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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the GLA received on 15 January 2019. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested:

Please may I submit an FOI request for the following:

A list of all hotels (including name) used by all existing and previous London deputy mayors on overseas visits since May 2016.

Please find attached the information we hold within the scope of your request:

In an increasingly connected and mobile world, the Mayor is committed to champion London at home and abroad, making the case for inward investment in our city, and working to attract more global business, tourists and talent.

Whilst the Mayor can only lead on a small number of overseas trips, the Deputy Mayors share the responsibility of this important area of work, representing the Mayor and the City Hall in their respective remits to promote London on the global stage. Such visits include a busy schedule of high-profile speaking events, meetings with business and political leaders, actively engaging with leading global cities networks, and exploring innovative policy ideas. With the uncertainty being created by the chaotic Brexit negotiations, the collaborative approach demonstrated by London in such activities are more important now than ever.

All expenditure for the Deputy Mayors trips is in line with the Greater London Authority (GLA)'s Expenses and Benefits Framework. Where applicable, experience from previous Mayoral administrations has also been taken into consideration.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA150119-3308.

Yours sincerely

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Deputy Mayor	Mission	Hotel	Length of Stay	Rationale	Third Party Payment
Rajesh Agrawal, Deputy Mayor for Business	Sao Paulo & Rio August 2016	Renaissance Marriot Hotel Sao Paulo	1 night	Represented the Mayor and spoke at the Global Investment Conference, at the invitation of UKTI, and undertook other business engagement as part of the British House programme at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games which was delivered in partnership with HM Government and Team GB. Engaged with business leaders and entrepreneurs in Sao Paulo to reassure them that London remains open for business.	Yes - International Olympic Committee
		Excelsior Hotel Rio	2 nights		
	Chicago & New York September 2016	Hyatt Regency Chicago	3 nights	Supported the Mayor on his official visit to North America. Led the Mayor's International Business Programme (MIBP) Trade Mission with 26 high growth technology companies. Held a range of meetings with key FDI clients.	Yes - London and Partners (Rajesh Agrawal is Chair)
		Double Tree Hilton New York	3 nights		
	Delhi & Mumbai November 2016	Taj Palace Delhi	4 nights	Invited by Department of International Trade and Confederation of Indian Industry to speak at the UK - India Tech Summit, India's largest knowledge and technology conference and exhibition, the UK was India's partner country in 2016. Held a series of meetings and events to promote London to fast growth tech companies, investors and multipliers.	Yes - London and Partners (Rajesh Agrawal is Chair)
		Taj Lands End Mumbai	1 night		
	Barcelona November 2016	Pastana Arena Barcelona	1 night	Invited to deliver a key note speech at the Smart Cities Expo World Congress. As the world's leading event for cities, Smart City Expo exists to empower cities and collectivise urban innovation across the globe. Through promoting social innovation, establishing partnerships and identifying business opportunities the world congress is dedicated to creating a better future for cities. He also led a MIBP trade mission with 9 companies and met with key FDI clients.	Yes - London and Partners (Rajesh Agrawal is Chair)
	Davos January 2017	Private accommodation	2 nights	Attended the World Economic Forum in Davos. Met with key FDI clients and promoted London Is Open to senior international business and political stakeholders	Stayed in private accommodation
	Berlin, Paris and Madrid March 2017	Sofitel Berlin	2 nights	Led MIBP Trade Mission with 15 high growth companies from Technology and Life Science sectors to Berlin. Led MIBP Trade Mission with 17 high growth companies from the technology sector to Paris and 22 high growth companies from the technology sector to Madrid. Held a range of meetings with key FDI clients and gave a keynote speech at the Paris Fintech conference.	Yes - London and Partners (Rajesh Agrawal is Chair)
		Hotel Scribe	1 night		
		NH Collection Eurobuilding	2 nights		

