

Emails re FLIGHTS

From: XXXXX@lochlomond-trossachs.org>

Sent on: Wednesday, May 28, 2025 1:57:45 PM

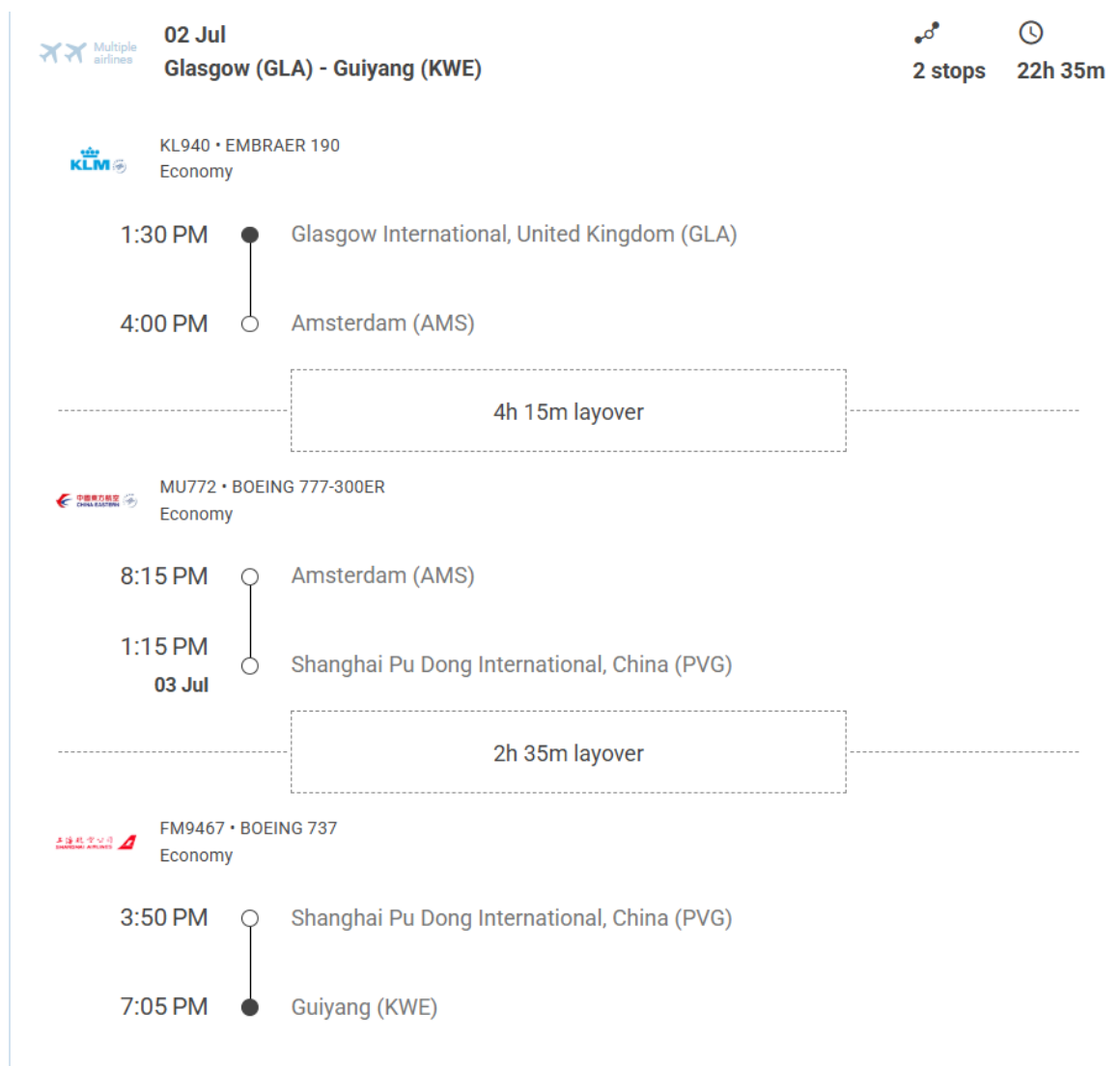
To: Gordon Watson <gordon.watson@lochlomond-trossachs.org>

