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Dear Dr Mugisha

Our ref: FOI326099

Thank you for your email of 23 March in which you request: “*details of how much money has been spent on hotels and travel (air travel and trains) by the Prime Minister since the beginning of Brexit negotiations?*”

Your request has been handled under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act).

I can confirm that the Prime Minister’s Office holds information relevant to your request. As you may be aware, as part of the Government’s commitment to transparency, details of overseas travel by Ministers, including the Prime Minister, is published quarterly. This includes the destination, purpose and cost of the visit.

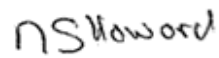
Accordingly, some of the information that we hold is exempt from disclosure by virtue of Section 21 of the Act (*information accessible to the applicant by other means*). Section 21 is an absolute exemption, and does not require the application of the public interest test.

Transparency releases for Cabinet Office Ministers, which includes those pertinent to the Prime Minister, can be found on the gov.uk website, at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/ministers-transparency-publications>

Where it is the case that the relevant data is yet to be published, it is exempt from disclosure by virtue of Section 22 of the Act (*Information intended for future publication*). Section 22 is a qualified exemption, and does require that I consider where the balance of public interest falls between disclosure and exemption.

In the case of the quarterly transparency releases, the purpose of publishing the information on a regular basis is to ensure that, while continuing to meet its commitment to openness, the Government also continues to make the best use of public resources by doing this activity as efficiently as possible rather than in a piecemeal fashion. Therefore, the balance of the public interest in the instance favours withholding this information at this stage.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'N Howard'.

NICHOLAS HOWARD

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If you are unhappy with the level of service you have received from this office in relation to any aspect of your request, you may ask for an internal review.

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You should note that the Cabinet Office will not normally accept an application for internal review if it is received more than two months after the date that the reply was issued.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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