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	San Francisco June 2017	Hotel Zeppelin	4 nights	Led joint MIBP/Silicon Valley Comes to the UK with 15 female founders of high growth companies. Held a range of meetings with key FDI clients. SVC2UK is an initiative that brings together investors, serial entrepreneurs and first-time CEO's to help high growth companies to become world beaters and grow their companies. One of the companies went on to raise \$8m in US funding.	Yes - London and Partners (Rajesh Agrawal is Chair)
	India September 2017	Taj Lands End Mumbai	2 nights	Undertook meetings and events to promote London as the pre-eminent business destination to potential investors and fast growth tech companies. Held preparatory meetings ahead of the Mayor's visit to India later in the year.	Yes - London and Partners (Rajesh Agrawal is Chair)
		The Lalit Delhi	2 nights		
	Lille November 2017	Couvent Des Minimes Alliance Lille	1 night	Led a MIBP Mission with 14 high growth companies from the retail technology sector. Also held a range of meetings with key FDI clients	Yes - London and Partners (Rajesh Agrawal is Chair)

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	India & Pakistan December 2017	Taj Palace Hotel Mumbai	2 nights	Supported the Mayor on his official visit to India and Pakistan. Led the simultaneous MIBP Mission with 17 high growth companies from the technology sector to India. Held a range of meetings with key FDI clients.	Yes - London and Partners (Rajesh Agrawal is Chair)
		The Lalit Delhi	1 night		Yes - Government of Pakistan
		The Hyatt Amritsar	1 night		
		Serena Hotel Islamabad	1 night		
		Avari Towers Karachi	1 night		
	Vienna March 2018	Flemings Hotel Wien-City	2 nights	Led MIBP Mission with 12 high growth companies from the financial services technology and Life Sciences sectors. Held a range of meetings with key FDI clients and met with the Mayor of Vienna.	Yes - London and Partners (Rajesh Agrawal is Chair)
	Amsterdam June 2018	Hilton Amsterdam	2 nights	Led MIBP Mission with 18 high growth companies from the financial services technology sector. Invited to give a keynote speech at Money2020 Europe, which is where the smartest visionaries and innovators in payments, FinTech and financial services industries come together and build the future of money. Met with the organisers and key FDI clients.	Yes - London and Partners (Rajesh Agrawal is Chair)
	Shanghai, Shenzhen & Beijing July 2018	Park Hyatt Beijing	1 night	Undertook meetings and events to promote London as the pre-eminent business destination to potential investors and fast growth tech companies. Met with political counterparts. Led MIBP Mission with 10 high growth companies. Held a range of meetings with key FDI clients. Promoted London as the tourist destination; and opened London & Partners' Shenzhen office.	Yes - London and Partners (Rajesh Agrawal is Chair)
		Crowne Plaza Shenzhen	2 nights		
		Westin Bund Center Shanghai	1 night		
	Frankfurt October 2018	Scandic Frankfurt	1 night	Led MIBP Mission with 15 high growth companies. Held a range of meetings with key FDI clients.	Yes - London and Partners (Rajesh Agrawal is Chair)
	Shanghai, Hangzhou & Beijing - November 2018	Jing-An Shangri-La	2 nights	Invited to give a keynote speech at Money20/20 China in Hangzhou. Money20/20 China brought a senior audience of key stakeholders from established multinational organisations to the earliest stage startups as well as retailers, investors, analysts, media, regulators and more. It connects the banking industry with the new tech industry and brings players from the finance eco-system together. This was the first Money20/20 in China. Led MIBP Mission with 12 high growth companies and met with key FDI clients.	Yes - London and Partners (Rajesh Agrawal is Chair)
		Mid Town Shangri-La - Hangzhou	2 nights		
		DoubleTree Hilton Beijing	1 night		

