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Department: **International Relations**

Our Ref: MGLA140318-6585

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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information request

Thank you for your email, which was received by the Greater London Authority on 14 March. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked for:

Details of the Mayor's trip to France in October 2017.

- 1) The total cost of the trip, including travel, accommodation and expenses filed which relate to the trip (taxis, dining, etc) for the Mayor, his entourage and any other staff joining him,
- 2) Costs for the trip itemised by claimant (e.g. travel, accommodation & expenses per traveller),
- 3) List of attendees on the Mayor's trip to France in October 2017 (including staff and the wider delegation who came along),
- 4) Itinerary of the Mayor's trip (including meetings, meals and entertainment where possible).

Our response to your request is as follows:

On 23 October 2017, the Mayor visited Paris with four accompanying members of GLA staff. During the visit, he spoke at the C40 Climate Change Leadership Group Steering Committee meeting, 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 Paris.

The Mayor was accompanied by the following GLA staff members.

- Leah Kreitzman, Mayoral Director, External and International Affairs
- Sarah Brown, Senior Advisor, Communications
- Simon Rees, Senior International Relations Officer
- Chris McQuiggin, Mayor's Senior Aide

The total cost to the GLA was £818.17. These include:

- Eurostar tickets of £161.50 for Ms Brown, Mr Rees and Mr McQuiggin.
- Vehicle hire for one day of £332.67

Other costs covered by third parties:

- The Mayor's Eurostar tickets (£161.50) were reclaimed from C40 Leadership Programme.
- Ms Kreitzman's Eurostar tickets (£212.69) were reclaimed from Aspen Institute for her attendance at the CityLab conference which ran in parallel to the C40 event

A trade delegation organised by the Mayor's International Business Programme (MIBP) travelled to Paris with the Mayor.

- Janet Coyle, Principal Advisor for Growth, London & Partners
- Richa Ghai, Programme Manager, Mayor's International Business Programme
- Jenny Singh, Marketing Manager, Mayors International Business Programme
- Lora Jones, Senior Press Officer, London & Partners
- Melinda Nicci, Baby2Body, CEO
- Matthew Chic, Benivo, Chief Commercial Officer
- Catarina de Avillez, Billion Dollar Boy, Head of Lifestyle UK
- Ruan van de Venter, brightblue consulting ltd, Director
- Kevin Dolgin, GeoUniq, Director
- Dana Denis-Smith, Obelisk Support, Founder
- Jack Bridger, Photospire, Growth Manager
- Richard Levis, RangeRoom, Sales & Menswear
- Dorota Smaggia, Realeyes, Managing Director France
- Karoline Gross, Smartzer, Founder
- Fredrik Segerby, Tailify Software Limited, CEO & co-founder
- Pip Jamieson, The dots, Founder & CEO
- Pamela Bateson, Thrive Partners, CEO

The delegation was also joined by two BBC reporters.

- Tim Donovan, BBC London Broadcast Journalist
- Richard Miliken, BBC Cameraman

An overview of the Mayor's itinerary are as follows.

- 10.24-13.47 Eurostar to Paris and meeting with MIBP delegation en-route
- 14.15-15.10 Speak at C40 Climate Change Leadership Group Steering Committee
- 15.10-15.30 Meeting with Governor of Tokyo
- 15.30-15.50 Meeting with Mayor of Los Angeles
- 17.13-18.32 Eurostar to London

If you have any further questions relating to the information provided, please contact me, ensuring that you quote the reference at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely



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