

## London, Sarah

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**From:** London, Sarah  
**Sent:** Friday, September 12, 2014 5:10 PM  
**To:** 'Paul Heintz'  
**Cc:** Allen, Susan  
**Subject:** your request

Hi Paul,

Below please find information in response to your request.

The plane costs are listed below and are paid for by the Governor's Office to the Agency of Transportation (AOT). Next to each trip I have listed the purpose and all passengers other than the Governor and his security. As you know, we do not disclose trip detail information that could potentially compromise the Governor's safety pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 317(c)(25).

As for the justification for these trips, the Office requested use of the state plane in each of the instances below to allow the Governor to attend multiple events in the same day, often while maximizing his time in Montpelier, or in order to avoid greater total travel expense such as hotel costs.

You have asked about non-state business performed on days the Governor also used the plane. As you know, the public records act only covers state business. As for non-state business conducted on the same day the Governor used the plane, none of the trips listed below involve non-state business or travel to or from non-state business. Anticipating a question you may have, I understand that on July 30, 2014, after reviewing storm damage in Chester earlier in the day and conducting other state business, the Governor attended a non-state business function in the evening. That was a separate trip, not involving the state plane.

Finally, as for requests for use of the state plane at times other than those trips listed below: the Governor's Office requested use of the state plane on March 8, 2014, and on April 2, 2014, and AOT responded by offering a charter plane because the state plane was not available. Those trips, including costs paid by the Governor's Office, are described below. In addition, the Governor's Office has inquired about the use or availability of the state plane on other occasions, but due to forecasted weather, plane maintenance, and/or changes in the itinerary or Governor's schedule, we did not utilize it: 11/9/13 (Brattleboro), 11/13/13 (Bennington), 6/3/14 (NEK), 6/11/14 (Rutland), 7/3/14 (Brattleboro), 7/7/14 (Rutland), and 7/28/14 (Arlington, VT).

I hope the above information is helpful to you. If you feel any information has been withheld in error (i.e., security related information pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 317(c)(25)), you may appeal to the Governor's Chief of Staff at [elizabeth.miller@state.vt.us](mailto:elizabeth.miller@state.vt.us).

Sincerely,

Sarah

10/2/13

Cost: \$154.16

Flight to Rutland

GPS toured plant with GE President Immelt.

Non-security passenger: Scott Coriell

2/3/14

Cost: \$381.64

Flight to Rutland & Bennington

GPS had an early and full day in southern Vermont - spoke to REDC/Rutland Chamber's breakfast meeting; met with Comm. Chen; held press conference in Rutland; flew to Bennington for a meeting with Tom Dee, CEO of Southwest Vermont Health Care; met with Bennington Banner.

Non-security passenger: Sue Allen

3/8/14

Cost: \$936.00

Flight to and from Rhode Island to VT

GPS spoke on a morning panel with Governor Chafee at Brown University 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary event and then returned to Vermont.

No non-security passengers

4/2/14

Cost: \$282.00

Flight to Bennington and Rutland

GPS attended career and education event in Bennington, gave speech at a conference in Manchester, and held a press conference in Rutland.

Non-security passenger: Scott Coriell

6/17/14

Cost: \$376.00

Flight to Bedford, MA

GPS participated in the New England Governor's Drug Meeting held at Brandeis University. GPS returned to VT that day to publicly sign bills in Montpelier and attended the SBA awards in Shelburne.

Non-security passenger: Carolyn Wesley

7/30/14

Cost: \$216.20

Flight to Springfield, VT - closest airport to Chester, VT

GPS evaluated storm damage in Chester and basis for ultimate request for presidential disaster declaration.

Non-security passenger: Geoff Green

8/12/14

Cost: \$141.00

Flight to Rutland, VT

GPS had a full day of meetings in Southern Vermont including press conference at Stafford Landfill, toured new Manchester Community Library, met with residents at the Village at Filmore Pond in Bennington, spoke at Winter in August in Rutland.

Non-security passenger: Lawrence Miller

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**From:** Paul Heintz [<mailto:paul@sevendaysvt.com>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 10, 2014 4:27 PM

**To:** Allen, Susan; London, Sarah  
**Subject:** state plane

Hi Sue,

Attached are records relating to the governor's use of the state plane in 2013 and 2014. I'm hoping you can provide me with the following information to supplement it. My questions relate only to trips requested by the governor, his office or the Agency of Administration:

- How much did these plane rides cost?
- Which state office (or outside entity) paid for them?
- What was the purpose of each trip and the rationale for using the plane?
- What are the names of passengers on each flight? (I recognize that passengers may include members of the governor's security detail. I'm obviously totally fine if those names are omitted. Just indicate that it's a VSP trooper.)
- Did the governor conduct any non-state business on days he used the plane? If so, please describe.
- Did the governor or his staff request the use of state aircraft at any other time not listed on these forms?

It'd be great to hear back by Friday. I'm copying Sarah, in case you feel this requires a formal PRA request. If so, please consider this a formal PRA request (Happy to put that in fancier legal-speak, Sarah, if helpful).

Thanks for your help,

Paul

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