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## Jean-Claude Juncker's chartered jet junket cost taxpayers €27,000

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Jean-Claude Juncker's €27,000 trip to Rome drew criticism from Nigel Farage who called the sum outrageous  
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The cost of chartered flights to transport EU commissioners and their entourages around the world makes up the bulk of the Brussels executive's travel expenses.

After a three-year freedom of information battle by a Spanish campaign group, the EU's 28-member executive has published travel expenses for the first two months of last year.

The figures, stripped of any information that identifies hotels and of itemised receipts, showed that the European Commission spent €492,249 (£444,972) on 261 official trips in January and February 2016, almost €1,900 per trip on average. The most expensive visits involved chartered aircraft and included a trip to Baku in Azerbaijan costing €75,000 by Federica Mogherini, the EU's foreign affairs chief.

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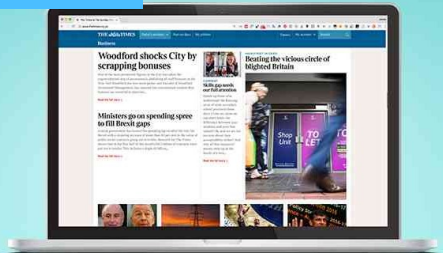
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