



Foreign & Commonwealth Office

10 September 2009

Re: Freedom of Information Act request

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 26 August 2009, in which you asked for:

“I would like to request details of all foreign trips on behalf of the FCO made by Jack McConnell in his role as the Prime Minister’s Special Representative for Conflict Resolution Mechanisms since October 2008, including the full cost to the FCO (or details of who footed the bill).”

I can confirm the Foreign and Commonwealth Office holds information relevant to your request. The response to your enquiry is set below;

Rt Hon Jack McConnell MSP, the Prime Minister’s Special Representative for Conflict Resolution Mechanisms, was appointed in October 2008 and reports to the Secretaries of State for Foreign Affairs, Defence and International Development. Travel and other out of pocket expenses are shared by the FCO, DFID and MOD.

Between October 2008 and the end of July 2009, all travel and accommodation costs for Mr McConnell’s duty visits overseas totalled approximately £35,650. Mr McConnell has travelled to Brussels (December 2008 - £600), New York (December 2008 - £3600), Bosnia (February 2009 - £1500), Addis Ababa (February 2009 - £3000), Kampala (March 2009 - £2100), New York and Washington (April 2009 - £5900), Cairo (May 2009 - £4000) Tokyo (May 2009 - £4600), Stanley Foundation Retreat, New York (June 2009 - £1700) and Brazil (July 2009 - £8650). Mr McConnell also participated in Exercise Joint Venture, Cyprus (December 2008 - £214), which was funded by MOD.