

Date: 12 June 2009



Dear [REDACTED]

Access to Information Request – Provision of all requested information – RFI No 491

Thank you for your letter requesting details of expense claims made by the Chief Executive Officer of Natural England in the periods 2007/8 and 2008/09 which we received on 13 May 2009. Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Under the categories you requested, the annual expenditure totals for travel are presented at Annex 1 where information is broken down into the financial years 2007/08 and 2008/09.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our response, please contact Dave Webster, Executive Director, Corporate Services, who will conduct the internal review.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a review of our response. Generally, the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by Natural England. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Telephone: 01625 545 700, www.ico.gov.uk.

If you require any further information about the information presented here, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Lambert". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Paul Lambert
Director Finance

Annex 1 - Summary of travel costs broken down by mode of transport

Travel Type		2007/08		2008/09
Chauffeur driven cars		0		0
Mileage		0		0
Air (all economy class)		£369.83		£294.73
Train		£10271.28		£11578.64
Tram/bus/tube		£157.90		£119.48
Taxi		£1726.40		£1865.01
Ferry		0		£19.40
Grand total		£12525.41		£13877.26

Please note:

- Natural England is a national organisation with 39 offices across the 9 government regions, including a headquarters office in Sheffield. As a result, to deliver her role effectively, the Chief Executive undertakes a significant amount of travel, primarily by train, in order to both lead staff across the country and to meet with stakeholders.
- Please note that the Chief Executive has not provided hospitality for any groups or individuals during these periods.
- The Natural England financial accounting system does not record the class of train travel. Travel is a mix of first and second class travel depending on time of journey and destination.