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**PRIORITY ORDER PAPER**

**Report No: 4**

**Subject: Questions to the Mayor**

**Report of: Executive Director Of Secretariat**

Questions not asked during Mayor's Question Time will be given a written response by  
Monday 21 July 2008

**Mayor's Office Vetting procedures**

**Question No: 1364 / 2008**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Could you please describe the vetting procedures that were undertaken when recruiting your advisors under section 67 (1) of the GLA Act?

**Cost of Consultants**

**Question No: 1589 / 2008**

[Roger Evans](#)

Could the Mayor give the total cost of consultants for the last Mayoral administration?

**Thames Gateway Bridge**

**Question No: 1288 / 2008**

[Darren Johnson](#)

What are the estimated costs to Transport for London and the London Development Agency of the preparations for the second public inquiry into the Thames Gateway Bridge, following its rejection by the previous inquiry? How much of these costs have already been spent, or contractually committed?

**Affordable housing**

**Question No: 1384 / 2008**

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Are you aware of any developers reducing percentages of affordable housing within schemes submitted to the Mayor's office since your election?

## **Knife crime**

**Question No: 1596 / 2008**

[Richard Barnbrook](#)

In light of the metropolitan polices recent figures for knife crime can the Mayor recognise that 42% of knife crime is carried out by the African Caribbean community who only make up 9% of the population and what measures will the Mayor take to address this.

## **TfL Finances**

**Question No: 1551 / 2008**

[James Cleverly](#)

Will the Mayor make a statement on the finances of TfL?

## **Mayoral Advisers**

**Question No: 1387 / 2008**

[John Biggs](#)

Will you provide an update on your recruitment and retention of Mayoral advisers?

## **London Plan**

**Question No: 1562 / 2008**

[Steve O'Connell](#)

Would the Mayor please update us on his progress in revising the London Plan?

## **Sustainability – The Word**

**Question No: 1445 / 2008**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

I understand that you have banned the word sustainability at City Hall, though I don't recall seeing the internal memo on this as yet & am wondering how it will be conveyed to staff? If this is true, would you please explain the ban and the extent to which it will be used? Are there any other words you propose to ban?

## **Blunt 2**

**Question No: 1533 / 2008**

[Richard Tracey](#)

Following the excellent results of Blunt 2 that saw 1214 people arrested for carrying knives over a 6 week period, how will Blunt 2 be taken forward and expanded as a counter to knife crime and what extra measures will be taken over the summer months for combating both knife crime and anti-social behaviour?

## **Domestic Violence Strategy**

**Question No: 1473 / 2008**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

The current, very successful, London Domestic Violence Strategy ends in September. Do you intend to commission and produce another updated strategy, and if so, what resources will you be allocating to this important area of work?

## **Velib**

**Question No: 1570 / 2008**

[Brian Coleman](#)

Further to your manifesto commitment on the introduction of the Velib, how are plans for this progressing and what is the proposed date of implementation?

## **Meeting with Ruth Kelly**

**Question No: 1336 / 2008**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

At your recent meeting with the Secretary of State for Transport (Ruth Kelly), which of the major transport projects currently under consideration by TfL did she indicate she would not fund?

## **Renewable Energy**

**Question No: 1588 / 2008**

[Gareth Bacon](#)

What plans does the Mayor have to increase the supply of renewable energy in London?

## **MPA Estate Strategy**

**Question No: 1370 / 2008**

[Dee Doocey](#)

In order to counter the suggestion that police stations due to be closed have been “cherry-picked” because of their size and location, i.e. where a sale price would be very advantageous, will you agree to ‘ring fence’ the proceeds from the sale and guarantee that the money received will be spent exclusively on providing improved police facilities in the borough where the police station has been sold?

## **Kurdish and Turkish Communities**

**Question No: 1575 / 2008**

[Andrew Boff](#)

What are the LDA, Metropolitan Police Authority and Transport for London doing to engage with the Kurdish and Turkish communities of London?

## **Half Price Bus Travel**

**Question No: 1479 / 2008**

[Len Duvall](#)

In a statement on 30 May you said you had asked TfL to consider alternative ways of funding the half-price bus travel scheme for Londoners on income support. What progress have you made so far?

## **Under-21s alcohol licensing**

**Question No: 1553 / 2008**

[Steve O'Connell](#)

Many bars already operate a self-regulation policy of only allowing over-21s through their doors. Off licenses, mini-marts and supermarkets though still maintain the sale of alcohol to 18-21s. Will you join with me in looking for licensees to follow the example of some licensees in Scotland and create a self-regulation scheme to only sell to over-21s?

## **London Living Wage**

**Question No: 1386 / 2008**

[Navin Shah](#)

Does the Mayor support the Living Wage for London Underground contract cleaners?

## **Heathrow Communication**

**Question No: 1532 / 2008**

[Richard Tracey](#)

What representations to the Government does the Mayor plan to take following recent press reports of mid-air near-misses caused by pilots flying aeroplanes over London who do not have the required standard of English to adequately communicate with Heathrow's control tower?

## **Rise Festival**

**Question No: 1531 / 2008**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

The dropping of the tag line has not only disappointed many people, but damaged relationships with the Trade unions, which led UNISON and Unite the Union to withdraw their funding towards the festival. How has this brought people together in any cultural sense or added to a deeper feeling of community in London?

## **Dial-a-Ride**

**Question No: 1566 / 2008**

[Tony Arbour](#)

Are you satisfied with the current standard of Dial-a-ride and do you accept that the level of service has deteriorated further now that journey bookings are centrally administered and IT driven?

## **Weekly Press Conferences**

**Question No: 1396 / 2008**

[John Biggs](#)

When do you plan to start holding regular and unrestricted weekly press conferences?

## **Post Offices**

**Question No: 1569 / 2008**

[Victoria Borwick](#)

Does the Mayor believe that the Government is justified in closing 11 local post offices in Brent and Harrow?

## **Western extension impacts**

**Question No: 1277 / 2008**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Will you publish the Transport for London assessment of the likely impacts on congestion, bus journey times, emissions, charging income, and on cyclists and pedestrians, of scrapping the western extension of the congestion charge?

## **Airport expansion (2)**

**Question No: 1256 / 2008**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Are you opposed to airport expansion in whole of the south-east or merely expansion at Heathrow? Whose advice are you taking on this issue?

## **Questions for Written Answer**

### **Stop and search (1)**

**Question No: 1251 / 2008**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Government statistics for 2005/06 show that over half of stop and searches under Section 1 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 in London are of people of Black, Asian or other ethnic appearance, despite them representing only around 32% of the capital's population, and being less than 1% more likely to be arrested as a result of a stop and search. If the requirement on police to complete detailed stop and search or account forms were removed, how would you expect the Metropolitan Police Service to monitor and account for stop and search practices?

### **Stop and Search (2)**

**Question No: 1252 / 2008**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Do you consider the use of Section 60 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act to be appropriate to carry out stop and search under Operation Blunt 2, given that this power is for use within a limited area and during a specific period of time only, yet the Metropolitan Police Commissioner and yourself have both stated that Operation Blunt 2 should be regarded as a

pan-London, long-term strategy? Do you agree that it might be more appropriate to use powers under Section 1 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act to carry out stop and search in this operation, which would include the requirement for 'reasonable suspicion', as an important safeguard on civil liberties?

## **Crime and young people (1)**

**Question No: 1253 / 2008**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Do you agree with the findings of the recently published MPA Youth Scrutiny Report that stop and search remains a key concern for many young people, and that a single negative encounter with the police can result in a negative impression of the entire service?

## **Crime and young people (2)**

**Question No: 1254 / 2008**

[Jenny Jones](#)

What discussions have you had with the Metropolitan Police Commissioner to convey the importance that police tactics adopted as part of Operation Blunt 2 do not result in the alienation of young people, which would be counter productive?

## **Airport expansion (1)**

**Question No: 1255 / 2008**

[Jenny Jones](#)

I understand that you are opposed to expansion at Heathrow Airport. What actions have you taken to date to voice your opposition? How often have you met with the relevant Government ministers to put forward your case against expansion? How often have you met with local campaign groups on this issue?

## **Airport expansion (3)**

**Question No: 1257 / 2008**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Will you support HACAN's NOW campaign, which focuses on improving the current situation around Heathrow Airport, with seven demands, including banning night flights, extending runway and flight path alternation and retaining a flight cap of 480,000 flights a year?

## **Air Quality (1)**

**Question No: 1258 / 2008**

[Darren Johnson](#)

The previous Mayor stated in a press release in February this year, that the Low Emission Zone, along with other measures, would mean that by 2012 the number of Londoners that live in areas that register levels of air pollution that are dangerous to health will be reduced from 1.3 million to 400,000 for oxides of nitrogen, and from 500,000 to just 70,000 for the most dangerous pollutant, fine particles. Will you please publish the analysis and/or report on which this was based?

## **Air Quality (2)**

**Question No: 1259 / 2008**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Will you make available the material sent to the Government by the Greater London Authority in support of the case for a Low Emission Zone, specifically regarding the likelihood of London's meeting the European Union's air quality limit values?

## **Air Quality (3)**

**Question No: 1260 / 2008**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Thank you for your positive response to Question 1004/2008. Will you therefore oppose any Government attempt to apply for a five-year extension to the 2010 deadline to achieve European Union air quality standards? Will you support legal action against the U.K. Government, if there is clear evidence that London does not meet the conditions for an extension, as outlined in the Annex referred to in clause 3 of Article 22 of the Air Quality Directive?

## **Air Quality (4)**

**Question No: 1261 / 2008**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Are you aware of any Government plans which would enable London to achieve its European Union targets for the amount of oxides of nitrogen in London's air by 2010? If no action beyond the current measures is taken, how many of the existing London air quality monitoring sites do you estimate will exceed these 2010 targets? How many of the existing sites do you estimate will meet the nitrous oxide target, plus 50%, which is allowed for in the Directive's policy on extensions?

