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Dear Nick

WAQs 57193, 57265 & 57232

Further to the holding replies you have received in respect of the above WAQs, I can now provide you with a response to each question. These are enclosed.

Yours sincerely

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CARWYN JONES

Will the Minister provide details of all overseas Ministerial travel in each of the last three years, broken down into (a) the cost, (b) the destination, (c) the purpose of, and (d) the number of accompanying officials (WAQ 57193)

The information is set out in the tables below.

The number of accompanying officials includes both private office staff and policy officials. Costs comprise the travel ticket and hotel costs of Ministers and accompanying officials. Where information is partial, estimated, or not available this is indicated in the table.

2008-09

Minister	Departure Date	Arrival Location	Purpose	Number of accompanying officials	Cost (£)
Rhodri Morgan First Minister	21/07/08	Paris	Ministerial meetings	1	1,089 for flights. Hotel costs not held
	Joint Visit with DFM: 15/09/08 (DFM) 18/09/08 (FM)	Louisville, Kentucky, USA	Visit the Ryder Cup (the DFM also made a one day visit to Washington from, and returning to Louisville)	1	1,512 for flights. Hotel costs in Louisville were met by the European Tour at no cost to WAG.
	11/10/08	Geneva	Visit Large Hadron Collider Control Room (CERN).	1	519
	26/02/09	Brussels - Paris	Host St David's Day Reception at Biblioteque Solvay, Brussels. Then onward travel to Paris for meetings and to attend the France v Wales Six Nations rugby match	1	2,024 First Minister stayed at the British Embassy in Paris at no cost to WAG
	05/03/09	Washington	Attend Smithsonian Festival	1	9,712
Ieuan Wyn Jones Minister for Economy and Transport	25/10/08	Tokyo	Inward investment mission	2	13,175
	25/01/09	Barcelona	2nd Conference of Ministers of the 4 Motors & Associate Regions in Sitges	1	1,040
	16/02/09	Brussels	Attend Regio Stars Awards for Innovative ERDF Project, plus other meetings	2	905
	26/02/09	Paris	Co-host a reception around Six Nations Rugby tournament	1 (joint trip with FM)	For FM and PS costs see entry under Rhodri Morgan above 342 for DFM hotel costs. No costs for travel as DFM travelled privately
Carwyn Jones Counsel General	None				
Andrew Davies Minister for Finance and Public Service Delivery	01/08/08	Brest	Attend the Lorient Festival	None	Estimated total: 620
Jane Hutt Minister for Children, Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills	None				
Alun Fred Jones	19/11/08	Brussels	Attend EU Culture Council	1	1,222

Minister for Heritage					
Jane Davidson Minister for Environment, Sustainability and Housing	05/10/08	Brussels	Chair seminar – Euro week of regions & cities	3	Journey undertaken by train and bus No costs held
	27/10/08	St Malo	NRG Meeting	2	Journey undertaken by ferry No costs held
	07/12/08	Brussels/ Cologne/ Poznan	NRG for Sustainable Development Steering Committee and Climate Leaders Summit	2	775 for Minister's train ticket No other costs held
	06/02/09	Rosslare	Welsh/Irish Environment Ministers' meeting	3	625
	01/03/09	Brussels	Environment Council meeting	1	1,187
Brian Gibbons Minister for Social Justice and Local Government	None				
Jocelyn Davies Deputy Minister for Housing	None				
Edwina Hart Minister for health and Social Services	None				
Elin Jones Minister for Rural Affairs	22/06/08	Luxembourg	Agriculture Council	1	727 for flights Hotel costs not held
	18/11/08	Brussels	European Agriculture Council	2	2,403
	19/01/09	Brussels	Meeting with Commissioner of Vassilou	4	2,002
Leighton Andrews Deputy Minister for Regeneration	30/11/08	Vienna	Attend e-inclusion Conference and Expo	1	419
Gwenda Thomas Deputy Minister for Social services	02/09/08	Montreal	Attend and speak at international conference on ageing	2	7,239
John Griffiths Deputy Minister for Skills	18/09/08	Amsterdam	World Skills Ministerial Executive Group Meeting	1	1,067
	26/09/08	Thessaloniki	EARLALL Board Meeting	2	2,817
	09/10/08	Frankfurt	EARALL Board Meeting	1	1,349
	25/03/09	Brussels	EARLALL Board Meeting	1	433 for train fares only
Rhodri Glyn Thomas Minister for Heritage	21/05/08	Brussels	EU Culture Council	1	1,050
	11/06/08	Brussels	Launch of the Network for the Promotion of Linguistic Diversity	1	422 for return flights Outward train costs and hotel costs not held

