

Mr Nick Hurd MP  
House of Commons  
London  
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Dear Mr Hurd,

**Parliamentary Question in regard to Weber Shandwick Public Affairs**

I am writing to you following your recent Parliamentary Question to the Department for Culture, Media and Sport regarding any payments the British Museum might have made to Weber Shandwick Public Affairs during the last twelve months.

*Departmental Public Relations*

*To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport what payments the British Museum has made to Weber Shandwick Public Affairs in the last 12 months for which figures are available; for what purpose; and if he will place in the Library a copy of the contracts under which such payments have been made. [305145]*

During the stated time period the Museum made a single payment of £528.75 in December 2008. The purpose of this payment was for advice on consultation for the Museum's planning application to Camden Council for our proposed development; *The World Conservation and Exhibitions Centre*. There was no individual contract for this specific piece of work, which was ordered on the firm's terms of business, as approved by the Museum on an earlier occasion.

If I can help with any further questions then please do not hesitate to ask.

Yours sincerely,



Neil MacGregor