## **Air Quality (5)**

**Question No: 1262 / 2008**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Are you aware of any Government plans which would see London achieve its European Union targets for the amount of particulate matter 10 in London's air by 2008? How many of the existing sites do you estimate will meet the PM10 target, plus 20%, which is allowed for in the Directive's policy on extensions?

## **Hydrogen vehicles**

**Question No: 1263 / 2008**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Are you maintaining existing plans to promote technologically innovative cleaner vehicles by putting 70 hydrogen vehicles into operation in London by 2010, as set out in the London Hydrogen Partnership's Transport Action Plan? Are you retaining the target of having five per cent of all public sector fleet vehicles powered by hydrogen by 2015, or will you aim to do more?

## **Traffic Reduction (1)**

**Question No: 1264 / 2008**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Given the urgent need to improve air quality in London, and to meet legally binding air quality

targets for 2008 and 2010, will you publish a draft revised air quality strategy for consultation with the London Assembly by June 2009?

## **Traffic Reduction (2)**

**Question No: 1265 / 2008**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Do you accept that the current Mayoral & Government strategy of producing cleaner vehicles is not sufficient to meet the European Union's targets for improving air quality?

## **Traffic Reduction (3)**

**Question No: 1266 / 2008**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Does traffic reduction have a role in improving air quality and preserving the health of Londoners?

## **Olympics Living Wage**

**Question No: 1267 / 2008**

[Jenny Jones](#)

How many people are currently employed on the Olympics sites, including sub-contractors? How many people working on the Olympics sites, including sub-contractors, are being paid below the London Living Wage?

## **Olympics Financing**

**Question No: 1268 / 2008**

[Jenny Jones](#)

What specific steps are you taking to protect the Olympic budget against the pressures being placed on it by the failure of private development partners to raise capital to invest in the Olympics village and, according to recent reports, the media centre?

## **Olympic Village**

**Question No: 1269 / 2008**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Will the reduction of Olympic village homes, from 4,200 to 3,300, reduce the income that the LDA can earn from this development after the Games? Will this add to pressure to generate income from sales of other areas of the Olympic Park? Could this result in more Olympic Park land being sold for development after the Games?

## **Olympic Community Benefits**

**Question No: 1270 / 2008**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Given your commitment to make it easier for London businesses, especially small and medium enterprises, to benefit Greater London Authority and Olympic contracts, what are you doing to address the failings identified on this issue by the New Economics Foundation? Will you take any specific actions in relation to the recommendations of the recent 'Fools Gold' report, including making community benefit a key criterion for all new Olympic contracts and ensuring that community facilities are transferred directly to a community development trust?

## **Olympic legacy**

**Question No: 1271 / 2008**

[Jenny Jones](#)

In order to achieve your stated aim of delivering a significant sporting legacy from the 2012 Games, how are you responding to the concerns of the National Audit Office that the failure to finalise the legacy requirements for the venues and infrastructure on the Olympic Park could result in legacy objectives being compromised by the need to deliver the Games on time? By when will a clear legacy plan be available for each of the venues which will remain after 2012?

## **Olympics security costs**

**Question No: 1272 / 2008**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Given your commitment to control Olympic spending, what are you doing to address the failure to deliver a costed plan of Olympic policing and wider security needs, despite a headline budget of up to £838m for Games time costs, and £800m preparation costs? Will you be seeking to make efficiency savings from this budget, once the detailed security plans are finalised?

## **Olympics Policing**

**Question No: 1273 / 2008**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Are you aware that the total cost of policing the Olympics would pay for all the Safer Neighbourhoods Teams in London for over 6 years? Does this expenditure reflect your priorities for policing in London?

## **Accessible Olympic Transport (1)**

**Question No: 1274 / 2008**

[Jenny Jones](#)

What assessment has been made of the impact that the Metronet failure could have on the aim to make 25% of the underground network step-free by 2012? Can you provide specific details of how progress at Southfields, Green Park, and Baker Street stations could be affected?

## **Accessible Olympic transport (2)**

**Question No: 1275 / 2008**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Will Olympic spectators whose impairments mean that they can only travel to 2012 venues by car or dedicated road transport service be able to use the Olympic Route Network?

## **Velodrome wood**

**Question No: 1276 / 2008**

[Darren Johnson](#)

What sustainability criteria will be applied to the wood used for the 2012 velodrome track? Will the wood comply with the Central Point of Expertise on Timber standard currently being applied to Olympic wood, or with the more stringent Forestry Stewardship Council standard?

## **Western extension consultation**

**Question No: 1278 / 2008**

[Darren Johnson](#)

When you announce the results of the consultation on the western extension of the congestion charge, will you differentiate between responses from those living within the extension zone, and those living outside the zone? Will you state clearly, in advance, what extra weight you intend to give to residents within the zone, compared to the responses from other Londoners?

## **Emissions charging (1)**

**Question No: 1279 / 2008**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Your response to my question 989/2009 did not answer the question. What net revenues did TfL estimate would accrue from the introduction of the emissions related congestion charge scheme? What expenditure has already been made or committed to introducing the emissions related charge? What will be the net loss in estimated revenue, between April 2008 and April 2012, of cancelling the scheme?

## **Emissions charging (2)**

**Question No: 1280 / 2008**

[Darren Johnson](#)

In a Transport for London statement from March this year, your predecessor committed to reinvesting projected income from the emissions related congestion charge to walking and cycling projects. Following your cancellation of the emissions related congestion charge, how do you intend to make up the short fall in the planned £500m programme of investment in walking and cycling between now and 2015?

## **Congestion charging (1)**

**Question No: 1281 / 2008**

[Darren Johnson](#)

How many vehicle models are as polluting, or less polluting, than the Lexus Hybrid LS600h, which has a 100% congestion charge discount but emits 219g/km CO<sub>2</sub>, putting it in the second highest vehicle excise duty band? Should this luxury car receive a congestion charge discount?

## **Congestion Charging (2)**

**Question No: 1282 / 2008**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Following your cancellation of the emissions related congestion charge, will you ask Transport for London to implement their original proposal to replace the Alternative Fuel Discount with a discount for band A & B vehicles?

## **Traffic signals (1)**

**Question No: 1283 / 2008**

[Jenny Jones](#)

When will you know which traffic lights you will be re-phasing, and how you intend to re-phase them? When will you make the detail of this policy public?

## **Traffic signals (2)**

**Question No: 1284 / 2008**

[Jenny Jones](#)

By when will Transport for London report to you on its examination of ways in which traffic lights in London can be re-phased to reduce congestion? Will you make the reports findings public?

## **Walking and cycling**

**Question No: 1285 / 2008**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Why have you stopped the consultation with stakeholders, including local authorities, over Transport for London's ambitious plans to increase walking and cycling by 2025?

## **Walking budget**

**Question No: 1286 / 2008**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Following your welcome announcement that this year Transport for London will invest £55m in cycling, can you confirm the total Transport for London investment in walking for 2008/09?

## **Central London Pedestrian Zone**

**Question No: 1287 / 2008**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Following your support for the idea of pedestrian 'ramblas' from Regent's Park to the Mall, will you ask Transport for London to consider a proposal I put forward last year for a series of pedestrian routes linking London's parks and squares with the river?

## **Safer Transport Teams**

**Question No: 1289 / 2008**

[Jenny Jones](#)

In response to question 0812/2008 you stated that: "the cost of these new [safer transport] teams will be £11.3m... The Metropolitan Police Service contribution within this figure is £2.1m with Transport for London contributing £9.2m". In response to question 1015/2008 you stated: "The Metropolitan Police Service will be funded by Transport for London to provide the additional staff for the Safer Transport Teams." Is it therefore true to say that Transport for London will fund the full £11.3m cost of your new safer transport teams? If so, from where will Transport for London find the additional £2.1m for these teams?

## **Green Belt**

**Question No: 1290 / 2008**

[Jenny Jones](#)

According to the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England, London's Green Belt boundaries are being reviewed in 18 different places with a view to accommodating new housing development. Can you explain what action you will take in each of these 18 cases in order to fulfil your manifesto pledge of "ensuring that no development takes place on green belt and Metropolitan Open Land"?

## **Affordable Retail**

**Question No: 1291 / 2008**

[Jenny Jones](#)

When will you amend the London Plan to encourage borough councils to use a section 106 agreement to secure a proportion of affordable units for small independent retailers when approving large retail developments? How long do you envisage it will be before this presumption becomes part of London's planning regime?

## **Garden grabbing**

**Question No: 1292 / 2008**

[Darren Johnson](#)

When will you write into the London Plan a presumption against residential development on domestic gardens, which you pledged in your manifesto to incorporate "as a matter of urgency"? How long do you envisage it will be before this presumption becomes part of London's planning regime?

## **Planning decisions**

**Question No: 1293 / 2008**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Despite Transport for London stating that the redevelopment of the former TA site at 245 Warwick Road could be a car-free development, your office has allowed the planning application to proceed with 227 car parking spaces. How do you justify this decision given Transport For London's view "that traffic generated by the development may have a significant adverse impact on the Transport for London Road Network" and "is likely to degrade the operation of the [nearby] junction"?

## **Transparency and openness in planning**

**Question No: 1294 / 2008**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Why have none of the documents relating to planning applications referred to, or decided by, your office you since you became Mayor been placed on the GLA website, as was standard practice under your predecessor?

## **Sir Simon Milton**

**Question No: 1295 / 2008**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Will you ask Sir Simon Milton to voluntarily commit himself to be bound by the content and procedures of the Greater London Authority's Code of Ethics and Standards for Staff?