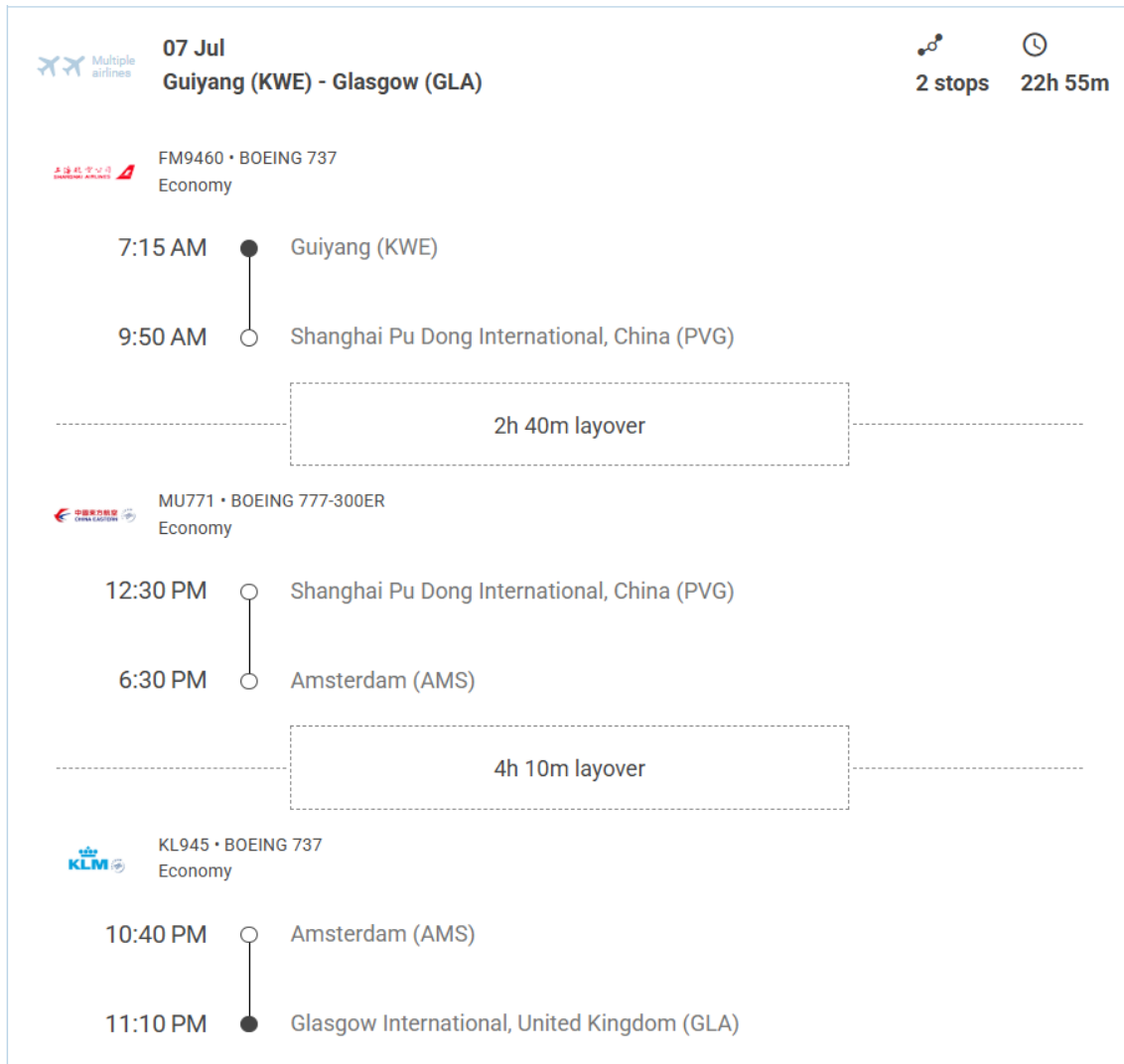
Subject: China Flights

Hi Gordon

I've been searching various flight options for China, I think it's best you depart on 2nd July to allow you 4th July to acclimatise and prepare for the conference.

