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Dear Mr Manderson

I am writing to confirm that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) has now completed its search for the information which you requested on 15 July 2008. In your email you asked for:

"... how much was spent by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office for i) security ii) transport iii) in total, in order for the British State to be properly represented at the funeral of the late John Paul II.

The period of time does not have to be restricted to within a few days before and after. But as broad as possible.

To further ask if any official note of thanks was recieved from Vatican City in relation to this attendance."

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you requested is not held by the FCO.

Security for attendees at the funeral was provided by the Italian State and the Vatican security services.

No costs were borne by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office for transportation from the UK to Rome for the funeral. HRH The Prince of Wales' travel was met by the Royal Travel Grant in Aid provided by the Department for Transport. Transportation for the Prime Minister is a matter for Number 10.

Representatives from the UK, including the Prime Minister and HRH The Prince of Wales, were accommodated in the Residences of HM Ambassador to the Holy See, HM Ambassador to the Republic of Italy and the Deputy Head of Mission at the British Embassy in Rome. Accommodation costs incurred by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office were limited to



breakfasts and other incidental meals and refreshments and overtime for domestic staff at the Residences. It is not possible to separate incidental costs incurred from the day to day costs of running the Embassy.

No information is held on file regarding an official note of thanks.

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Yours

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