## **A cabinet for London**

**Question No: 1296 / 2008**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Have you had any meetings of your 'Cabinet for London', which you committed to in your manifesto. If so, have the full agenda papers been put on your website, as you also committed to doing in the interests of "a more open and transparent decision making process, which will help restore Londoners' trust in City Hall"?

## **LGBT history month**

**Question No: 1297 / 2008**

[Darren Johnson](#)

How will the mayor celebrate Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender History Month in 2009?

## **Value for money pigeon control**

**Question No: 1298 / 2008**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Does the annual cost of around £30,000 to control up to 140 pigeons in Trafalgar Square with a hawk represent good value for money? Will you investigate other options for controlling the number of pigeons at this iconic landmark?

## **276 Bus service**

**Question No: 1299 / 2008**

[Darren Johnson](#)

A constituent has complained that the 276 bus rarely arrives within the scheduled 8-12 minutes, and that they often run over 20 minutes apart. In addition, the bus often terminates halfway through the journey. Can you look at improving this service in accordance with its schedule?

## **Bus Schedules**

**Question No: 1300 / 2008**

[Darren Johnson](#)

What measures are there for ensuring that buses run according to their scheduled times and scheduled regularity?

## **Train Horns**

**Question No: 1301 / 2008**

[Darren Johnson](#)

What will you be doing to tackle the inappropriate use of loud, high-pitched train horns on the Northern Line? (which are reportedly often sounded to acknowledge people standing on footbridges such as Lovers Walk in Barnet)

## **Green schools programme**

**Question No: 1302 / 2008**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Would you consider setting up a 'Green Schools Programme' to provide an equivalent service to the 'Green Homes Programme' but tailored for schools and including an equivalent 'Green School Concierge Service'?

## **Biodiversity in London parks**

**Question No: 1303 / 2008**

[Darren Johnson](#)

What are you doing to promote biodiversity in London parks, in particular in parks that are dominated by football pitches or ones that are highly managed and do not have designated wild

areas to support indigenous plants, bees and various wildlife?

## **Virtual business meetings**

**Question No: 1304 / 2008**

[Darren Johnson](#)

In order to reduce carbon emissions by London's business flyers, would the mayor promote new computer communication technologies for business meetings, in place of conventional face to face meetings that required either short or long haul flights that were also costly and time consuming?

## **Lea Valley heritage museum**

**Question No: 1305 / 2008**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Will you follow the endorsement of the previous mayor to working with the local community to help develop plans for a Lea Valley Heritage Museum?

## **Redbridge underground stations**

**Question No: 1306 / 2008**

[Darren Johnson](#)

With over 300 signatures received on the Downing Street e-petition website supporting a campaign for the redesignation of Wanstead, Snaresbrook, and Redbridge central line underground stations (presently having Zone 4 status) into Zone 3, would you ask Transport for London to look into this and consider re-designation?

## **Herbert Road bus stops**

**Question No: 1307 / 2008**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Following my request for a bus shelter on Herbert Road SE18, at last month's Mayor's Question Time, I have been contacted by another local resident, who has been campaigning for an additional bus shelter to be installed on the same road since 1999. An additional bus shelter would greatly aid local residents, many of whom are elderly. The local resident would also like to know why bus shelters are not provided at all the bus stops along Herbert Road, given that this would be feasible if one of the bus stops was re-sited to avoid blocking people's driveways. I would therefore be grateful if you could follow this issue up with Transport for London as a matter of urgency.

## **Sex encounter establishments**

**Question No: 1308 / 2008**

[Jenny Jones](#)

In response to question 0831/2008 you stated you would support London's councils to implement clause 23 of the 10th London Local Authorities Bill. However, this clause merely irons out a technical issue relating to existing licences. It does not empower local communities in the licensing of new lap dancing clubs. Will you lobby for lap dancing clubs to be re-categorised as sex encounter establishments, a measure which will achieve this?

## **Bikes on buses**

**Question No: 1309 / 2008**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Are cyclists allowed to take bikes on bendy buses at non-peak times?

## **City Hall bike parking**

**Question No: 1310 / 2008**

[Jenny Jones](#)

There is insufficient bike parking for GLA employees in the basement. Will you install secure bike parking at the back of City Hall, as at Finsbury Park station?

## **North Circular Road**

**Question No: 1311 / 2008**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Can you answer the following questions from a member of the public?

1. When will empty homes owned by Transport for London, and surplus to requirements, along the A406 be sold? Is there a schedule for the sales?
2. When will the rented homes owned by Transport for London and surplus to requirements along the A406 be sold? Is there a schedule for the sales?
3. When will the sub-let (to housing associations, Co-opertives and London Borough of Enfield) homes owned by Transport for London and surplus to requirements along the A406 be sold? Is there a schedule for the sales?
4. When homes along the A406 are sold can the Mayor guarantee that they will be re-furbished and lived in within 6 months of sale? Local people fear a property developer will purchase the homes at a rock bottom price and leave them empty until the housing market picks up.
5. When will the homes owned by Transport for London and subject to Section 106 agreements be refurbished and let?
6. Does Transport for London plan to manage the letting of these homes or to pass that responsibility to the London Borough of Enfield?

## **20mph limit**

**Question No: 1312 / 2008**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Is it the mayor's intention to continue his predecessor's policy of encouraging and supporting Boroughs that wish to introduce a 20mph speed limit in all residential areas? If not, what is his alternative proposal to ensure the safety of vulnerable road-users such as cyclists and pedestrians?

## **343 bus route**

**Question No: 1313 / 2008**

[Jenny Jones](#)

I have received complaints from a constituent that the number 343 bus frequently exceeds the 20 mph speed limit on Jerningham Road, SE14. Will you honour your predecessor's commitment to pilot speed limiter technology in buses and black cabs, and use the 343 route as part of that trial?

## **Oxford Street**

**Question No: 1314 / 2008**

[Jenny Jones](#)

What is your vision for Oxford Street? Does it include a pedestrian environment and if so how will you achieve this?

## **Kings Cross station**

**Question No: 1315 / 2008**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Will you support the campaign to keep all entrances to Kings Cross station open, ensuring the station is permeable for the whole community as well as other station users? Network Rail is planning to close all current entrances and replace them with one entrance on the western side. This would mean many residents would have to walk three times as far as usual to access local amenities in the station, such as food shops and chemists.

## **Advisor on women's issues**

**Question No: 1316 / 2008**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Will you be appointing an advisor on women's issues? If not, who will be advising you on women's issues?

## **Female Deputy Mayor**

**Question No: 1317 / 2008**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Will you be appointing any female Deputy Mayors?

## **Capitalwoman conference**

**Question No: 1318 / 2008**

[Jenny Jones](#)

The capitalwoman conference has taken place every year since it started in 2001, with 3,000 people attending in 2008. The conference was organised by the former Mayor of London and enabled women to question the Mayor, policy makers and women's representatives directly on issues such as childcare, education, workplace issues and travel safety. Will you continue to organise this conference?

## **Freewheel**

**Question No: 1319 / 2008**

[Jenny Jones](#)

What steps will you take to ensure that this year's Freewheel inspires even more Londoners to cycle regularly, and how would you wish this event to develop in the future?

## **Share the Road**

**Question No: 1320 / 2008**

[Jenny Jones](#)

With mutual respect so visibly lacking between London's road users, will you consider extending support for the nascent Share the Road initiative that has proved so effective elsewhere in the world?

## **Mayor's Fund 1**

**Question No: 1321 / 2008**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

How much do you expect the Mayor's Fund to raise and over what time period? When do you expect the Fund to make its first grant and how much do you expect it to disburse net of running costs?

## **Mayor's Fund 2**

**Question No: 1322 / 2008**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Will you consult the Assembly on the criteria to be used by the Mayor's Fund to decide which organisations will get grants? Do you anticipate it making say three year grants or just single payments?

## **Olympic contracts**

**Question No: 1323 / 2008**

[Dee Doocey](#)

Can you confirm which failed bidders are entitled to have their bid costs reimbursed? How much money has been paid (or is due to be paid) to unsuccessful bidders by: the ODA; LOCOG; the LDA and others?

## **Olympic park security**

**Question No: 1324 / 2008**

[Dee Doocey](#)

Do you have confidence in the security of the Olympic Park, and in particular, what procedures are in place to ensure that every employee is fully vetted before they are allowed to set foot on the site?

## **Olympic security**

**Question No: 1325 / 2008**

[Dee Doocey](#)

Why has overall responsibility for the security of the Olympic and Paralympic Games been taken from the Metropolitan Police and given to the Home Office? Do you have confidence that civil servants will understand the security requirements as well as the Met?

## **Metropolitan Police estate strategy**

**Question No: 1326 / 2008**

[Dee Doocey](#)

What steps will you take to ensure that the latest police consultation on their estate strategy will fully engage with all Londoners and take account of their views?

## **Cross River Tram**

**Question No: 1327 / 2008**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

In your address to the Local Government Association Conference on July 2nd, you cited the example of conflict between London County Council and London Borough Councils over electric trams as an example of pointless conflict between layers of government that had adversely affected Londoners. Will you therefore stop your predecessor's prevarication over the Cross River Tram, which is backed by Southwark, Lambeth, Westminster, the City of London and Camden, and commit to seeing delivered the Transport and Works Act, which is required to allow the scheme to proceed?

## **Potters Field**

**Question No: 1328 / 2008**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

You were recently quoted in Southwark News saying that 'it would be wrong of me to get involved in too much detail' in plans to develop the Potters Field site. In this spirit, will you withdraw the threat of a Compulsory Purchase Order made by your predecessor?

## **Rotherhithe Congestion**

**Question No: 1329 / 2008**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

The cost of tackling congestion on Jamaica Road and Lower Road in Rotherhithe through alterations at the Rotherhithe roundabout was recently estimated at £500,000. Will you please instruct TfL to allocate the necessary funds to carry out the much needed works and improve the lives of thousands of residents in Rotherhithe?

