

**Corporate Management**  
**Our ref:** MGLA080116-2467

**Date:** 4 February 2016

Dear [REDACTED]

**Freedom of Information request**

Thank you for your email of 7 January 2016. Our response to your request is as follows:

*"Please list the occasions and destinations when first class air travel has been used by the Mayor of London, and any of the Deputy Mayors, since 2012, including the cost of the travel"*

Our response to your request is detailed in the attached Excel spreadsheet.

As indicated in the GLA Expenses and Benefits framework, it is permitted for GLA staff to use business class tickets for flights that are more than six hours long. The GLA does not purchase first class tickets unless they are cheaper than any alternative fares at the time of purchase. Airlines and organisations have at times covered the cost of flights for the Mayor and / or Deputy Mayors, details of which can be found on the GLA website and in the attached document.  
<https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/mayor-london/mayor-and-his-team>

On the few occasions the Mayor has travelled first class this has been the result of a free upgrade provided by the airline, a gift provided by an external organisation, or because the cost of first class was less than (business) class. All gifts and hospitality have been declared in line with GLA policy.

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

**Meena Shah**  
Information Governance Officer

If you are unhappy with the way the GLA has handled your request, you may complain using the complaints procedure, available at: <http://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/greater-london-authority-gla/sharing-our-information/freedom-information>