

## Freedom of Information Case Number 191000 – Breakdown of Olympic Tickets allocated to the Government

### a) The number of tickets granted to the DCMS by LOCOG.

In total DCMS have been allocated 8815 tickets for the Olympic Games. This allocation covers DCMS, FCO, UKTI, Visit Britain and those host venue towns and cities, outside of London, that have opted to purchase tickets under their host county or borough agreements with LOCOG. These tickets will be used to support a range of Government games time objectives including inviting and accompanying a number of international and domestic political and business leaders, as well as guests and others with a close connection to the Games and its legacy. Around 3000 tickets have been allocated to a ballot for staff who have worked on the Games for a substantial period of time to purchase, at face value. A number of tickets have also been made available to Schools who get involved in the new School Games programme which is a key part of 2012's sporting legacy.

### b) The list of government departments which will receive the tickets granted to the DCMS, including the number of tickets allocated to each department.

Department	Number of Tickets
DCMS	1777
Staff Ballot	3000
School Games	450
FCO	46
UKTI	1495
Visit Britain	66
Out of London Local Authorities	
Broxbourne	60
Castle Point	400
Coventry	444
Epping Forest	54
Essex	540
Buckinghamshire	81
Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead	81
South Buckinghamshire	38
Slough	38
Hertfordshire	105
Manchester	80
Weymouth & Portland	60
	<b>1981</b>
Totals	8815

**c) The number of tickets in the allocation costing more than £900.**

There are a total of 103 tickets costing more than £900. This detail is already in the public domain at: <http://www.transparency.culture.gov.uk/2011/10/07/foi-olympics-tickets-allocation/>

**d) The number of tickets in the allocation costing more than £2,000.**

There are a total of 40 tickets costing more than £2,000. This detail is already in the public domain at: <http://www.transparency.culture.gov.uk/2011/10/07/foi-olympics-tickets-allocation/>

**e) The number of tickets purchased by DCMS which will be given free of charge to staff /officials /foreign dignitaries.**

No staff will receive free tickets; all tickets received through the staff ballot will be paid for, at face value, by staff members. Government is currently developing its' strategy for the use of tickets and no final decisions have been made on their distribution. We are therefore unable at this stage to indicate the number of tickets which will be provided to officials and foreign dignitaries. Tickets for officials will not be 'freebies' at taxpayers' expense and will only be given to those who have a role to play in supporting Governments' objectives at games time.

**f) The number of non-British residents who will be given tickets free of charge.**

I can confirm that the department does not hold this information since this process is still ongoing. After the Games the Government will publish a list of those dignitaries to whom it allocated tickets and the cost to government of those tickets.

**g) The list of names of all those who have been gifted tickets purchased by the DCMS.**

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