This one looks the best option – what do you think? Some of the London layovers are tight on times for transfer.





If happy with this, I'll share the details with XXXX and ensure she doesn't select the 'self transfer' option which some sites offer.

Thanks

XXXXX

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From: XXXXX @lochlomond-trossachs.org>

Sent on: Friday, May 30, 2025 10:08:32 AM

To: XXXXX @fcdo.gov.uk>

CC: XXXXX @fcdowebmail.fcdo.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Gordon - Flights / Sichuan Delegation Update

Hello XXXXX

Thank you for your quick reply. I did look at the Chongqing option for the outbound journey, Gordon would still have one short layover with self transfer, I'd rather not risk any issues. The non self transfer option would involve two layovers and arriving at 20:00. I sense that might be too late?

That's good to know for the visa, I'll share the hotel details with Gordon.

We're excited to host the delegation and work with them to ensure the visit is maximised 😊

Thank you!

Best wishes

XXXXX

From: XXXXX @fcdo.gov.uk>

Sent: 30 May 2025 10:55

To: XXXXX @lochlomond-trossachs.org>

Cc: XXXXX @fcdowebmail.fcdo.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Gordon - Flights / Sichuan Delegation Update

Hello dearest XXXXX,

Thank you so much for sending over the flight option. Indeed, there isn't much of a choice. But in case, there's an easier one for Gordon to fly directly into Chongqing instead of Guiyang, we would love to host him in the Consulate where he will be able to meet the team, say, on 3rd July and we head over to Guiyang by highspeed train (2hr) from Chongqing! I don't know if Gordon has considered that route or not, grateful if you could help check further?

On the visa application, if they ask for any hotel details, please use this one: [Hyatt Regency Guiyang official site! Best price guarantee!](#) It's not been booked yet but I don't think they will check the hotels.

On the SCFGA visit, massive thanks for your coordination efforts. I know there's been lots of lots of back and forth. We met XXXXX 2 days ago for a botanical garden event where he spoke highly of what LLTTNP and Consulate have done in order to assist his visit. Of course, he also speaks highly of the prospect for future ties, including in wetland!

Enjoy your well-deserved holiday. I will write to Gordon directly if anything.

Have fun!! 😊

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From: XXXXX [@lochlomond-trossachs.org](mailto:XXXXX@lochlomond-trossachs.org)>

Sent: 30 May 2025 17:25

To: XXXXX[@fcdo.gov.uk](mailto:XXXXX@fcdo.gov.uk)>

Subject: Gordon - Flights / Sichuan Delegation Update

Hello XXXXX

Happy Friday!! Hope you're well and having a great week.

Thank you so much for sending over Gordon's invitation letter, he'll start his visa application. I've spent time searching suitable flights for Gordon and both of us agree the flights below would suit him best. Hopefully the visa will be approved in the next two weeks to allow you to book these flights on Gordon's behalf.



02 Jul
Glasgow (GLA) - Guiyang (KWE)

2 stops 22h 35m



KL940 • EMBRAER 190
Economy

1:30 PM ● Glasgow International, United Kingdom (GLA)
4:00 PM ○ Amsterdam (AMS)