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Shirley Rodrigues, Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy	Copenhagen, Denmark November 2016	Skt.Petri Hotel	1 night	Invited to represent the Mayor in Copenhagen to speak at the Urbanisation & Exports Conference. Met with senior policy makers and industrial experts to present an outlook on global urbanization and the need for new sustainable urban solutions as well as discussion on how to promote international collaboration and increase exports.	Yes - Real Dania
	Mexico City, Mexico Nov/Dec 2016	Hilton, Mexico City	5 nights	Attended C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group Mayors Summit. The C40 Climate Leadership Group is the network of over 90 cities who collaborate on climate change action, and of which London is a founding and active member. This is an important opportunity to network with Mayors and senior city representatives to help create a supportive international context for the Mayor's climate change and air quality manifesto commitments (which includes working with the C40), as well as fulfil the Mayor's Steering Committee duties (the Mayor is a member of the Steering Committee). The Mayors Summit (held every two years) is attended by senior representatives from megacities globally. A handover of chairpersonship took place at the Summit to which London is supportive.	Yes - C40 4 nights
	Brussels, Belgium January 2017	Hotel Thon EU	1 night	Engage with MEPs to lobby on legislation and reaffirm London's engagement with EU environment policy	
	Paris, France March 2017	Novotel Paris	1 night	Air Quality Summit - attend C40 Steering Committee representing the Mayor, including at a joint London/Paris/C40 Air Quality Launch of a London Clean Vehicle checker scheme and meeting with car manufacturers.	
	New York, United States May 2017	Refinery Hotel	2 nights	C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group Mayors Summit Board Meeting. Fostering closer relations with board members to help shape the direction of C40's business going forward.	Yes - C40
	Middelfart, Denmark Jul/Aug 2017	Hindsgavl Castle	2 nights	C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group Mayors Summit Board Away Day. Participants are the C40 management team and the C40 Board of Directors. The purpose of the meeting is to focus on how C40 will deliver the goals laid out in the C40 Business Plan 2017-2020, as well as discuss budget priorities for 2018 and proposed European Summit.	Yes - C40

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	Paris, France October 2017	Scribe Hotel	1 night	C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group Mayors Summit Steering Committee. To demonstrate London's global leadership on climate change and leadership amongst cities of Europe on climate change. The Deputy Mayor has been nominated to deputise for the Mayor on the Steering Committee. This meeting in Paris is the annual "in person" meeting of C40's Steering Committee with Mayors in attendance. Alongside the Steering Committee activities and Board meetings, C40 host a number of parallel meetings for Mayors and senior representatives of cities to facilitate strategic discussions on international city collaboration and high level communications activities to raise the profile of city led climate action.	Yes - C40
	Brussels, Belgium February 2018	Thon Hotel EU	1 night	Speaking at the closing session of the Green Week, an annual conference dedicated to debating environmental issues at EU level organised and hosted by the European Commission. Meeting with EU officials to discuss air quality policy issues. Taking part in this event fulfils one of the actions we set ourselves to achieve when drawing the Air Quality EU lobbying strategy and agreed at the Air Quality Implementation Group (AQIG).	
	New York, United States February 2018	Box House Hotel	2 nights	Attended C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group Mayors Summit Steering Committee. Meeting with senior representatives of the network, enabling London to steer C40's priorities for 2018, and build relationships with other influential Board members and identify upcoming areas of C40's work that could support the implementation of the London Environment Strategy.	Yes - C40
	Brussels, Belgium May 2018	Hotel NH Brussels	1 night	Speaking at the closing session of the Green Week, an annual conference dedicated to debating environmental issues at EU level organised and hosted by the European Commission. Meeting with EU officials to discuss air quality policy issues. Taking part in this event fulfils one of the actions we set ourselves to achieve when drawing the Air Quality EU lobbying strategy and agreed at the Air Quality Implementation Group (AQIG).	

