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Dear [REDACTED]

**Freedom of Information request**

Thank you for your email of 11 February. You asked:

*Please give me the following relating to the Mayor's trip to the United States this week:*

1. *A list of all City Hall/GLA and any other staff who accompanied him.*

The Mayor was accompanied by:

- To Boston, New York and Washington, D.C.:
  - Sir Edward Lister (Chief of Staff and Deputy Mayor, Policy and Planning)
  - Will Walden (Director of Communications and External Affairs)
  - Benjamin Gascoigne (Private Secretary to the Mayor)
  - Dominic Hurley (International Relations Manager)
  - Simon Rees (Senior International Relations Officer)
  - Samantha Hart (Head of Media)
  - Ben McKnight (Senior Press Officer)
- To New York and Washington, D.C. only:
  - Munira Mirza (Deputy Mayor for Education and Culture)
- To New York only:
  - Stephen Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime)
  - Justine Simons (Senior Manager, Culture and Creative Industries)
  - Blair Gibbs (Principal Adviser to Stephen Greenhalgh)

2. *A list of all official meetings he had in the US with public officials, businesspeople and others*

Please see the attached copy of the Mayor's itinerary, which includes meetings with officials, businesspeople and events to support the tech and life science delegation of SMEs travelling under the Mayor's Export Programme. The SME delegations were able to secure a number of important contracts: for example, whilst in New York, the Mayor announced that Digital Shadows had secured \$8 million in a new funding round and had signed a deal with an Asset Management company to the value of \$600,000. Furthermore, following the Mayor's visit, Remitia has announced that its future order book stands at \$15 billion in supplier instant payments, and Sybenetix, the leading Enterprise Behavioural Analytics company, has announced a deal worth \$500,000.

3. *A summary of all costs relating to the whole trip, for the Mayor and for any accompanying staff, including: air fares; ground transportation costs; accommodation and subsistence costs; costs of security. If any of these costs are covered other than through public funds, please indicate the source.*

The costs incurred by the GLA are:

Flights: £14,419.80  
Trains: £3,338.23  
Hotels: £8,873.27  
Ground transportation: £11,869.25  
Incidentals: £1,444.20  
Total: £39,944.75

Please note that:

1. The breakdown above does not include costs for Stephen Greenhalgh or Blair Gibbs, as those costs were incurred by the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC), not the GLA.
2. As is commonplace with senior visiting dignitaries in New York, the New York Police Department (NYPD) offered the use of two vehicles and three protection officers during the Mayor's stay in New York. All associated costs were incurred by the NYPD.
3. In Boston, the Boston Police Department (BPD) offered the use of one vehicle, a driver and a protection officer given the adverse weather conditions. All associated costs were incurred by the BPD.

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

Yours sincerely

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