



State of South Carolina

Office of the Governor

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July 31, 2012

Ms. Renee Dudley, Reporter
The Post and Courier
134 Columbus Street
Charleston, South Carolina 29403

Dear Ms. Dudley,

On July 10, 2012, our office received your Freedom of Information Act request for records related to Governor Haley's economic development trip to the Farnborough Air show, including itineraries, expenses, emails, and attendees. Your specific information requests and our responses to them are provided below.

(1) *A detailed itinerary for Gov. Nikki Haley's trip to London.* We have provided the detailed itinerary from the Department of Commerce and the Governor's Office. Please be advised that information in the itinerary is redacted pursuant to the S.C. Freedom of Information Act where it constitutes (a) information of a personal nature where the public disclosure thereof would constitute unreasonable invasion of personal privacy (Section 30-4-4(a)(2)) or (b) memoranda, correspondence, and working papers relative to efforts or activities of a public body to attract business or industry to invest within South Carolina (Section 30-4-40(a)(9)).

(2) *All expenses – including but not limited to travel, food, hotels and entertainment – incurred during the trip. This should include names of restaurants and hotels. It also should include specifics regarding airfare and air/ground transportation in Europe. Please provide travel invoices, receipts, expense reports and/or reimbursement reports.* Some of this information is provided in the summary document prepared by the Department of Commerce as well as communications referenced in item (4). As detailed cost information becomes available, including invoices, receipts and expense reports from the Department of Commerce, they will be provided to you.

(3) *The total cost of the trip.* An estimated total cost of the trip is provided in the summary document prepared by the Department of Commerce; however the final cost will be determined when all invoices and receipts are received by the department.

(4) *Please provide any records – including but not limited to, memos, emails, or text messages – concerning the trip. This should include the costs and details of state sponsored events such as receptions or lunches.* Any emails and memos in the possession of the Governor's Office have been

provided that relate to costs of the trip and state sponsored events. Also, the summary document prepared by the Department of Commerce, which includes a description of costs, is also provided. We will provide additional detailed cost information as it becomes available.

(5) *Please provide a detailed description of how the trip was paid for.* This information is provided in the summary document prepared by the Department of Commerce.

(6) *A detailed list of people who accompanied Gov. Haley on the trip and all their expenses. If anyone helped cover costs, please specify.* Some of this information is provided in the summary document prepared by the Department of Commerce as well as communications referenced in item (4). As detailed cost information becomes available from the Department of Commerce, including a breakdown of expenses and who helped cover the costs of the state-sponsored portion of the trip, we will provide them to you.

(7) *A detailed list of any gifts that were registered with the state.* A document detailing two gifts that Gov. Haley received is provided. Please be advised that information in this document is redacted pursuant to Section 30-4-40(a)(9) (memoranda, correspondence, and working papers relative to efforts or activities of a public body to attract business or industry to invest within South Carolina).

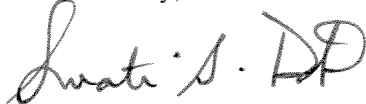
(8) *Documents reflecting what Gov. Haley and the Department of Commerce expected to gain from the trip. This should include but is not limited to memos, emails or other correspondence written before the trip by the governor, top aides, economic advisors and officials in the Department of Commerce.* This information is provided in the summary document prepared by the Department of Commerce as well as in certain email communications prepared for media purposes that are included. Other public records that are responsive to this request, if any, are exempt from disclosure pursuant to S.C. Code Section 30-4-40(a)(9) to the extent that they reflect actual or proposed meetings with confidential business prospects related to current, future, or potential investment and job creation in South Carolina.

(9) *A detailed summary of economic benefits derived from the trip, including but not limited to expected contracts or business for the state and the expected number of new private or public sector jobs. This could include but is not limited to memos, emails or other documents written upon returning.* This information is provided in the summary document prepared by the Department of Commerce as well as in certain email communications prepared for media purposes that are included. Other public records that are responsive to this request, if any, are exempt from disclosure pursuant to S.C. Code Section 30-4-40(a)(9) to the extent that they reflect actual or proposed meetings with confidential business prospects related to current, future, or potential investment and job creation in South Carolina.

(10) *A detailed summary of upcoming economic development trips for state officials.* No records are available that detail the upcoming economic development trips for state officials; however the Department of Commerce is in the process of planning the next overseas economic development trip for Japan in September of this year.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Swati S. Patel". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Swati" being the most prominent part.

Swati S. Patel
Chief Legal Counsel