## **Social Care Funding Flaws**

**Question No: 1331 / 2008**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Will you make representations to the Government regarding its use of the Relative Needs Formula to determine the level of social care need in inner London authorities? Southwark council and London Councils have raised concerns that the formula is withdrawing millions of pounds of vital funding from London council budgets because of inaccurate data and the use of a flawed formula. London Councils estimate that the new adults' social services formula implied a loss of funding to London of £150 million, just under 20 per cent of its previous share of funding. 32 of London's 33 councils lost out from the introduction of this new formula.

## **London population estimates**

**Question No: 1332 / 2008**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Will you support the call by the Local Government Association and the Equalities and Human

Rights Commission for the government to provide a £250million contingency fund for councils in order for them to cope with the demands of growing populations not recognised by flawed official government population estimates?

## **Jamaica Road**

**Question No: 1333 / 2008**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Will you back the removal of the 24 hour bus lane on Jamaica Road, Bermondsey?

## **Housing Targets**

**Question No: 1334 / 2008**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Once a borough has signed up to a demanding target to increase the amount of affordable housing in its area, would you support relaxing the rules that require full on site replacement of all affordable council homes which are demolished by a local authority during a redevelopment scheme?

## **Fraud**

**Question No: 1335 / 2008**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Do you believe that the police should prosecute people who fraudulently claim council housing?

## **Air conditioning for the Tube**

**Question No: 1337 / 2008**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Please give an update on London Underground's plans to provide air-conditioning for Tube trains and an indication of what is now planned to mitigate high temperatures on the deep lines. What costs are indicated so far? Has an environmental impact assessment been done on the plans, and if so, what does it tell us?

## **Live-interactive bus-tracking system**

**Question No: 1338 / 2008**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What progress has been made towards the installation of a live-interactive bus-tracking system across London's bus network? What indications do you have about the cost and timescale for this work?

## **Orbital bus routes**

**Question No: 1339 / 2008**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Will you ask TfL to consider introducing an orbital limited stop bus route between Wembley and Ealing via Park Royal, which is claimed to be Europe's largest single industrial estate?

## **Response Times**

### **Question No: 1340 / 2008**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Your letter of 20 May 2008 to Borough Councillors invited them to contact you on issues they would like to raise. What is your current average response time to letters sent to you by (a) councillors (b) Assembly members?

## **Future of 'Bendy' Buses**

### **Question No: 1341 / 2008**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Given the considerable challenge of replacing 388 "bendy" buses with 540 new Routemaster Mark 2 buses before 2012, will you prioritise withdrawing 'bendies' from routes involving narrow roads and sharp turns? Can you itemise your objections to operating articulated buses on long straight routes where there is high demand, such as the Old Kent Road, the Mile End Road, and Uxbridge Road?

## **Cameras in bus shelters**

### **Question No: 1342 / 2008**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Do you support the installation of CCTV in the next generation of bus shelters?

## **Hybrid buses**

### **Question No: 1343 / 2008**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

In view of your response to Question 1010 / 2008, can you clarify whether the 540 Routemaster Mark 2 buses you will require (in order to deliver the same capacity as the existing 388 "bendy" buses) will be delivered as part of TfL's plan to deliver 500 hybrid buses by 2012, or will be subsequent and additional to that plan?

## **Personal travel plans**

### **Question No: 1344 / 2008**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Further to your answer to Question No: 1016 / 2008, and in view of the fact the Personal Travel Plans have been known to reduce car use by almost as much as congestion charging, can you explain what will be the results of the budget reduction you have announced?

## **Fares rise London Overground**

### **Question No: 1345 / 2008**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Further to your answer to Question 1106/2008, is it the case that the cost of a standard return between West Brompton and Hackney Central has risen from £3.40 to £8 (135 per cent) for a passenger paying for an individual journey in cash? Is it also the case that the cost of a return journey for that passenger between Wembley Central and Clapham Junction has increased by 50% from £4 and £6? If either is true, do you find this acceptable and will you act to change it?

## **Emergency summit with train operating companies**

**Question No: 1346 / 2008**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Has the “emergency” summit with train operating companies that you announced in your Written Answer to Question No. 1152 / 2008 taken place, and if so, what outcomes do you have to report?

## **Bus capacity for north Lambeth**

**Question No: 1347 / 2008**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

TfL acknowledge in your Answer to Question 1107/2008 that they are aware that the performance of the no. 3 bus route [Oxford Circus – Crystal Palace] is not to the standard they expect, and north Lambeth residents also report long queues and overcrowded buses on the no. 59 route [Streatham Hill – Euston] and no. 159 bus route [Streatham – Marble Arch]. Will you review bus service levels for north Lambeth?

## **Thames Gateway Bridge**

**Question No: 1348 / 2008**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Has TfL now demonstrated to you that their Thames Gateway Bridge proposals safeguard the environment and promote the use of public transport? If not, will you instruct them to cease preparing a case for a further public inquiry, and withdraw their planning application for the Bridge?

## **Barnet Council: clearing litter**

**Question No: 1349 / 2008**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

As Barnet Council has failed in its responsibilities to clear Mill Hill Circus roundabout and the reservations of the A41 of litter on a regular basis, will you intervene and persuade the Council to fulfil its duties under the Environmental Protection Act 1990?

## **Western Extension**

**Question No: 1350 / 2008**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Please set out the criteria you will use to judge the outcome of the consultation on the Western extension of the Congestion Charging Zone. Will special weight be given to the views of residents within the current Western extension? If the majority view of other Londoners conflicts with those of Western extension residents, whose view will you respect?

## **Congestion charging**

**Question No: 1351 / 2008**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Given the success of TfL’s ‘tag and beacon’ technology trials in Southwark, and of the efficiency of similar systems in Singapore and Oslo, with the convenience they afford to drivers in ending the risk of penalty charge notices, can you tell us when TfL will be able to roll out this technology for the Central Congestion Charging Zone?

## **Driverless Tube trains**

**Question No: 1352 / 2008**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

With advances in train technology, it is possible for Tube trains on certain lines to be operated without a driver, as on the highly successful and popular DLR. Is it your aim, in the medium or long term, to move towards driverless Tube trains?

## **Pedestrian crossing: Clapham Common**

**Question No: 1353 / 2008**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What will be done to deliver the promises made to local people by TfL and others for a pedestrian crossing at the junction of Cavendish Road and Clapham Common Southside?

## **Gyratory system: Clapham South**

**Question No: 1354 / 2008**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

When will TfL consult local people and their councillors on how to change the gyratory system at The Avenue in Clapham South, which is an increasing irritant for local people suffering from rat-runners who wish to bypass it?

## **Reduced DLR service**

**Question No: 1355 / 2008**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Since Monday 30 June until Bank Holiday Monday 25 August DLR services between Lewisham and Crossharbour have been significantly reduced to a frequency of every 10 minutes. The DLR is at capacity at peak times and many passengers are unable to use the service. Should not TfL be required to provide adequate and competent alternatives for commuters who need to reach Stratford from Lewisham?

## **Free Travel for Injured Veterans**

**Question No: 1356 / 2008**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

The BBC reported on the 27th of June that 2,600 veterans, war widows and widowers under 60 would save on average £200 a year thanks to your policy of giving them free travel on the London's Transport Network. A quote from your spokesperson in the same report states that this will cost TfL about £900,000 in total. We strongly support your efforts to help ex servicemen and women but could you please:

- a) explain how the average saving of £200 was calculated?
- b) explain how the total cost of £900,000 was calculated?
- c) give a breakdown of the £900,000 costs referred to?
- d) state if anyone other than TfL will be providing funding for this scheme?

## **Delegation of Planning Powers**

**Question No: 1357 / 2008**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Given the enormous importance to Londoners of the planning decisions made by the GLA, will you reconsider your decision to delegate your planning powers en masse to an unelected employee, albeit one personally appointed by you under section 67(1) of the GLA Act?

## **Cost of Transition Consultants**

**Question No: 1358 / 2008**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

MD17 states that the cost of consultants pending the appointment of employees pursuant to section 67(1) of the Greater London Act 1999 will be not above £425,000. Can you please state the relationship between the cost of these consultants and those in your transition team? Is this the same group of people? If so does this team correspond directly with the section 67 (1) appointments you plan to make in future?

## **Housing and Homelessness Unit**

**Question No: 1359 / 2008**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Could you please give more detail about the changes mentioned in MD47? From what and to what will the budgets be reallocated? What programmes of work will be curtailed? What policy priorities are informing these changes? Can you please provide information on the effect of these changes to staff in the team?

## **London.gov.uk**

**Question No: 1360 / 2008**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

According to DD21 the cost of the contract to revamp the London.gov.uk website will be £40,000. Will this be the complete cost of the website relaunch? If not, could you provide details of any other costs associated with the project?

## **“Cinema Style” advertising Screens on the Tube**

**Question No: 1361 / 2008**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

How much energy will the giant “Cinema style” advertising screens, announced in your Mayor’s Report, use per month? For how many hours each day will they be operational?

## **South West Trains**

**Question No: 1362 / 2008**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Now that you have, rightly, decided not to proceed with plans to withdraw staffing from 40 ticket offices on London Underground, please will you write to South West Trains to explain that their plans to reduce staffing levels, and in some cases close, ticket offices at stations on their network is wrong and can only lead to increased anxiety from passengers about security at these stations?

## **Re-zoning Suburban Rail Stations**

**Question No: 1363 / 2008**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

During the recent election campaign you pledged support for Edward Davey MP's campaign to see Kingston and Surbiton stations re-zoned from zones 6 to 5. Can you tell me on what date you plan to announce that you have honoured this pledge, and these stations will be moved in to Zone 5?

