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Dear	 	 			

I refer to your request of 23 February 2006 to be provided with information in relation to Lesbian Gay, Bisesexual and Transgender History Month under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

MPA sponsorship of key events across the capital can be used to build closer links with our stakeholders and promote greater understanding of our work. As part of a strategic communication plan, it can also build credibility, trust and support.

Also, the MPA has a statutory duty to promote equality to eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people of different racial groups, religious beliefs and sexual orientation.

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(Sec 404(b) Greater London Authority Act 1999) (Race Relations (Amendment) 2000 Act) (Sec 3 and 4 Disability Discrimination Act 2005) (Sch 1A Race Relations Act 1976)

It is for these reasons it was decided to support the LGBT History Month.

The LGBT History Month, National Pre-Launch received £1,250 sponsorship and LGBT History Month 2005 received £2,500 sponsorship.

I hope that this response answers your questions. However, if you are unhappy with the decision regarding your request for information you should in the first instance request a review of the decision — Jenny Trevillion, Corporate Complaints Officer would arrange for this to be carried out by someone not involved in the initial decision. Please contact me if you wish this to be done. If you are still unhappy after that a further request can be made to the Information Commissioner, who will decide whether the request was dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act. Further information is available on the Information Commissioner's website: www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

Yours sincerely,

Yvonne Peart Information Officer