

From: Allen, Susan
Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2014 11:53 AM
To: Miller, Elizabeth; London, Sarah
Cc: Mishaan, Jessica
Subject: FW: Response to your questions.

Final version that was sent to Paul. I'll keep a copy, too. Sue

From: Allen, Susan
Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2014 11:52 AM
To: 'paul@sevendaysvt.com'
Subject: Response to your questions.

Paul, this formatting is a little rough, but I think you can follow it. If not, let me know. Sue

From: Paul Heintz [<mailto:paul@sevendaysvt.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2014 7:19 AM
To: London, Sarah; Mishaan, Jessica
Cc: Allen, Susan; Trombley, Shana
Subject: Re: Public Records Request re: travel

1. Under "Total Personal Time Off," are you including both in-state and out-of-state time off?
Are you including both weekend days and weekdays off?

Just out of state, per your request. And we included both weekend and week days.

2. What does "Total Weekend Days" mean? Does that refer to the number of weekend days he spent out of state? If so, does that include both political travel and personal time off?

Yes, and yes

3. Lastly, Sue, it looks like he's spent nearly a quarter of this term out-of-state. Is that too much time on the road? Given that most of those days don't relate to state business, is he distracted from his duties?

Paul, as someone who has worked for two Governors and covered three others as a journalist, I can assure you that all Governors – Democrats and Republicans – work 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, whether they are in the state or traveling. That's a reality they understand when they agree to run, and many potential candidates choose not to seek the office for that very reason. There is no distraction from state business or duties.

In state, they have all conducted business from Brattleboro to Newport, in an official capacity but also in grocery stores, at funerals and during their kids' hockey games – at all hours, on any day of the week.

Democrat and Republican, they have traveled out of state and even out of the country to bring business to Vermont, to promote our cutting-edge policies, meet with other Governors, Congress and the White House, and any number of other reasons. They have attended National Governors Association, Democratic Governors Association, Republican Governors

Association and New England Governors Association meetings. Vermont is part of a larger national and global community, and Vermont business always tops the agenda.

With improved technology, Governors easily work remotely via cell phone, computer and iPad. Downtime is seldom an option!

Anyone who suggests that Governors are ever distracted from state business, particularly because they aren't sitting at their desk in Montpelier, isn't familiar with the job and its demands. Travel is part of doing business.

Welcome back, Sarah. Hope you had a relaxing, PRA-free vacation. I have a couple more questions (below, in orange text) about specific events — and how to categorize them. I'm writing about this in this week's column, so it would be great to hear back from you by noon, if possible. If it's easier just to talk through those events over the phone (for background purposes; not for attribution), feel free to call my cell: 598-8946.

1. Also, just FYI, when I added up all of the gov's personal time off, I got 55.5 days — not 54.

We continue to count 25.5 in 2013 and 28.5 in 2014. That's 54 days.

2. **Tuesday April 16** – Wednesday April 17, 2013 Washington, DC Spoke at BlueGreen Alliance event and met with congressional delegation 2 days

Who paid for the trip.

The state paid

3. **Wednesday September 12** – Thursday September 13, 2013 New York, NY Attended DGA event with President Clinton .5 day

-This event was listed on Thursday and Friday on his public appearance schedule. When did he leave for New York and when did he return?

He left for NYC mid-day on the 12th and left NYC in the morning on the 13th. As indicated, he was less than a day in NY.

4. **Sunday September 29 – Tuesday October 1, 2013** San Francisco, CA Return travel from China; attended DGA meetings and campaign fundraiser 1.5 days

-When did he arrive in San Francisco and when did he leave?

He arrived in SF late in the afternoon on 9/29 and left SF in the morning on 9/30. As indicated, he was 1.5 days in San Fran.

5. **Tuesday November 19, 2013 – Wednesday November 20, 2013** New York, NY Attended campaign fundraiser event and attended DGA meetings 1 day

-When did the governor leave and return? His last public event was 12:45 on Monday, Nov. 18. His next was 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20. That seems more like two days.

He arrived in NYC in the morning on 11/19 and left NYC the following morning. As indicated, the Governor spent 1 day in NY.

6. Saturday February 8 – Sunday February 9, 2014 New York, NY Appeared on ABC News “This Week” with Martha Raddatz 1.5 days

-Did the governor conduct any DGA or campaign business while in New York? Who paid for this trip?

ABC paid for the trip, no campaign/DGA biz

7. Tuesday February 11 – Wednesday February 12, 2014 Washington, DC Attended meetings with Department of Energy, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Director of National Drug Control Policy, and attended White House State Dinner 1.5 days

-Did the governor conduct any DGA or campaign business while in DC? Who paid for this trip?

State paid, no campaign/DGA

8. Thursday June 19, 2014 Washington, DC Invited to speak at White House Summit on Heroin and Drugs 1 day

Did the governor conduct any DGA or campaign business while in DC? Who paid for this trip?

State paid, no campaign/DGA