## **Impact of Falling House Prices**

**Question No: 1365 / 2008**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

As property prices go down so do developers' enthusiasm for building new homes, which in turn could reduce the number of affordable homes built until house prices recover. How can you achieve your commitment of 50,000 new affordable homes given a lack of appetite from developers to start new projects? What specific policies have you put in place to combat this difficulty?

## **Changes to the Housing Market**

**Question No: 1366 / 2008**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Since you wrote your housing manifesto there have been significant changes in the housing market in London. What changes have you had to make to your policies and priorities to reflect the changes in the market?

## **TfL's "Annual Contribution to GLA Marketing"**

**Question No: 1367 / 2008**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Your answer to question number 1016/2008 states that TfL's "annual contribution to GLA Marketing" will be ended to pay for your expansion of Safer Transport teams. Could you please provide answers to the following questions:

- a) Could you inform me if the £2.8m referred to is the value of advertising space on the underground, buses etc. provided by TfL for GLA advertising and information campaigns?
- b) If so, will the GLA now be paying market rate for any campaigns they wish to advertise on the tube or buses?
- c) When will this change come into effect?
- d) What increase in costs to the GLA do you expect will be caused by this change?

## **Mayor's Office Advisors**

**Question No: 1368 / 2008**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

You state in answer to questions 1185/2008 and 1211/2008, that you do not wish to "trivialise" women's and equalities issues by appointing advisers to address them. Yet you have also said David Morris is your advisor on disability issues (answer 1181/2008) and you have given Richard Barnes a remit for equalities (including women's) issues. Given the huge diversity of needs among London's communities, please prove a definitive statement about how you personally will address diversity and equality and set out the systems and accountabilities you will put in place to deliver your objectives.

## **Cultural Olympiad**

**Question No: 1369 / 2008**

[Dee Doocey](#)

With the start of the UK's Cultural Olympiad just weeks away, can you provide me with a list of schools, and local arts groups (by Borough), who have so far arranged to take part together with details of how they will be contributing.

## **Police stations – 24 hour opening**

**Question No: 1371 / 2008**

[Dee Doocey](#)

Do you have any plans to increase the opening hours of police stations in London?

## **Olympic Stadia – legacy**

**Question No: 1372 / 2008**

[Dee Doocey](#)

The previous Mayor agreed to provide £10 million a year following the Games for the upkeep of the Olympic park? Can you confirm you will continue this commitment?

## **Childcare**

**Question No: 1373 / 2008**

[Dee Doocey](#)

When are you planning to produce your childcare strategy and will it include the Childcare Affordability Programme?

## **Met Police**

**Question No: 1374 / 2008**

[Dee Doocey](#)

Are you concerned by reports that fully warranted police officers are being taken off the streets in order to do the backroom jobs normally done by special constables and civilian staff who are on holiday or attending training courses?

## **Tourism**

**Question No: 1375 / 2008**

[Dee Doocey](#)

Can you confirm that the National Maritime Museum will not have to be closed for any length of time to accommodate the media centre?

## **Olympics Security**

**Question No: 1376 / 2008**

[Dee Doocey](#)

How have you reacted to the report by the National Audit Office that "limited progress" was made during 2007 in developing an overall costed security programme for the Olympics?

## **Olympic Boulevard**

**Question No: 1377 / 2008**

[Dee Doocey](#)

Do you agree with the decision by the LOCOG, not to allow Tower Hamlets to rebrand the A13 which runs through East London to the Olympic site in Stratford as the Olympic Boulevard?

## **Young Londoners' Fund**

**Question No: 1378 / 2008**

[Dee Doocey](#)

Of the 400 organisations that expressed an interest in the Young Londoners' Fund, how many have previously received LDA funding?

## **Young Londoners' Fund**

**Question No: 1379 / 2008**

[Dee Doocey](#)

What criteria will be used to judge the successful recipients of funding for the Young Londoners' Fund?

## **Young Londoners' Fund**

**Question No: 1380 / 2008**

[Dee Doocey](#)

How many young Londoners do you expect to benefit from the Young Londoners' Fund?

## **East Dulwich Police Station**

**Question No: 1381 / 2008**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Over 4,000 residents in East Dulwich have signed a petition opposing the decision to close their local police station. The three local Councillors have put together a proposal that would deliver a new police base on that site and still realise a capital receipt for the police. Will you agree to meet with me, Kit Malthouse, and the three Councillors to discuss their proposals?

## **Holland Park School**

**Question No: 1382 / 2008**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

How do you reconcile what you said in your recent Daily Telegraph article of July 1, 2008 about children and sport - "we should stop the sale of school playing fields" - with the actions already taken by your administration in not intervening in the decision by the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea about the redevelopment Holland Park School which involves a significant loss of total play space and the construction of luxury flats in place?

## **Mayoral Advisor's Register of Interests**

**Question No: 1383 / 2008**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

According to the staff code of conduct "Staff must make a declaration of interest on any issue on which they are advising the Mayor or Assembly which affects an interest held by them, or

any person related to them or with whom they have a close personal relationship". As Ian Clement will be advising the Mayor on housing and planning can you confirm he has declared any interests he has in any land or property in London and that if he did declare any such interests the borough(s) where these are located would be published on the GLA website?

## **Accepting the Olympic Flame**

**Question No: 1385 / 2008**

[Nicky Gavron](#)

At the closing ceremony of the Olympic Games, you will accept the Olympic Flame from the Mayor of Beijing on behalf of London as the next host city. Your colleague Mr Coleman accused me of having "hands dripping with blood" for carrying out a similar diplomatic function. Do you therefore decry the comments of Mr Coleman, or do you think that he is right?

## **Reversal of smoking ban**

**Question No: 1388 / 2008**

[John Biggs](#)

Have you changed your views regarding your election statement about wanting to reverse the smoking ban in London?

## **Cronyism**

**Question No: 1389 / 2008**

[John Biggs](#)

What is your definition of cronyism?

## **Zimbabwe**

**Question No: 1390 / 2008**

[John Biggs](#)

Do you agree with David Cameron that individuals with "any dealings" in Zimbabwe should examine their conscience? Can you confirm if any of your Mayoral team or advisers hold shares (either personally or in trust) in companies that trade in, or with, Zimbabwe?

## **Advice**

**Question No: 1391 / 2008**

[John Biggs](#)

What advice did you take before accepting your senior political adviser's resignation and from whom did you take it? Your first move was to back him. What made you change your mind?

## **New Protection Squad**

**Question No: 1392 / 2008**

[John Biggs](#)

What is the reported 'New Protection Squad' you've set up, going to do exactly?

## **Half Fares**

**Question No: 1393 / 2008**

[John Biggs](#)

Will half fares for those on income support end when the Venezuelan subsidy arrangement finally ends or are you looking for alternative funding for this excellent initiative?

## **Pay Increase Percentages**

**Question No: 1394 / 2008**

[John Biggs](#)

In what circumstances would a 60% pay increase be justified?

## **100 Day Review**

**Question No: 1395 / 2008**

[John Biggs](#)

What has happened to your 100-day review of City Hall finances.

## **Cabinet Meetings**

**Question No: 1397 / 2008**

[John Biggs](#)

When will you hold your first cabinet meeting? Will it meet in public? What will be its purpose, other than to create the appearance of power and activity, and a media story?

## **Consumption of alcohol on public transport**

**Question No: 1398 / 2008**

[John Biggs](#)

How many incidents involving the consumption of alcohol on public transport have been recorded since the ban was introduced? Are staff being encouraged to adopt a pro-active or a softly softly approach?

## **Different Administration**

**Question No: 1399 / 2008**

[John Biggs](#)

In what, other than minor and cosmetic, ways does your administration differ from your predecessor's? When will Londoners hear what plans you have for them?

## **LEZ**

**Question No: 1400 / 2008**

[John Biggs](#)

From July this year, the LEZ will affect lorries weighing between 3.5 and 12 tonnes. Has consideration been given to the impact this may have on lorries used in various festivals, for example the Annual Pearly Kings and Queens' Harvest Festival to be held at the Guildhall in September and also the Lord Mayor's Show in November. Would the Mayor consider exemptions for vehicles taking part in such events.

## **Park Grants**

**Question No: 1401 / 2008**

[John Biggs](#)

How will you avoid Councils substituting your parks grants for their own funding? Or would that be acceptable?

## **Thames Gateway Bridge**

**Question No: 1402 / 2008**

[John Biggs](#)

How has your thinking progressed on the Thames Gateway Bridge? Do Transport for London staff have a clear steer in preparation for the reopened public inquiry?

## **Post Offices**

**Question No: 1403 / 2008**

[John Biggs](#)

Have you now washed your hands of London's post offices?

## **Recovery of monies**

**Question No: 1404 / 2008**

[John Biggs](#)

What steps are you taking to recover money owed by 'chiselling little crooks'?

## **Headline Budget Guidance**

**Question No: 1405 / 2008**

[John Biggs](#)

What is this year's headline budget guidance?

## **Inner London Status**

**Question No: 1406 / 2008**

[John Biggs](#)

Do you support Newham's claim for Inner London status?

## **Population Estimates**

**Question No: 1407 / 2008**

[John Biggs](#)

Are you making any progress with better understanding London's population estimates in order that we do not lose out in Government funding?

## **Community Land Trusts**

**Question No: 1409 / 2008**

[John Biggs](#)

What steps are you taking to develop your proposal to support Community Land Trusts in London?

## **Parking Spaces**

**Question No: 1410 / 2008**

[John Biggs](#)

Can you advise us on what development proposal the former leader of Bexley argued with the Mayor's office over 10 parking spaces? Would you agree that on some applications such an argument might raise strategic questions?

## **Higher Parking Charges**

**Question No: 1411 / 2008**

[John Biggs](#)

How are you going to stop London Boroughs charging higher parking charges for 'gas guzzlers'?

