



Response Date: 29/01/2026

**2026/078 - Use of private charters by police force**

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

- 1) How many private jets were chartered by your force to repatriate a defendant to the UK between January 2020 and December 2025?**
- 2) What was the exact cost incurred for chartering the plane in each case?**
- 3) If disclosable to the public, what are the names, DOBs, and charges of the defendants involved for each flight? If a defendant's identity cannot be disclosed, please do specify the charges brought up against them at the time of their extradition.**
- 4) What were the reasons in each case for placing these defendants on a private jet instead of a commercial flight?**

**We would like the data in calendar years, please.**

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes. We do not have a specific account code for Air Travel. All public transport sits against a singular code with no description with regards each line of expenditure beyond the supplier held directly on the finance system. To obtain the information in the format you have requested would involve manually reviewing each record on our force system. The cost of providing you with the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (FOI) Fees and Appropriate Limit regulations 2004.

Therefore, in accordance with the FOI Act 2000 the information you have requested is exempt under Section 12 (1), and this letter acts as a Refusal Notice under section 17 (5) of the legislation.

I can advise that we have consulted with all the Business Managers who are not sighted as to the use of any Private Jets during this period and that the Force will have used Commercial Airlines for extradition purposes.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST  
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 26/01/2026

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