

DE/2026-044 – Freedom of Information Request

Request:

Please provide a breakdown of the cost of the Minister's visit to the US in March 2026.

Please state the

1. Number of travellers (state in each case the number of civil servants/advisers/press officers)
2. A breakdown of all costs - hotels, flights, food/drinks, anything else for the trip
3. The name and star rating of the hotel which was used by travellers.
4. Please state the class of plane journey (e.g. business/economy) used by the 1) minister 2) each civil servant/adviser

Department Response:

Thank you for your request for information relating to the cost of the Minister's visit to the US in March 2026. The request was received on 20/03/2026.

I can confirm that the Department holds the information requested and I have provided it below.

- *Number of travellers (state in each case the number of civil servants/advisers/press officers)*
 - Three. The Minister was accompanied by his Special Adviser and a senior civil servant.
- *A breakdown of all costs - hotels, flights, food/drinks, anything else for the trip*
 - Travel: £7,539
 - Accommodation*: £6455.58
 - Other expenses*: £635.83

*As known at date of request

3. The name and star rating of the hotel which was used by travellers.

- University Club of Washington – No star rating available
- Le Meridien New Orleans – 4 Star

4. Please state the class of plane journey (e.g. business/economy) used by the 1) minister 2) each civil servant/adviser

- Transatlantic Flights - Minister and Officials – Business class
- All other flights – Minister and Officials – Economy