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Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000: HM Treasury staff expense claims

Thank you for your enquiry dated 12 March. I am very sorry that we somehow overlooked this until now. We take our responsibilities under the Act very seriously and the Treasury has an excellent record of providing timely responses, so this is a rare oversight, though I recognise that is small comfort to you.

2. You asked for –

the last three itemised expense claims submitted by or on behalf of Helen Bailey (Director of Public Services).

3. Information is attached for claims covering 14-15 January, 11 March and 12 March.

4. I should note that, because this information highlights the circumstances of a particular individual, we consider it could engage the exemption at section 40(2) of the Act (personal information). We consider the public interest in transparency is largely met by publication of the Treasury policy on business expenses and the proactive publication of business expenses of Board members as a group; these are available at the following links -

http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/foi_departmental_expenses.htm

http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/senior_officials_expenses.htm

5. Recognising the Government's ambitions to increase transparency in this area, we still judged that to make this disclosure in isolation was unfair to the individual concerned. We have therefore taken the precaution of consulting that individual, who has confirmed that she has no objections to the information being released.

6. If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. It will be helpful to us if you remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Paul Morran
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Your right to complain under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

If you are not happy with this reply, you may request a review by writing to HM Treasury, Information Rights Unit, 2/S2, 1 Horse Guards Road, London SW1A 2HQ.

Email FOI.responses@hmtreasury.gsi.gov.uk

Any review request must be made within 2 months of the date of this letter.

It would assist our review if you set out which aspects of the reply concern you and why you are dissatisfied.

If you are not content with the outcome your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Treasury. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.



Helen Bailey – Director Public Services, HM Treasury
 Business expenses

DATES	DESTINATION	PURPOSE	TRAVEL					OTHER	Total cost
			Air	Rail	Taxi/Car	Accommodation / Meals			
12 March 2010	Edinburgh	Working Group	£331.50	£32.00	£19.00	0	0	£382.50	
11 March 2010	Hertfordshire	ACE annual dinner	0	£8.00	£8.00	0	0	£16.00	
14-15 January 2010	Gateshead	Network event	0	£221.00	£13.00	£87.70	0	£321.70	