4h 15m layover



MU772 • BOEING 777-300ER
Economy

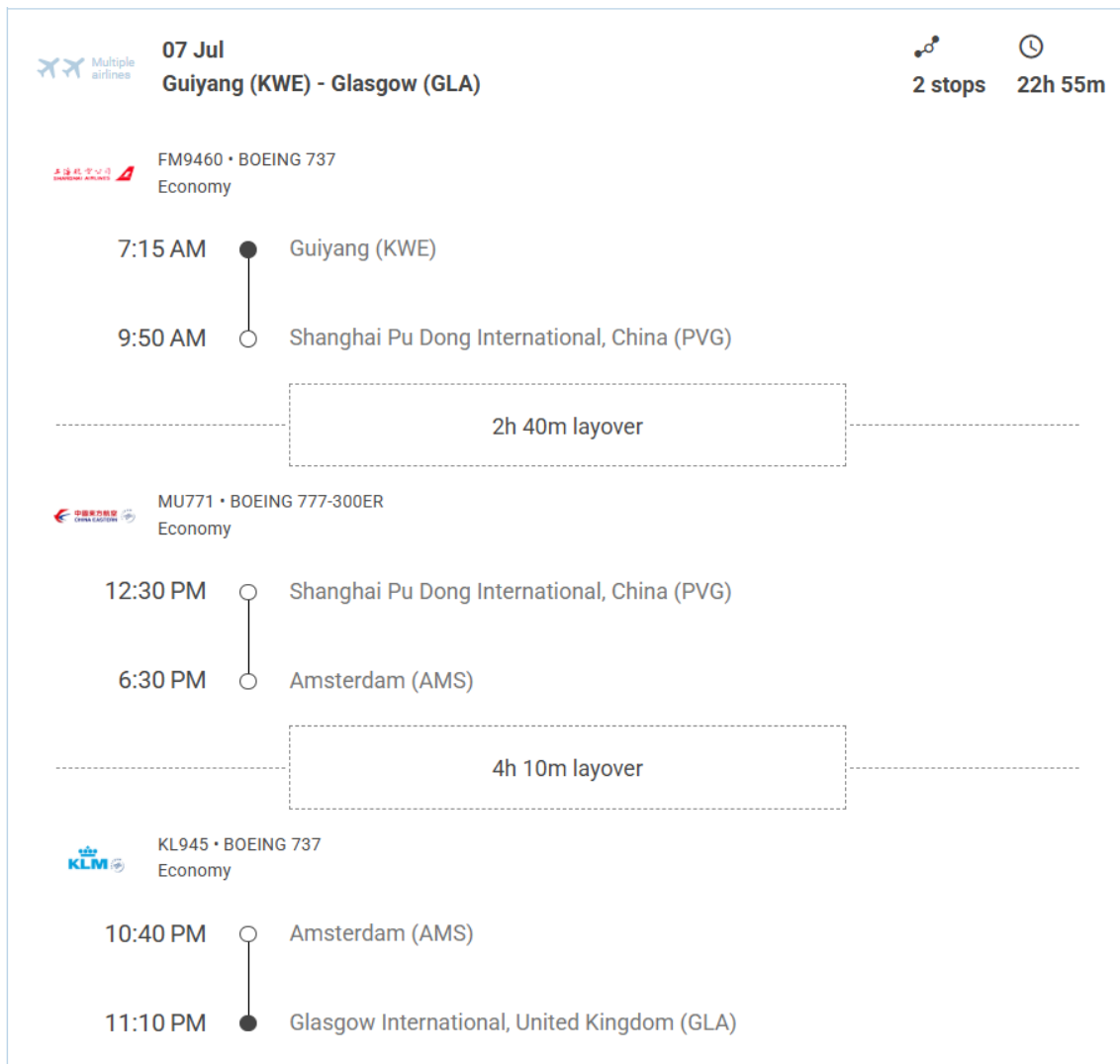
8:15 PM ○ Amsterdam (AMS)
1:15 PM ○ Shanghai Pu Dong International, China (PVG)
03 Jul

2h 35m layover



FM9467 • BOEING 737
Economy

3:50 PM ○ Shanghai Pu Dong International, China (PVG)
7:05 PM ● Guiyang (KWE)



I've attached my most recent email to XXXXX for your awareness. As we discussed last week, the delegation's arrival and departure times are limiting our available time with them, so I'm hopeful our initial proposal will be acceptable. You will also notice I'm trying to ensure accommodation is secured as close to our HQ as possible though given this late stage, I suspect the delegation will require to stay in Glasgow as offerings in Balloch will be booked.

Today is my last working day until 16 June, I'm sure everything will be coming together nicely when I return.

Take care and speak soon.

Best wishes

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From: XXXXX @fcdo.gov.uk>
Sent on: Friday, June 13, 2025 8:34:37 AM
To: Gordon Watson <gordon.watson@lochlomond-trossachs.org>; XXXX @lakedistrict.gov.uk>
CC: XXXXX @lakedistrict.gov.uk>; XXXXX @lochlomond-trossachs.org>
Subject: Flight tickets + visa reimbursement
Attachments: RE Request for Approval £2,500 to Support EFG engagement.msg (67 KB)

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Dear Gordon, XXXX,

Attached is the confirmation for funding your travel expenses. Advised by our Programme Officer, it might be easier for LDNP and LLTTNA to purchase the flight tickets first and the Embassy reimburse them together with the visa application fees with our procurement system. XXXXX and XXXXX are already very familiar with the process given we used this approach for the last two years.

