

GAMBLING COMMISSION

**Response (for the request, please see below)
1 June 2009**

INFO 09/42

I am writing to confirm that the Gambling Commission (the Commission) has now completed its search for the information you requested on 29 April 2009. You asked us three questions which we will address in turn.

1. The expenses of the Chief Executive for each of the last two years broken down into: travel, accommodation, subsistence, entertainment and other (specified) expenses

The Commission categorises this information slightly differently and does not classify information as 'entertainment'.

Year (Apr – Mar)	Travel	Subsistence	Other (mainly accommodation)	Total
2007/08	8781	2859	12928	24568
2008/09	6961	2750	10928	20640

2. Where the Chief Exec holds a credit card linked to the force I would like to request copies of the statements for the last two years

Please let me know your postal address and I will provide these to you by first class post. The Commission's Chief Executive's credit card is used by her office to pay for a range of goods and services, including room hire and meeting refreshments (sandwiches, tea and coffee). Some of the entries relate to goods and services procured on behalf of other Commission employees and functions that do not hold an organisational credit card. If you require any further explanation please do not hesitate to contact us.

3. Where the Chief Exec has entertained I would request the names and job titles of those people he has entertained

By 'entertained', the Commission interprets this as the Gambling Commission's Chief Executive hosting and paying for a representative of another organisation; e.g. a meal. The Commission does not entertain in the wider sense of taking people to sporting or cultural events. The Commission's Chief Executive has entertained individuals and representatives from the following organisations in the past two years; each entry refers to a single occasion [unless otherwise indicated]. We do not keep this information separately it has had to be extracted from other records and may not be 100% complete although, to our recollection, there are no obvious omissions.

- Department for Culture, Media and Sport
- Gambling Regulators' European Forum
- All Party Betting and Gaming group
- Responsibility in Gambling Trust
- Senior Management applicant
- Overseas External Lottery Manager
- Reuters
- Swedish Gaming Board (in UK)
- Responsible Gambling Council, Ontario (in UK)

- Gamcare
- Alderney Gambling Control Commission (in UK)
- British Casino Association
- Ethos Consultants
- Independent Responsible Gambling Strategy Board
- Australia Productivity Commission (in UK)
- Business in Sport and Leisure
- British Amusement Catering Trade Association

We consider the names and job titles of these representatives to be exempt from disclosure. Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act ('Personal information') states that information is exempt from disclosure if that disclosure contravenes any of the principles of data protection (section 40(3)(a)(i)). We consider that these names and job titles constitute 'personal data' as defined under the section 1 of the Data Protection Act 1998, the second principle of which states that personal data shall not be processed for any purpose other than that it was collected for, including disclosure to you.

Request

I would like to make a request under the freedom of information act.

I would like to request the expenses of the Chief Executive (or the head of the agency if known by another title) for each of the last two years.

I would request that the expenses be broken down into: travel, accommodation, subsistence, entertainment and other (specified) expenses.

Where the Chief Exec holds a credit card linked to the force I would like to request copies of the statements for the last two years.

Where the Chief Exec has entertained I would request the names and job titles of those people he has entertained.