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	Bengaluru, India July 2018	ITC Gardina	3 nights	Attended Air Quality Forum. Followed up air quality work programme with Bengaluru committed by the Mayor during his visit to India in December 2018. Held bi-lateral meetings with city representatives and other partners, information sharing on initiatives such as health impacts, indoor air quality, wood burning and zero emission vehicles, in order to progress policies included in the recently published London Environment Strategy.	Yes - C40
	San Francisco, United States September 2018	Palace Hotel	3 nights	Representing the Mayor at the Global Climate Action Week (GCAW). Participated and/or undertook speaking roles at high level events during GCAW such as the Global Covenant of Mayors, Cities4Climate, Climate Safe Communities for All, Building Up to Net Zero Carbon Emissions, and signing ceremony of the Deadline 2020 event. In addition, fulfilled the obligatory requirements on London as Vice Chair for Europe to attend C40 meetings to be held at GCAS.	Yes - C40
Jules Pipe, Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration and Skills	Cannes, France March 2017	Majestic Hotel	3 nights	MIPIIM is a showcase for all development and investment opportunities in the capital, with over 200 exhibiting companies and over 1,100 delegates including developers, investors and London boroughs. MIPIIM provides a significant opportunity to promote projects, seek new development opportunities and find new joint venture partners. Promoting key initiatives in order help deliver the Mayor's priorities for new housing and economic development. Engage with and influence professionals across the planning and development sector – the Mayor, London boroughs, government, private and public sector developers, construction companies and architects must work together to address the housing shortage	Yes Reed Midem
	Cannes, France March 2018	Majestic Hotel	4 nights	Same as above	Yes Reed Midem - 3 nights
James Murray, Deputy Mayor for Housing and Residential Development	Washington and New York USA Sept/Oct 2016	Kimpton Mason and Rook Hotel	2 nights	Urban Land Institute Tour A tour of housing schemes in Washington and NYC, organised by the Urban Land Insititute. Met with planning and housing representatives from New York City Council, and Build to Rent organisations in New York. Explored both private and public rental housing in the US through a	

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		Jolly Madison Towers	2 nights	mix of private meetings with industry leaders and selected site visits, discovered best practice and innovation; challenges overcome and lessons learned in the major U.S. cities of Boston and Washington D.C.	
	Paris, France Feb 2017	Westin Paris Vendome	1 night	Invited to speak at Urban Land Institute Conference in Paris. Participated in a session on 'City Competitiveness & Housing Affordability' along with attendance at a City Leadership session. Met with counterparts from Paris and other cities.	Yes - Urban Land Institute
	Cannes, France March 2017	Majestic Hotel	3 nights	MIPIM is a showcase for all development and investment opportunities in the capital, with over 200 exhibiting companies and over 1,100 delegates including developers, investors and London boroughs. MIPIM provides a significant opportunity to promote projects, seek new development opportunities and find new joint venture partners. Promoting key initiatives in order help deliver the Mayor's priorities for new housing and economic development. Engage with and influence professionals across the planning and development sector – the Mayor, London boroughs, government, private and public sector developers, construction companies and architects must work together to address the housing shortage	Yes - Reed Midem
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	China April 2018	Renaissance HK Harbour View Hotel	3 nights	Visit to promote London is Open campaign with political and business leaders in China. Visit to Hong Kong, Shenzhen, Guangzhou and Shanghai to promote the #LondonsOpen campaign with political and business leaders in China. Engage with new FDI leads and projects through bespoke events and activities, and identify and provide opportunities for other commercial partners. Secure development investment and attract potential occupiers, accelerate the delivery of homes for London's various commercial and housing schemes.	
		Conrad Guangzhou	2 nights		
		Portman Ritz-Carlton Shanghai (British Embassy marker hotel)	2 nights		

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Justine Simons, Deputy Mayor for Culture	Moscow, Russia October 2016	Metropole Hotel	3 nights	2016 World Cities Culture Forum Global Summit As Chair of World Cities Culture Forum, led global summit attended by international delegates including senior city officials, Deputy Mayors and creative leaders. Focus of the Summit is to share innovative policies and best practice, including leadership exchange between member cities. The theme of the Moscow summit was Future of Cities and the Role of Culture. Gave opening keynote speech, co-hosted event with the Mayor and senior officials from the host city Moscow. Led a number of sessions, gave media briefings and interviews. Undertook bilateral meetings with member cities to maximise the benefit to London, including Paris, Madrid and Vienna.	Yes - City of Moscow
	Seoul, South Korea March 2017	Somerset Palace Hotel	4 nights	2017 World Cities Culture Forum Summit Development. As Chair of the Forum, undertook meetings with host city Mayors Office and senior cultural leaders to shape and agree the overarching theme and programme structure. World Cities Culture Forum is the leading network of global cities shaping urban cultural policy.	
	Washington, USA July 2017	JW Marriott	2 nights	Vision and Strategic Development Workshop for Culture and Education District. Vision and Strategic Development Workshop for Culture and Education District Invited by the Smithsonian Institute to lead a London delegation of East Bank partners (V&A, Sadlers Wells, UCL, London College of Fashion). Focus on developing a joint strategy for a new culture and education district for the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.	

