

HMA ASTANA CONTACTS WITH MITTAL

1. I am replying in response to your request under the Freedom of Information Act for information about when and who else was present with Paul Brummell when he met Kazakh President Nursultan Nazarbayev and also for details under the Freedom of Information Act of meetings, with whom and when, Mr Brummell had with representatives of Lakshmi Mittal's steel, oil and gas operations in Kazakhstan.
2. We have conducted a search of the material we hold on this subject and I can provide you with the following information drawn from that material in response to the information you request.
3. Paul Brummell has had one meeting with President Nazarbayev on a one-to-one basis, with President Nazarbayev's interpreter also present, during the occasion of his presentation of Credentials on 9 January 2006. Paul Brummell was also present during a meeting between President Nazarbayev and HRH The Duke of York in Astana in July 2006, in the latter's capacity as UK Special Representative for International Trade and Investment, and at most of President Nazarbayev's official calls during his working visit to London in November 2006. Paul Brummell has also been present at various official functions in Kazakhstan attended by President Nazarbayev, to which Ambassadors accredited to Kazakhstan were invited.
4. Paul Brummell visited the steel factory run by Mittal Steel Temirtau during a visit to Temirtau in September 2006. He met the then CEO of Mittal Steel Temirtau, N K Choudhry, Chief Finance Officer, Satish Taparia, and a wide range of other local employees of Mittal Steel Temirtau, whose names were not recorded, during a visit to the steel plant. Paul Brummell has had no meetings with representatives of Mittal's oil and gas operations in Kazakhstan.