If we buy flight tickets for you, we will need two separate reimbursement approaches for flights and visa respectively. Problem is there is no 'visa fee' category in the system and the amount is too small for a Purchase Order...What we can do is to bundle flights and visa and claim together as 'flights'. I hope this makes sense to you?

I had a look at the pricing, adding together both of your flights and visa fees, total amount should be just around GBP2500. In case of fluctuation of prices, as long as total spend doesn't go beyond 10% more it should be fine.

I am copying dear XXXXX and XXXXX. Sorry for the inconvenience!

XXXXX

XXXXX | Climate Change and Nature Lead (Southwest China)

British Consulate-General Chongqing

From: XXXXX @lochlomond-trossachs.org>

Sent on: Thursday, June 19, 2025 12:44:58 PM

To: XXXXX @fcdo.gov.uk>; XXXXX @fcdowebmail.fcdo.gov.uk>

Subject: Flight Change???

Hello XXXXX

I've now returned from our trip to Austria, we had the most amazing time and wow what lovely scenery along the way. Hope you are well.

It seems Gordon's visa has been pre-approved so now revisiting flights, there is now an outbound flight available which could take Gordon to Chongqing, would this work for your programme?

The screenshot displays a flight itinerary for a journey from Glasgow to Chongqing. The total duration is 21h 30m. The itinerary consists of three segments:

- Segment 1:** Lufthansa LH975, departing Glasgow (GLA) at 06:10 and arriving Frankfurt (FRA) at 09:10. Duration: 2h. Includes a 'Show info' link.
- Segment 2:** Air China CA966, departing Frankfurt (FRA) at 14:15 and arriving Beijing (PEK) at 05:40+1. Duration: 9h 25. Includes a 'Show info' link.
- Segment 3:** Air China CA1431, departing Beijing (PEK) at 08:00 and arriving Chongqing (CKG) at 10:40. Duration: 2h 40. Includes a 'Show info' link.

Key features of the itinerary include:

- 5h 05 Connect in airport Long wait** between Frankfurt and Beijing.
- 2h 20 Connect in airport** between Beijing and Chongqing.
- Arrives:** Thu, 3 Jul 2025 | **Journey duration:** 21h 30

Still intending the same return flight home on 7 July.

Let me know what you think.

Many thanks.

Best wishes

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From: XXXXX@fcdo.gov.uk
Sent: 20 June 2025 07:04
To: XXXXX @lochlomond-trossachs.org>; XXXXX @fcdowebmail.fcdo.gov.uk>
Cc: XXXXX @fcdo.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Flight Change???

OFFICIAL

Hello XXXXX – great to have you back! I hope Austria time was wonderful – I’ve never been there before but on my list.

Thanks for checking on flights. I actually suggested XXXX to flight into Guiyang instead of Chongqing because there’s probably a gov meeting and banquet on afternoon-evening of the 4th. I think it’s better for Gordon to fly into Guiyang still. The conference will organize pick-ups and send-offs, but I still want to meet Gordon when he arrives. I will choose my train according to Gordon and XXXX’s arrival. I think XXXXX will not be in Chongqing on 3rd anyway, so let’s meet up in Guiyang!

I hope the SCFGA people is not giving you any more trouble? Anything you find difficult to understand or communicate, let me know!

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From: XXXXX @lochlomond-trossachs.org>
Sent on: Friday, June 20, 2025 8:38:42 AM
To: XXXXX @fcdo.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Flight Change???

That’s what I thought XXXXX - just found one for £962 – avoiding self-transfer.

