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Request

You asked us:

"The Information Commissioner recently attended the Global Privacy Assembly's meeting in Bermuda. I would like to request the following information about this.

- 1) How many people from the Commissioner's Office attended.*
- 2) The names and job titles of all those who attended.*
- 3) The cost of flights for all those who attended split by class (i.e. cost of economy, cost of business class etc.) and the class of flight that each person travelled in.*
- 4) The total cost of hotels*
- 5) The total cost of any other expenses incurred by those attending."*

We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the FOIA).

Our response

I have consulted with the relevant areas of the ICO and I can confirm that we hold information in scope of your request.

I have answered the questions below and provided the requested information on expenses incurred. All costs were professional expenditure incurred in the course of business.

1) How many people from the Commissioner's Office attended.
Four people from the ICO attended the 2023 Global Privacy Assembly meeting.

2) The names and job titles of all those who attended.

Name	Job
John Edwards	Information Commissioner
Claudia Berg	General Counsel
Hannah McCausland	Group Manager (International)
Andrew Rimmer	Private Secretary to the Information Commissioner

3) *The cost of flights for all those who attended split by class (i.e. cost of economy, cost of business class etc.) and the class of flight that each person travelled in.*

ICO staff and role	Flight and Class	Cost
John Edwards	Outward: Business Return: Business	£3,606.31
Claudia Berg	Outward: Business Return: Business	£4,366.11
Andrew Rimmer	Outward: Premium Economy Return: Business	£2,821.51
Hannah McCausland	Outward: Premium Economy Return: Premium Economy	£1,530.84

The total cost of the flights was £12,324.77.

4) *The total cost of hotels.*

The total cost of the hotels was £10,886.48.

5) *The total cost of any other expenses incurred by those attending.*

The total cost of other expenses was £10,991.77. These expenses include:

Additional transport costs in the UK and in Bermuda.

Facilities at the GPA meeting venue including hiring a room for bilateral meetings, media engagements, and to provide an office space for ICO staff to work remotely.

Telecommunication Costs.

Conference Tickets.

Other expenses including food and travel insurance.

This concludes our response.

Next steps

You can ask us to review our response. Please let us know in writing if you want us to carry out a review. Please do so within 40 working days.

You can read a copy of our full review procedure [here](#).

If we perform a review but you are still dissatisfied, you can complain to the ICO as regulator of the FOIA and EIR. This complaint will be handled just like a complaint made to the ICO about any other public authority.

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Yours sincerely

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