2009-10

Minister	Departure Date	Destination	Purpose	Number of accompanying officials	Cost (£)
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Carwyn Jones As Counsel General	04/04/2009	Hong Kong	Commonwealth Law Conference	1	7,167
As First Minister	14/12/2009	Copenhagen	Climate Change Conference	1	1,799 for flights only
	07/02/2010	Stuttgart	Meeting with BOSCH	2	2,271
	22/02/2010	Brussels	St David's Day reception and Ministerial meetings	1	1,672
Ieuan Wyn Jones	26/11/2009	Marseille	Conference of Peripheral & Maritime Regions	2	1,467
	07/02/2010	Stuttgart	Meeting with BOSCH	DFM accompanied FM	DFM's costs included in cost of trip shown under FM entry above
	12/03/2010	Dublin	Meeting with Ambassador and attend reception	3	1,494
Alun Ffred Jones	02/06/2009	Venice Marco Polo	Attend Venice Biennale	2	2,670
	25/01/2010	Washington Dulles	Attend opening of the Turner to Cezanne Exhibition at the Corcoran Gallery	2	4,094
	28/01/2010	Orlando International	Attend PGA Golf Show	1	702
Carl Sargeant	None				
Leighton Andrews As Deputy Minister for Regeneration	None				
As Minister for Children, Education and Lifelong Learning	None				
Jane Hutt As Minister for Children, Education and Lifelong Learning	26/11/2009	Brussels	Attend EU Education and Youth Council meeting	2	2,162
Jane Davidson	23/05/2009	Copenhagen	World Business Summit on Climate Change	1	1,260
	02/07/2009	Copenhagen	Ministerial Visit to the European Environment Agency	2	2,258
	28/09/2009	Los Angeles	Governor's Global Climate Summit	1	6,468
	13/10/2009	Brussels	nrg4SD (Network of Regional Governments for Sustainable Development) event	1	866
	04/11/2009	Barcelona	UNFCCC Conference Barcelona nrg4SD side event	1	1,053
	10/12/2009	Copenhagen	United Nations Framework on Climate Change	3	2,910 (Minister costs only)
	4/03/2010	Paris	High level summit on Climate Change	2	610 for Minister and 1 official Cost of Brussels official not available
Edwina Hart	25/10/2009	Amsterdam	65th anniversary of liberation of City of S-Hertogenbosch in WWII	1	1,062
Elin Jones	06/09/2009	Brussels	Attend Council of the European Union - Agriculture and Fisheries	1	1,222
Huw Lewis	None				
Gwenda Thomas	None				
Lesley Griffiths	None				
Jocelyn Davies	None				
John Griffiths As Deputy Minister	26/05/09	Barcelona	Attend EARLALL Meeting	1	399

for Skills	31/08/09	Calgary	Attend WorldSkills Conference	2	10,451
As Counsel General	None				

Ex Ministers

Rhodri Morgan	07/05/09	Milan	Committee of the Regions Fourth Conference on Subsidiarity	2	1,714 (costs for FM and PS. Costs for official from Brussels not known)
	23/06/09	Washington Dulles	Smithsonian Festival	1	1,104 for hotels. Flight costs not held
	24/09/09	Brussels	Deliver "Legacy Speech"	2	676
Andrew Davies	05/04/09	Barcelona	Meetings with President of the Social & Economic Council, Secretary of the Ministry for Innovation, Universities and Enterprise, Minister for Employment, Secretary of the Economy	2	750
Brian Gibbons	15/10/09	Stockholm	Speak at European Poverty and Social Exclusion Conference	1	1,100

2010-11

Minister	Departure Date	Arrival Location	Purpose	Number of accompanying officials	Cost (£)
Carwyn Jones	07/07/2010	Brussels	Meeting with EC President at Cohesion Meeting	1 (plus DFM)	2,748
	30/01/2011	Brussels	EU Cohesion Forum	1	721 (FM costs paid by EC)
	23/02/2011	Brussels	St David's Day reception and Ministerial meetings	1	581
Ieuan Wyn Jones	09/06/10	Brussels	Launch de-lan interreg project	2	1,226
	07/07/10	Brussels	Meeting with EC President at Cohesion Meeting	Accompanied FM and PS (see CJ entry above)	See CJ entry above
Alun Ffred Jones	26/10/2010	Brussels	Attend Network for the Promotion of Linguistic Diversity Conference	1	465
Carl Sargeant	18/07/2010	Dublin	Meeting with Irish Minister for Community, Equality and Gaeitacht Affairs, and visits to evaluate and share best practice on community development projects	1	461
Leighton Andrews	None				
Jane Hutt	None				
Jane Davidson	01/6/2010	Cologne	Climate Change Event Bonn	1	860
	13/10/2010	Luxembourg	Environment Council – Luxembourg Meeting with Brussels EC officials	2	1,049
	04/12/10	Cancun, Mexico	Climate Change Summit	2	12,485 (including estimated hotel costs of 5,151 not yet invoiced to WAG by UK Govt)

Edwina Hart	None				
Elin Jones	28/11/2010	Brussels	Attend Council of the European Union - Agriculture and Fisheries	1	1,208
	21/02/2011	Brussels	Attend Council of the European Union - Agriculture and Fisheries	None	430
Huw Lewis	None				
Gwenda Thomas	None				
Lesley Griffiths	None				
Jocelyn Davies	None				
John Griffiths	22/10/2010	Entebbe	Visit to Uganda	None (official already in attendance)	2, 216

What is the total amount spent by Welsh Assembly Government Ministers travelling on the Anglesey – Cardiff air service in each of the last three years (WAQ 57265)

The figures are shown in the following table:

Year	Expenditure (£)
2008-09	4,443
2009-10	4,959
2010-11 (to February)	4,295

How many times have Welsh Assembly Government Ministers flown on air services from (a) Cardiff Airport, (b) Bristol Airport, and (c) other airports in each of the last three years (WAQ 57232)

The figures are shown in the following table:

Year	Numbers of Departures*		
	Cardiff	Bristol	Other **
2008-09	55	7	39
2009-10	53	8	50
2010-11 (to February)	37	5	40

* Only outward part of return flights are counted

** UK airports, including flights from Anglesey to Cardiff