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Freedom of Information Request 0239-09

I am writing about your request for information, which I received on 19th March. In that request you asked for:

- A list of wines, and the amount of each, provided by the Government Hospitality wine cellar to the G20 London Summit.
- The total cost of wine provided by the Government Hospitality wine cellar to the G20 London Summit.
- The total amount spent on hospitality for the G20 London Summit.

During the London Summit 2009 Government Hospitality was responsible for the management of a number of functions, including dinner for the Leaders and Spouses at 10 and 11 Downing Street, dinner for visiting Foreign Ministers at Lancaster House, and dinner for the Finance Ministers at Tate Modern on 1st April. We did not supply the wines for the dinner at Tate Modern.

GH was also tasked with the responsibility of managing the hospitality at the ExCel Centre on 2nd April for the Red Zone delegates and the Blue Zone delegates.

Our records show that the following wines were used over both 1st and 2nd April:

Nyetimber 1998 - 10 bottles.

Chapel Down Lamberhurst Estate Bacchus Reserve 2004 - 30 bottles.

Three Choirs Bacchus Estate Reserve 2004 - 17 bottles.

Château Pichon Longueville Comtesse De Lalande 1986 - 19 bottles.

Château Léoville Poyferré 1989 - 29 bottles.

Louis Roederer Carte Blanche - 2 bottles.

Fonseca 1977 - 5 bottles.

Domaine de Planterieu 2006 - 13 bottles.

Concha Y Toro Merlot Sunrise 2006 - 11 bottles.

The total cost of these wines was £1443.34, reflecting the fact that Government Hospitality buys its wines young and inexpensively, and lays them down until ready.

As I indicated in my email of 20th April, GH was not responsible for all the hospitality or catering offered throughout the London Summit, eg. GH was not involved in catering for the media at ExCel.

Our recorded expenditure on hospitality for the London Summit (including the dinners on 1st April and the previously mentioned wines) is as follows:

1 April Dinners - Total £ 57 755 (ex-VAT)

2 April Excel - Total £ 378 673 (ex-VAT)

The figure for ExCel includes catering for 800 delegates in the Blue Zone, as well as approximately 200 VIPs in the Red Zone, Personal Protection Officers, Interpreters, the Leaders' Lounge and Bilateral Rooms.

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