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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 0150-16**

Thank you for your email of 4 February asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

*Full details of costs covered by the FCO for Sir John Major's visit to Moscow for the funeral of Boris Nemtsov in March 2015. Specifically, I would like details of:*

- 1) How many people accompanied Sir John on the visit*
- 2) In what cabin class Sir John and those accompanying him traveled and the cost of each ticket*
- 3) The name of the hotel they stayed in, the duration of their stay and the total cost*
- 4) Any further expenses charged to the FCO*

I am writing to confirm that we have now completed the search for the information which you requested.

I can confirm that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) does hold information relevant to your request which we are releasing to you.

Please find attached the information that the FCO can release to you. Some of the information has been withheld using section 40 of the Freedom Information Act 2000 – personal data. Some of the information you have requested is personal data relating to third parties, the disclosure of which would contravene one of the data protection principles. In such circumstances sections 40 (2) and (3) of the Freedom of Information Act apply. In this case, our view is that disclosure would breach the first data protection principle. This states that personal data should be processed fairly and lawfully. It is the fairness aspect of this principle, which, in our opinion, would be breached by disclosure. In such circumstances s.40 confers an absolute exemption on disclosure. There is, therefore, no public interest test to apply.

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Yours sincerely,

*Eastern Europe and Central Asia Directorate*



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