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	Seoul, South Korea Oct/Nov 2017	Courtyard by Marriot	5 nights	2017 World Cities Culture Forum Global Summit. As Chair of World Cities Culture Forum, led global summit attended by international delegates including senior city officials, Deputy Mayors and creative leaders. Focus of the Summit is to share innovative policies and best practice, including leadership exchange between member cities. The theme of the Seoul Summit was "Beyond the Creative City: a new civic agendas for citizens by citizens". Gave opening keynote speech, co-hosted event with the Mayor and senior officials from the host city Seoul. Led a number of sessions, gave media briefings and interviews. Undertook bilateral meetings with member cities to maximise the benefit to London, including new member cities such as Lisbon, Chengdu and Zurich.	Yes - partly funded by Seoul Foundation for the Arts
	San Francisco, USA March 2018	The Marker	4 nights	2018 World Cities Culture Forum Summit Development. As Chair of the Forum, undertook meetings with host city Mayors Office and senior cultural leaders to shape and agree the overarching theme and programme structure. World Cities Culture Forum is the leading network of global cities shaping urban cultural policy.	
	Detroit, USA October 2018	Detroit Renaissance Centre Hotel	2 nights	Bloomberg CityLab 18 (speaker). Invited to give keynote speech for City Lab conference on London's innovative cultural policies to support jobs, growth, social inclusion, regeneration and the creative economy, including new Creative Enterprise Zones. Attended by approximately 50 Mayors from across USA and internationally.	Yes - CityLab Bloomberg Philanthropies
	San Francisco, USA November 2018	The Clift Royal Sonesta Hotel	6 nights	2018 World Cities Culture Forum Global Summit. As Chair of World Cities Culture Forum, led global summit attended by international delegates including senior city officials, Deputy Mayors and creative leaders. Focus of the Summit is to share innovative policies and best practice, including leadership exchange between member cities. The theme of the San Francisco Summit was "Culture and New Technologies Transforming World Cities". Gave opening keynote speech, co-hosted event with the Mayor and senior officials from the host city Seoul. Led a number of sessions, gave media briefings and interviews. Undertook bilateral meetings with member cities to maximise the benefit to London, including new member cities such as Dublin, Helsinki, Nanjing and Oslo.	Yes - partly funded by San Francisco Travel

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Joanne McCartney, Statutory Deputy Mayor	Riga, Latvia September 2017	Semarah Hotel Metropole	1 night	EU Capital City Mayors meeting in Europe. Representing the Mayor at the meeting of the EU Capital City Mayors with the European Commission to discuss the impact of specific EU policies on cities.	
	Brussels, Belgium September 2018	N Grand Place Arenbert	1 night	EU Capital City Mayors meeting in Europe. Representing the Mayor at the meeting of the EU Capital City Mayors with the European Commission to discuss the impact of specific EU policies on cities.	
Fiona Twycross, Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience	Paris, France November 2018	Cercle National des Armees	2 nights	Attending the Counter-Terrorism Preparedness and Societal Resilience Project and European Conference of the Victim Support Association. Information and discussions of best practice and mutual interest	Yes - Ministere de la Justice, Paris
Sophie Linden, Deputy Mayor for Policing	Brussels, Belgium March 2018	NH Brussels Louise	1 night	EU Mayors Conference: Building Urban Defences Against Terrorism (DMPC spoke on behalf of the Mayor)	
	New York, USA November 2018	Hilton Hotel Tribeca	4 nights	Joint visit with MPS to New York Police Department - fact finding visit/discussions of mutual interest	
Val Shawcross (DM for Transport May 2016-May 2018)	Nil return				
Heidi Alexander (DM for Transport (from May 2018)	Nil return				
Matthew Ryder (DM for Social Integration Oct 2016-Nov 2018)	Cape Town, South Africa Nov 2016	Cape Grace Hotel	1 night	Meeting with the Mayor of Cape Town, High Commissioner of Cape Town	

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Debbie Weekes-Bernard (DM Social Integration (from Nov 2018)	Nil return				