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Dear Mr Urquhart,

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION / FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

We refer to your e-mail dated 29 May 2009 requesting the following information:

"I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act:

- *The number of meetings of the Regional Economic Council (REC) that the chair of the London Development Agency (LDA) has attended since October 2008.*
- *The number of other board members or LDA staff members travelling with the chair to those meetings.*
- *The total cost of travel and accommodation of LDA staff when attending those meetings.*
- *Details of any meetings of the LDA board concerning the results of REC meetings."*

Duty to Confirm or Deny

We do hold the information specified in your request.

Information Held

The Chair, Harvey McGrath, has not attended any meetings of the Regional Economic Council (REC).

The Chief Executive, Peter Rogers, attended one meeting, 2 March 2009 in Reading, on behalf of the Chair. On this occasion the Chief Executive was not accompanied by any other LDA Board Member or LDA staff. The Chief Executive did claim travel expenses for this meeting. This amounted to the cost of £33.50.

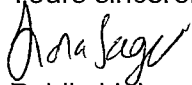
The Chief Executive in his report to the Board on 19 March 2009 informed the Board of the REC meeting and the matters discussed. A copy of the Chief Executive's report to the Board may be obtained from the LDA's website: www.lda.gov.uk.

Complaint Procedure

If you are not satisfied with our reply to your request, you may lodge a complaint with the LDA Public Liaison Unit at the postal address above or by email at info@lda.gov.uk. Your complaint will be considered by a senior management staff member and you will receive a reply to your complaint within 20 working days.

Should you remain dissatisfied after receiving our reply to your complaint, you may apply to the Information Commissioner to determine whether your request was dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act.

Yours sincerely,



Public Liaison Unit

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