## **Foreign Travel**

**Question No: 1412 / 2008**

[John Biggs](#)

What foreign travel has been carried out by any of your staff on GLA business since May 1st? How was each request authorised?

## **Works at Tower Gateway Station**

**Question No: 1413 / 2008**

[John Biggs](#)

Can you find a way to accelerate the works at Tower Gateway station and so reduce the length of the closure?

## **Mr. McGrath**

**Question No: 1414 / 2008**

[John Biggs](#)

Why did you sack Mr McGrath if he wasn't at fault? Do you not accept that you give an ambiguous message to Londoners, and is this deliberate?

## **Olympic Memorandum of Understanding**

**Question No: 1415 / 2008**

[John Biggs](#)

Have you now overcome your existential crisis and acquainted yourself with the Olympic memorandum?

## **Neonatal Beds in London**

**Question No: 1416 / 2008**

[John Biggs](#)

What steps are you taking to secure more neonatal beds in London?

## **Polyclinics**

**Question No: 1417 / 2008**

[John Biggs](#)

Do you have a clear position on polyclinics?

## **Poor Advice**

**Question No: 1418 / 2008**

[John Biggs](#)

Do you accept that your adviser, Andrew Gilligan's, proposals on how you could save £500million was poor advice?

## **Well-motivated Work Force**

**Question No: 1419 / 2008**

[John Biggs](#)

Do you support the Unite trade union's campaign to protect bus workers wages and conditions and do you recognise that a well-motivated bus workforce is essential for providing a good service for Londoners?

## **Olympics Changes**

**Question No: 1420 / 2008**

[John Biggs](#)

How have your interventions changed the direction of the Olympics?

## **Tim Parker**

**Question No: 1421 / 2008**

[John Biggs](#)

Have you told Tim Parker yet that the job you gave him isn't quite the one you told him you were giving him?

## **Spin or Substance**

**Question No: 1422 / 2008**

[John Biggs](#)

Is your approach to the job a triumph of spin over substance?

## **Homeland Defence**

**Question No: 1423 / 2008**

[John Biggs](#)

Where was Richard Barnes Homeland Defence speaking engagement referred to in your report?

## **Reversal of Policy**

**Question No: 1424 / 2008**

[John Biggs](#)

In referring to your consent order of 13th May would it not have been clearer English to refer to

this also as the reversal of the policy to charge a higher congestion charge for gas-guzzlers with high emissions? Should you not at the same time as making this order have issued an apology to those Londoners, particularly the young and old, with respiratory difficulties whose health is adversely affected by the emissions of these vehicles? Will you publish the advice you took in reaching this decision given that clearly it must have rebutted each of the reasons used by your predecessor to justify the original policy?

## **Child Road Deaths**

**Question No: 1425 / 2008**

[John Biggs](#)

In welcoming the reduction in child road deaths and serious injuries do you commit yourself to the same policies as your predecessor in this area? If not, which ones will you drop?

## **100 Public Squares Project**

**Question No: 1426 / 2008**

[John Biggs](#)

In launching your £6m parks and green spaces package are you abandoning the previous Mayor's 100 public squares project? Or will this continue?

## **London Gypsy and Traveller Unit**

**Question No: 1427 / 2008**

[John Biggs](#)

Will you be happy for the London Gypsy and Traveller Unit to continue to hold its meetings in City Hall? And will you honour the previous Mayor's commitment to the (formerly) Clays Lane travellers for a post Olympic move if requested into a site in the legacy park?

## **City Charter**

**Question No: 1428 / 2008**

[John Biggs](#)

Is the City Charter worth the paper it is written on?

## **Half price travel**

**Question No: 1429 / 2008**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Last month you announced that you are scrapping the oil deal with Venezuela and half price travel for the more than 80,000 Londoners on income support benefiting from it. You were quoted as saying 'I simply think there are better ways of benefiting Londoners and better ways of benefiting Venezuelans.' Can you give us an indication of what those better ways might be?

## **Venezuela Office**

**Question No: 1430 / 2008**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Will any of the £67,000 a year that you are saving by closing the Caracas office be invested on reducing fares for London's poorest? If not, what are you planning to spend the money on?

## **Rise Festival**

**Question No: 1431 / 2008**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Did you use the money that you are saving by closing the Caracas office to cover the £60K gap in funding caused by the withdrawal in funding by the unions? If not, how was this year's festival funded?

## **Youth games**

**Question No: 1432 / 2008**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Why is it that Inner London Boroughs on average do so badly in the annual London Youth Games?

## **Playing fields 1**

**Question No: 1433 / 2008**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

You have said your Mayoral agenda includes protecting playing fields, and in your Telegraph column on July 1st, you again said "we should stop the sale of school playing fields." Will you therefore use your Mayoral powers to intervene to stop the Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea selling off the playing fields of Holland Park School to luxury developers?

## **Playing fields 2**

**Question No: 1434 / 2008**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Are you planning to develop a playing fields strategy and, if so, will you be taking note of the recommendations in the Environment Committee's report on the loss of playing fields?

## **Business Waste Management**

**Question No: 1435 / 2008**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

In your election manifesto, you pledged to 'work with local councils to improve our record on recycling...' There appears to be a huge unawareness among small and medium sized businesses in Westminster about the waste recycling possibilities offered by the council. Do you agree that a compulsory recycling scheme or offering more incentives to recycle would create greater awareness?

## **Poverty**

**Question No: 1436 / 2008**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Considering the levels of poverty in London, is it not time that there was a coherent borough-wide strategy to deal with it? This could include proper funding for advice agencies which are in the forefront of anti-poverty measures and could be measured annually by the Mayor and be subject to agency/user involvement, do you agree?

## **Fuel Poverty**

**Question No: 1437 / 2008**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

What is the extent of the increase in fuel poverty anticipated in London since the recent global increase in energy prices, and how will this impact on Londoners?

## **Congestion Charging Scheme**

**Question No: 1438 / 2008**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

How does the Mayor intend to retain & build on the benefits of the current Congestion Charging Scheme?

## **Increased Traffic Levels**

**Question No: 1439 / 2008**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Considering the predicted increase in London's population in the next decade, how does the Mayor propose to tackle the inevitable pressures of congestion coming from increased traffic?

## **Western Extension Consultation I**

**Question No: 1440 / 2008**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

If the consultation on the Western Extension delivers a no vote, will the Mayor then be consulting the good people of West London to ask them what in fact he ought to do to tackle congestion or does he already have a Plan B to reduce it?

## **Western Extension Consultation II**

**Question No: 1441 / 2008**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

If the consultation on the Western Extension delivers a no vote, will the Mayor hold a further consultation to consider scrapping the original CCS?

## **More Consultations?**

**Question No: 1442 / 2008**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

How many of the previous Mayor's initiatives does the current Mayor propose to consult on?

## **Foreign Embassies**

**Question No: 1443 / 2008**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

How does the Mayor propose to recover the unpaid Congestion Charge Scheme fines owed by foreign embassies?

## **Largest Debtor**

**Question No: 1444 / 2008**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

What are you doing to pursue the largest debtor and other embassies to TfL for outstanding congestion charging fees?

## **Punishment**

**Question No: 1446 / 2008**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

What alternative to the word sustainability do you propose be adopted at City Hall and what punishment will be meted out to staff that defy the ban? Will this ban also apply to Assembly Members? Do you feel your position on this is sustainable, and that you will be simply driving supporters of it underground and create sustainable extremists?

## **Environment Committee**

**Question No: 1447 / 2008**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

I would like the Environment Committee to consider doing a report on the sustainability of City Hall, and include a staff survey to supplement this. How does the Mayor suggest we word our survey and how should staff respond?

## **Hierarchy 1**

**Question No: 1448 / 2008**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Kulveer Ranger has said that from now on TfL will assume no hierarchy of transport modes or users. Is this initiative at your direction, or is this part of Mr. Ranger's advice to you as your Director for Transport Policy?

## **Hierarchy 2**

**Question No: 1449 / 2008**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Kulveer Ranger has said that from now on TfL will assume no hierarchy of transport modes or users. I can foresee a complete free-for-all with pedestrians pitching themselves against cyclists and delivery vans vying for position with double deckers. How will this work in practice and will this be across the whole network?

## **Simon Milton**

**Question No: 1450 / 2008**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Do you agree with your planning advisor that licensing reform has had no impact on reducing crime?

## **CCTV**

**Question No: 1451 / 2008**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

How effective do you think the use of CCTV has been in reducing crime in London?

## **Raising Parking Revenue**

**Question No: 1452 / 2008**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Do you think Westminster Council's use of CCTV to raise parking revenue is the best use of this method of surveillance, and should such technology be used for this at all?

## **Mela**

**Question No: 1453 / 2008**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Can you confirm the amount of funding allocated to the Mela at Gunnersbury Park this summer and how this compares with last year's package?

## **Greenhouse Gas Targets**

**Question No: 1454 / 2008**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

What measures do you believe London as a whole and Londoners individually will have to adopt to meet our international greenhouse gas targets?

## **Mayor's Environmental Policy**

**Question No: 1455 / 2008**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

On the Today programme of the 6th of July, Tim Yeo declared that the Conservative Party supported the governments position on green taxes and that any other course of action would be catastrophic. How would you continue this perspective in the development of your environmental policy at the GLA?

## **Westbourne Grove**

**Question No: 1456 / 2008**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Are you expecting the Thames water works on Westbourne Grove to be completed before the end of August and the beginning of the Notting Hill Carnival. If not, what measures can we expect TfL and Thames water to take to permit this vital access to the Notting Hill Carnival along Westbourne Grove.