Lufthansa + Air China	06:10	25h 15	→	14:25 ⁺¹
	GLA	2 stops FRA, PEK		KWE
Juneyao Airlines + Air China + Lufthansa	07:15	36h 05	→	12:20 ⁺¹
	KWE	2 stops PVG, FRA		GLA



1 deal

£962

Select →

From: XXXXX @lochlomond-trossachs.org>

Sent on: Friday, June 20, 2025 9:03:29 AM

To: XXXXX @fcdo.gov.uk>

CC: XXXXX @fcdo.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Flight Change???

Thanks XXXXX, is XXXX's flight much cheaper? Just conscious of the budget. 😊

From: XXXXX @lochlomond-trossachs.org>

Sent on: Friday, June 20, 2025 9:14:59 AM

To: XXXXX @fcdo.gov.uk>

CC: XXXXX @fcdo.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Flight Change???

Amazing XXXXX, I'll get flights booked today – visa has officially arrived 🙌🙌

From: XXXXX @fcdo.gov.uk>

Sent: 20 June 2025 09:35

To: XXXXX @lochlomond-trossachs.org>

Subject: RE: Flight Change???

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Hello XXXXX – £2500 is for both of them...and the procurement policy is international flights should not exceed £1600. I am looking at flights now, will get back with options in a sec!

From: XXXXX @fcdo.gov.uk>
Sent: 20 June 2025 09:46
To: XXXXX @lochlomond-trossachs.org>
Cc: XXXXX @fcdo.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Flight Change???

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How about this one instead? This way he doesn't need to get up too early for flights and the flight hours are shorter. I don't want Gordon to exhaust himself out for travelling!

Return flight

1 ticket: 1 adult

Glasgow (GLA) to Guiyang (KWE)

Wed, 2 Jul

13:10 - 16:35 ⁺¹ (20h 25m)

Arrives Thu, 3 Jul

3h 50m stop in FRA, 1h 35m stop in PEK

✈ Lufthansa 973

✈ Air China 932

✈ Air China 4164

Guiyang (KWE) to Glasgow (GLA)

Mon, 7 Jul

17:50 - 12:20 ⁺¹ (25h 30m)

Arrives Tue, 8 Jul

3h 5m stop in PVG, 3h 55m stop in FRA

☹ Lufthansa 7137 operated by Air China

☹ Lufthansa 733

☹ Lufthansa 972

Your price summary

Traveller 1: Adult ▼

£1,357.34

Total: **£1,357.34**

From: XXXXX @fcdo.gov.uk>
Sent: 20 June 2025 10:13
To: XXXXX @lochlomond-trossachs.org>
Cc: XXXXX @fcdo.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Flight Change???

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Don't worry – the difference is not much. And to be honest, Gordon's flight hours is longer and more transfers, so the price difference should be justified!

From: XXXXX @lochlomond-trossachs.org>
Sent on: Friday, June 20, 2025 1:48:21 PM
To: XXXXX @fcdo.gov.uk>
CC: XXXXX @fcdo.gov.uk>
Subject: Gordon's Expenses
Attachments: 20250620 Expedia (GW) flight.pdf (182.34 KB), 20250618 Visa Receipt.jpg (257.33 KB), Invoice Template.docx (49.74 KB)

Hello XXXXX

I've now secured Gordon's flight as per our earlier exchange and now attach the flight and visa receipts along with an updated invoice template from previous years.

Appreciate the event has still to take place, just thought I'd tie up the paperwork just now. Please let me know if you require any further detail from me.

Best wishes

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From: XXXXX @lochlomond-trossachs.org>
Sent: 20 June 2025 16:19
To: XXXXX@fcdo.gov.uk>; XXXXX<@fcdowebmail.fcdo.gov.uk>
Cc: XXXXX <@fcdo.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Flight Change???

Hello XXXXX

Austria was amazing, highly recommend. Coffee and apple strudel in Café Mozart in Vienna was delicious 😊

Thanks for confirming we should stick to the original plan. I note your email about reclaiming expenses, this is all good on our side. Can I check the £2500 GBP is for both Gordon and XXXX? The flight I had look at for Gordon is now at £1989!

Plans for the July delegation are going okay thanks, unfortunately the delegation are staying in the city centre of Glasgow so does impact the time they have with us, we'll make it work. Thanks for your kind offer 😊

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

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