victoria and Albert Museum, Sadler's Wells, the London College of Fashion, University College London and the Smithsonian Institution, all of which are committed to building on the fantastic achievements we have been able to realise through preparation for and hosting of the Games.

I would be delighted if you could attend this event, given your significant contribution in the lead up to and during the Games.

Yours ever,



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