## **Use of Wind Turbines within Greater London**

**Question No: 1457 / 2008**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Would the Mayor consider evaluation of sites within Greater London to locate and provide wind turbines, whereby the electricity from these could be used to power electric public transport networks, such as rail, tram or trolleybus services?

## **London Living Wage**

**Question No: 1458 / 2008**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

At last MQT you undertook to release the GLA economics report into the Living Wage – when do you intend to honour this commitment?

## **Half Price Travel**

**Question No: 1459 / 2008**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

What plans do you have to help those on low incomes get around London after your decision to end the scheme of half-price travel?

## **Bird Flu 1**

**Question No: 1460 / 2008**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Have you reviewed the Pandemic Flu Response Plan?

## **Bird Flu 2**

**Question No: 1461 / 2008**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

The GLA group has already purchased 100,000 doses of Tamiflu. Have you any plans to purchase stocks of Prepandix, the first vaccine to receive a licence for tackling the H5N1 strain of bird flu to protect GLA staff?

## **Wood Green Tube Station**

**Question No: 1462 / 2008**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

When is the upgrade and refurbishment of Wood Green tube station to start? Will you consider bringing forward plans to allow for step-free access during the station refurbishment?

## **Enfield CPZ**

**Question No: 1463 / 2008**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Enfield residents living close to Bounds Green tube station are suffering increased parking problems as a result of the introduction of a CPZ over the Borough boundary in Haringey. LB Enfield have not put in a recent bid to TfL for the introduction of a similar scheme, saying unreasonably that they haven't got the money to do a proper assessment and bid, meanwhile residents continue to suffer. Can you please see what can be done to sort this mess out?

## **Air Quality**

**Question No: 1464 / 2008**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

What will you be doing to on behalf of London to ensure compliance with the new European Directive on ambient air quality and cleaner air?

## **Haringey**

**Question No: 1465 / 2008**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

With reference to Question No. 1187/2008 in which you stated you were not aware of the article in which Assembly Member Brian Coleman stated that Haringey is "ghastly", I can inform you that this was in the Hampstead & Highgate Express dated 15 May 2008. Again, do you agree with his depiction of Haringey as "ghastly"?

## **TfL owned properties on A406**

**Question No: 1466 / 2008**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

TfL owns a considerable number of properties along and around the A406 in Enfield. Most house LB Enfield tenants and housing association tenants, many of whom have lived in the properties for a number of years, and provide a valuable stock of social housing in the area. I understand TfL is planning to sell off surplus properties in the future. Can you guarantee that there will be full discussions with LB Enfield and interested housing associations about the disposal of these properties, that all will be done to ensure that those residents living in these properties are able to remain and that these properties will be retained for social housing? The worst possible scenario is that these properties are sold on the open market, social housing lost, families forced out of the area, children have to change schools and that this area is destabilised.

## **Homes & Communities Agency**

**Question No: 1467 / 2008**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Do you intend to Chair the Homes & Communities Agency for London when it comes into being? What will be your priorities for this organisation?

## **Social Housing**

**Question No: 1468 / 2008**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Will you direct that housing stock owned by the GLA and its functional bodies should be used wherever possible as social housing?

## **Promoting Electric traction**

**Question No: 1469 / 2008**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

What action is the Mayor and TfL taking or planning to take to promote the reduction in use of diesel trains operating local rail services throughout London? What are you planning to do to promote an increase in the number of regional and longer distance rail services, both freight and passenger, using electric traction to reduce CO2 and other emissions and promote sustainable power?

## **London Rail Network**

**Question No: 1470 / 2008**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

What progress is the Mayor and TfL making to develop and promote the 'London Rail' network, following on from the initial success of TfL's take over of the 'London Overground' routes?

## **London Rail Standards**

**Question No: 1471 / 2008**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Can the Mayor set out a timetable for delivering the remainder of the London Rail Network to London Overground standards, ie to accept Oyster Pay As You Go and provide services, ideally every 15 minutes and not less than 20 minute intervals, at most times every day? What is TfL doing to achieve this?

## **Affordable shop units**

**Question No: 1472 / 2008**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Will you consider altering the London Plan to include targets for affordable shop units available to small independent retailers who are often priced out of high street and other retail developments?

## **GLA Press Office I**

**Question No: 1474 / 2008**

[Len Duvall](#)

How many people were employed in: (i) the GLA press office (ii) the GLA marketing department on 30 April 2008? Please list separately for each department.

## **GLA Press Office II**

**Question No: 1475 / 2008**

[Len Duvall](#)

How many people were employed or engaged as consultants in: (i) the GLA press office (ii) the GLA marketing department; (iii) working on media matters in the Mayor's transition team on 1 June 2008? Please list each group separately.

## **Making London's Mayor Accountable (1)**

**Question No: 1476 / 2008**

[Len Duvall](#)

In your election manifesto Making London's Mayor Accountable it states: 'We will strengthen the decision-making process in City Hall by introducing a Cabinet for London. The Cabinet will meet on a regular basis, formal minutes will be taken, and the full agenda papers will be put on the Mayor's website.' Can you now update the Assembly on whether any meetings of this Cabinet have taken place and if so what papers were produced and where are they available on the Mayor's website?

## **Mayor's Interim Advisers**

**Question No: 1477 / 2008**

[Len Duvall](#)

What are the payments to latest date available for each individual of the Mayor's interim advisers during the transition and what is the date to which such payments are calculated?

## **Making London's Mayor Accountable (2)**

**Question No: 1478 / 2008**

[Len Duvall](#)

In your election manifesto Making London's Mayor Accountable it states: 'The GLA Act 1999 obliges the Mayor and London Assembly to hold at least two 'People's Question Time' sessions each year...in the last eight years, there has been 16 meetings, meaning that half of London's boroughs have never had the chance to question their Mayor directly. We believe this is too infrequent, and we will increase the frequency of People's Question Times to a minimum of four and a maximum of six each year.' (p7). Have you yet decided whether there will be four or six People's Question Time a year? When will the first of these more frequent People's Question Times take place?

## **Press Conferences I**

**Question No: 1480 / 2008**

[Len Duvall](#)

Will you be reinstating weekly press conferences?

## **Press Conferences II**

**Question No: 1481 / 2008**

[Len Duvall](#)

Will you continue limiting your regular press conferences to half an hour?

## **Harassment of Staff**

**Question No: 1482 / 2008**

[Len Duvall](#)

Following an article that appeared in the Evening Standard on 18 June you issued a statement to the press in which you stated "The Mayor is committed to ensuring that any changes to staffing in the GLA are dealt with professionally and sensitively." However there were extremely disturbing aspects to the material supplied to the Evening Standard, including staff being individually named and in one case the photograph of a staff member used for internal GLA records was supplied. What action have you taken to find out who supplied this information to the Evening Standard what steps have you taken, or will you be taking, to ensure that all members of GLA staff going about their professional duties are not subject to such harassment in future?

## **State of London Debate**

**Question No: 1483 / 2008**

[Len Duvall](#)

Will the Mayor promise that next year the State of London debate will be restored to a whole day format?

## **Sir Simon Milton**

**Question No: 1484 / 2008**

[Len Duvall](#)

You have stated that Sir Simon Milton is unpaid. How many hours a week is Sir Simon Milton spending on GLA business?

## **No Cars Policy**

**Question No: 1485 / 2008**

[Len Duvall](#)

Will you make a statement confirming that no cars with or without drivers will be retained by the GLA for use by staff or elected members and that both will travel by public transport or bicycle with occasional use of taxis where this is justified by a significant saving of time between appointments, very late working or other clearly comprehensible reasons?

## **Economy Class**

**Question No: 1486 / 2008**

[Len Duvall](#)

In light of your declaration that you will fly economy class to the Beijing Olympics, will you accept the offer of an upgrade from the airline, as is likely, and leave the rest of the party to travel economy class or will you turn it down?

## **Friends of Jubilee Gardens**

**Question No: 1487 / 2008**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

The Friends of Jubilee Gardens are very concerned about possible plans by the BFI to build on the Metropolitan Open Land adjacent to Hungerford bridge which is currently being used as an ugly and unnecessary car park and could be integrated into Jubilee Gardens to extend this much loved facility. They have asked me to ask you the following question on their behalf: 'In your manifesto you emphasised your commitment to parks and open space. Will you now give firm support to the MOL status of the Jubilee Gardens extension site adjacent to Hungerford Bridge and the speedy extension of Jubilee Gardens across the whole site to create of a park worthy of its high profile and prestigious surroundings'.

## **Croydon Tramlink**

**Question No: 1488 / 2008**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Please list the improvements you plan to make within the next two years to Croydon Tramlink, now you have assumed ownership of this system? Will you be continuing with the extension of Croydon Tramlink to Crystal Palace, and if so, what are the timescales of this project?

## **Disabilities.**

**Question No: 1489 / 2008**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

On 20th May the Disabilities Action Network (DAN) sent you a letter raising a number of concerns and asking for a meeting. As yet they have not had a reply. When will you be replying

to DAN and will you meet them as soon as your diary allows?

## **Tube Cooling**

**Question No: 1490 / 2008**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Are the new cooling fans on the underground making a measurable difference to the temperature on stations and trains? If so, how much?

## **New Routemaster**

**Question No: 1491 / 2008**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

How will you consult with disabled people on the final design of the new Routemaster bus or in fact the design of any new public transport in London whether that be bus, train or tram?

## **Tall Buildings**

**Question No: 1492 / 2008**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Do you consider the following locations to be appropriate or inappropriate locations for tall buildings?

1. Elephant & Castle
2. Bankside
3. Waterloo
4. Peckham
5. London Bridge

## **Veterinary Ambulances**

**Question No: 1493 / 2008**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Many Londoners use veterinary services including Animal Ambulances which have to park close to clinics to comply with health and safety and to ensure that sick animals are not further stressed. These vehicles are registered as Ambulances by the DVLA but TfL defines Ambulances more narrowly as those who transport humans and are registered with the London Ambulance Service. As a result Animal Ambulances are receiving tickets for parking outside clinics on Red Routes. Will you look into this and consider reviewing the definition of Ambulance to include those carrying animals?

