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**Subject:** Re: flight info

Thanks. I'll look for those forms.

On Tue, Sep 27, 2016 at 1:14 PM, Allen, Susan <[Susan.Allen@vermont.gov](mailto:Susan.Allen@vermont.gov)> wrote:

Putney? As you can see below, he's used the plane three times since he moved, and four times in the preceding period when he lived in Montpelier area.

Taxpayer money? In the instances that he's used it recently, it's an efficient use of taxpayer dollars compared to multiple round-trips in security's vehicle. With many competing events and invitations and priorities, the Governor tries to be in as many places as he can and this can be the most efficient way to get him there.

Origination: Yes.

Springfield:

Forms: Will provide them. I don't have them at this moment, but will process your request.

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Thanks, Sue. A couple quick follow-ups:

-Is he using the plane more now because he's living in Putney?

-Is this good use of taxpayer resources?

-You mean to say that the first four originated from Berlin/Montpelier and the most recent three from Springfield?

-Did the Springfield flights involve sending the plane from Montpelier to Springfield to fetch him and then sending it there and back to deposit him?

-Can you please send me the flight request forms?

I'm very close to deadline, so I'd appreciate a prompt response to my follow-ups. Thanks.

On Tue, Sep 27, 2016 at 12:47 PM, Allen, Susan <[Susan.Allen@vermont.gov](mailto:Susan.Allen@vermont.gov)> wrote:

Paul, Gov. Shumlin is the only governor in recent history to move to the Capital Region. This has been a cost-saver for taxpayers.

**Had he not**, security would have to make *two roundtrips* a day to Putney to pick him up:

Mileage from Putney to Montpelier: 214 miles roundtrip

**Instead:**

Mileage from East Montpelier to Montpelier: 13 miles roundtrip (5 ½ years)

Other Governors:

Douglas from Middlebury: 101 miles roundtrip/140 winter (8 years)

Dean, Kunin and Snelling from Chittenden County: roughly 80 miles roundtrip

It has been suggested the Governor is the only one using the plane. Not true.

**Plane has other uses:**

Survey state airports and conditions

Survey state property

Certify agency pilots

Inspections by ANR/Forest Service

Transportation for state officials

Storm damage/Irene

**Since Aug. 2014:**

Gov has used the plane 7 ½ times (once was a one-way flight home/half-trip)

**Dates:**

8/12/14	Rutland	Governor and one
staffer	\$141.00	
5/29/15	Mt. Snow (groundbreaking)	Gov and one
staffer	\$148.52	
9/23/15	Watertown, NY (VT state trooper	
funeral)	Gov/security	\$605.36
6/1/16	Bennington (Bill signings)	Gov and one
staffer	\$319.60	
9/12/16	Burlington (public	
events)	Gov	\$112.80
9/15/16	Burlington (public events)	Gov and First
Lady	\$112.80	
9/22/16	Return flight from Burlington (public	
events)	Gov	\$112.80 (plane did roundtrip/Gov didn't)

The three Sept. 2016 are from Hartness Airport in Springfield

8/12; 5/29; 9/23 (stopped in Burlington to pick up another trooper); 6/1 – all from Berlin (Montpelier) airport

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