

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA011018-4103

25 October 2018

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your requests for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 28 September 2018. Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA) and our response to your requests (below) is as follows:

1. *A copy of all correspondence between Shaun Bailey's GLA email and GLA Conservative Group postal address and anyone with an @Conservatives email address over last 6 months. (4103)*
2. *A copy of all correspondence (email and letters) between Shaun Bailey's Support Officer or other GLA Conservative group office staff members working on his behalf and anyone with an @Conservatives email address over last 6 months. (4103)*
3. *A copy of all correspondence to or from GLA email and GLA conservative postal addresses between the following: Assembly member, Shaun Bailey, Toby Williams, Senior Press Officer for the GLA Conservatives Group, Lucy Harris, Press Officer for the GLA Conservatives Group Shaun Bailey's support officer Any other GLA Conservative group office staff members working on Shaun Bailey's behalf, And anyone working as a journalist or admin liaison at the Evening Standard newspaper over last 6 months. (4104)*
4. *A copy of all correspondence between Shaun Bailey's GLA email and GLA Conservative Group postal address and anyone with an @Conservatives email address over last 6 months. (4105)*
5. *A copy of all correspondence (email and letters) between Shaun Bailey's Support Officer or other GLA Conservative group office staff members working on his behalf and anyone with an @Conservatives email address over last 6 months. (4105)*
6. *A copy of Assembly Member Shaun Bailey's full diary as on his GLA outlook account over the past year. (4106)*
7. *A list of every time Shaun Bailey has had contact - email, phone or physical meeting - with George Osborne, editor of the Evening Standard, over last 6 months. (4106)*

While the is a public authority for the purposes of FOIA, information created by, or on behalf of, Shaun Bailey will not constitute 'information held' by the GLA under section 3(2)(a) of the Act where it relates to private or political purposes and the GLA is just providing storage, office space or computing facilities - i.e. the authority is not holding the information to any extent for its own purposes.

For more information on this subject, please visit the Information Commissioner's website via the following link: https://ico.org.uk/media/for-organisations/documents/1148/information_held_by_a_public_authority_for_purposes_of_foia.pdf

With this in mind, please find attached the information we have identified as being information held by the GLA and within scope of your request.

With regards to part 6 of your request, we have estimated that the cost of complying with this part of your request in full would exceed the "appropriate limit" specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004.

Section 12 of the Act provides that a public authority is not obliged to comply with a request if the cost of determining whether we hold the information, locating and retrieving it and extracting it from other information would exceed the appropriate limit. The aforementioned Fees Regulations stipulate that this limit is £450; calculated at £25 per hour for every hour spent on the activities described and equates to 18 hours of work.

We have estimated that it would take one member of staff approximately 28 hours to go through 12 months' worth of diary entries and locate and extract information which is relevant to Shaun Baileys work as an Assembly member. Information contained within Shaun's outlook account is naturally high level and further background checks are required to establish what is / isn't in scope of Shaun's capacity as an Assembly member.

Although the Act provides that we can refuse a request in its entirety even if only one part of the request would exceed this cost limit, in the interest of openness and transparency, officers have been able to locate, review and extract 6 months' worth of diary entries within this time limit and this information is attached to this response.

We have therefore refused this request in part under the cost limit provisions of section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act and this letter therefore constitutes a refusal notice under section 17(1) of the Act.

Names of some third parties contained within the diary entries and correspondence are exempt from disclosure under s.40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act. This information could potentially identify specific employees or individuals and, as such, constitutes personal data as defined by Article 4(1) of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) - 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.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA011018-4103.

Yours sincerely

Paul Robinson
Information Governance Officer

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