

# GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA210220-3351

18 March 2020

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 20 February 2020. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested:

*Recently the mayor has had a jaunt off to Brussels, for nothing more than a political stunt, as a tax payer I want to know how much this has cost London!*

*Under the Freedom of Information Act, I want to know how much it all costs.*

Please find below the information we hold within the scope of your request.

The total cost of the visit to the Greater London Authority was £1,055. This was for four Eurostar tickets, lunch and metro tickets. To keep costs down, the Mayor travelled by metro or by foot only whilst in Brussels.

The Mayor visited Brussels in order to discuss the status of the negotiations on the future EU-UK relationship and to ensure that London is at the forefront of these discussions. The Mayor met the Commission's lead negotiator, Michel Barnier, the President of the European Parliament, David Sassoli MEP, Guy Verhofstadt MEP and Executive Vice-President of the Commission, Frans Timmermans. The Mayor stressed the need for close alignment with the EU in spite of Brexit, the importance of protecting EU citizens' rights and the need for action on the climate emergency.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA210220-3351.

Yours sincerely,

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