## **Child rate bus fares**

**Question No: 1494 / 2008**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

The Information Commissioner has criticised TfL for 'collecting data without clear purpose' for the Young Peoples Photocard, and there may be many parents who decide not to supply their child's personal data by applying for a card. Will you reintroduce child rate bus fares, saver tickets and season tickets for 11-16 year olds who do not have a Zip card whether for this reason or perhaps because they do not use London buses regularly eg visitors?

## **East London Line Phase 2 (1)**

**Question No: 1495 / 2008**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

What is the deadline for securing funding for phase 2 of the East London Line Extension if the work is to be completed by the target opening date of December 2011?

## **East London Line Phase 2 (2)**

**Question No: 1496 / 2008**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

What was the outcome of your discussions with Ruth Kelly regarding the funding of phase 2 of the East London Line extension?

## **Transport Strategy**

**Question No: 1497 / 2008**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

When will you publish your draft Transport Strategy?

## **Half price bus fares**

**Question No: 1498 / 2008**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Have you asked TfL to explore alternative sources of funding to allow the continuation of half-price bus travel for Londoners on income support?

## **Cross River Tram**

**Question No: 1499 / 2008**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

When will you form a view on the best way forward for the CRT project? Will you consult Londoners before you form your view?

## **Phase out of Bendy Buses**

**Question No: 1500 / 2008**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Contracts for six bendy bus routes are due to expire next year. Can you assure users of these routes that the removal of the bendy buses will not result in a loss of passenger capacity on these routes?

## **Dial-a-Ride and Taxicard Service**

**Question No: 1501 / 2008**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

I have been asked by users of Dial-a-Ride and the Taxicard service to put the following questions as Chair of the Transport Committee:

1. During the election campaign, former Mayor Livingstone said that he was going to remove the administration of the taxicard scheme from the London Boroughs and take it in-house, so that all Boroughs will have the same number of rides per Month/Year with the same fare structures. Will you now consider doing the same?

2. Dial-a-Ride has come in for a lot of criticism recently regarding poor quality service. For example, when users have been given a date and time for a ride only to be called by Dial-a-Ride an hour or so before the pick up time to be told they cannot now be picked up because there is no vehicle available. Clearly this kind of occurrence causes inconvenience and distress to users. Will you consult with the Transport Commissioner to see if the service can be improved to the benefit of all users?

3. Users have been told that the Dial-a-Ride service operates from 6.00am until 02.00am but they say it is impossible to get any booking before 7.30am/8.00am and after about 11.30pm. Please can this be investigated?

## **Greenwich Waterfront Transit**

**Question No: 1502 / 2008**

[Len Duvall](#)

What are your views on the Greenwich Waterfront Transit – do you intend to pursue with this scheme?

## **New Routes**

**Question No: 1503 / 2008**

[Len Duvall](#)

Following TfL's consultation last year on new bus links between Eltham and Horn Park and North Greenwich and Eltham – when can we expect to see these new routes in service?

## **Canadian Avenue Junction**

**Question No: 1504 / 2008**

[Len Duvall](#)

When will light controlled pedestrian crossings be installed at the junction Canadian Avenue and Catford Road to enable safe pedestrian crossings across Canadian Avenue itself and across Catford Road to the west of the junction with Canadian Avenue and Thomas Lane?

## **Deptford Bridge Junction**

**Question No: 1505 / 2008**

[Len Duvall](#)

When will light controlled pedestrian crossings be installed to all four arms of the junction of Deptford Bridge, Deptford Church Street and Brookmill Road?

## **Night Bus Service**

**Question No: 1506 / 2008**

[Len Duvall](#)

Will you instruct TfL to investigate the possibility of a night bus service between Catford and Sydenham utilising Perry Hill/Bell Green/Southend Lane as a route? Currently residents of a large triangular residential area from the South Circular to Bromley Road including large areas of Perry Hill, Lower Sydenham and Bellingham have no night bus service and face a lengthy walk home through relatively quiet roads from either Catford, Sydenham or Forest Hill town centres.

## **Increasing Capacity**

**Question No: 1507 / 2008**

[Len Duvall](#)

Will TfL consider increasing capacity on bus routes 161, 472 and 486, to North Greenwich Station during the rush hour?

## **Bus Route 202**

**Question No: 1508 / 2008**

[Len Duvall](#)

Bus Route 202 Is often overcrowded between Lee Green and Blackheath will you ask TfL to investigate increasing the frequency of this service?

## **Improving Transport Links**

**Question No: 1509 / 2008**

[Len Duvall](#)

Will you ask TfL to investigate improving public transport links to better connect Blackheath Standard and Charlton Road areas with the Queen Elizabeth Hospital?

## **Improving Public Transport**

**Question No: 1510 / 2008**

[Len Duvall](#)

What are your long term plans for improving public transport south of the river?

## **High Temperatures on Buses**

**Question No: 1511 / 2008**

[Len Duvall](#)

In addition to plans to stay cool on the tube have you given any consideration on how to manage high temperatures on buses?

## **Member's Special Responsibility Allowances**

**Question No: 1512 / 2008**

[Navin Shah](#)

Does the Mayor support increasing Member's Special Responsibility Allowances?

## **James McGrath**

**Question No: 1513 / 2008**

[Navin Shah](#)

Why did Conservative Central Office insist your Chief Political Advisor resign rather than you?

## **Woodford Court, Shepherd's Bush**

**Question No: 1514 / 2008**

[Navin Shah](#)

What does the Mayor think of the comments made by Cllr Lucy Ivimy, Member for Housing at

Hammersmith and Fulham Council about the residents of Woodford Court, Shepherd's Bush?

## **Dollis Hill House**

**Question No: 1515 / 2008**

[Navin Shah](#)

Ken Livingstone promised match funding to restore Dollis Hill House in Gladstone Park. Following the successful Lottery bid for the House, is the new Mayor also committed to matching it?

## **Designing Public Space**

**Question No: 1516 / 2008**

[Navin Shah](#)

Given the Mayor's Routemaster competition, would it be accurate to describe this administration as subscribers to the principles of participatory design? Can creative Londoners rejoice at the opportunity to be involved in designing public space and will he be using his new relationship with councils to ensure increased opportunities for creative public participation?

## **Housing space standards**

**Question No: 1517 / 2008**

[Nicky Gavron](#)

I welcome your recent announcement that you will bring back mandatory Parker-Morris style space standards for new homes in London. Are you aware that a Parker Morris +10% standard is already mandatory for homes where public subsidy is involved?

Will you extend these regulations to cover all new housing in London, both public and private?

## **Digital advertising screens on the tube**

**Question No: 1518 / 2008**

[Nicky Gavron](#)

How does the recent TfL announcement that 2000 digital advertising screens will be installed across the Tube network fit with your stated intention to reduce temperatures within the network, given that each panel emits significant amounts of heat?

## **Affordable Housing – proportions, size and tenure**

**Question No: 1519 / 2008**

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Of the planning decisions taken by Mr Clement since you delegated planning powers to him, what proportion and number of homes are affordable? What is the breakdown of size and tenure of these affordable homes?

## **Capitalwoman conference**

**Question No: 1520 / 2008**

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Last year, the GLA's annual Capitalwoman conference brought over 3000 London women of all ages and backgrounds together to discuss the issues affecting them and give their ideas for future policy. Will you continue to hold and fund this conference?

## **Olympic village**

**Question No: 1521 / 2008**

[Nicky Gavron](#)

The housing in the Olympic Village will only reach Code Level 4 of the Code for Sustainable Homes. This commitment would comply with the level of energy efficiency that will be required by building regulations in 2013 but not the zero carbon standard set for 2016. Do you agree that the Olympic Village is an ideal candidate to be a showcase zero-carbon development, and will you ask the ODA and other actors to ensure this is the case?

## **The Nash Ramblas**

**Question No: 1522 / 2008**

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Will you support the exciting and timely proposal to implement a programme of pedestrianisation and public realm works between London Zoo and the Mall, as promoted by Sir Terry Farrell?

## **War Veterans Free Travel**

**Question No: 1523 / 2008**

[John Biggs](#)

What is the estimated annual cost of free travel for injured war veterans? What would be the cost of extending this to all veterans?

## **Knife Crime**

**Question No: 1524 / 2008**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

In light of the recent tragic death of Ben Kinsella, how will the new Mayor be supporting the work of local organisations, such as the Times Amateur Boxing Club, in helping to divert young people away from knife crime.

## **Cyclists**

**Question No: 1525 / 2008**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

There are many cyclists in Hackney, Islington and Waltham Forest who cycle for work and for pleasure and who want to feel safe when using bus lanes especially as people are being encouraged to cycle through Hackney and Waltham Forest to London 2012 events. Given that the TfL study into the safety of allowing motorcycles in bus lanes was inconclusive, will the Mayor conduct further research into the benefits or otherwise of this proposed policy as recommended in the Department for Transport's Traffic Advisory Leaflet "The Use of Bus Lanes by Motorcycles"? Will the Mayor also consult with those representing motorcyclists, bus and freight operators, taxi drivers, pedestrians, equestrians, cyclists, disabled people and the Police again as recommended in the Traffic Advisory leaflet?

## **Motorcycles in Bus Lanes**

**Question No: 1526 / 2008**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

It is obvious from the numbers of people who signed the petition (3500) against allowing motorcycles into bus lanes that there is a general perception that bus lanes will not be as safe for cyclists as they are now if motorcycles are allowed in them. Whether that perception is right or wrong is open to debate, but we would need further research to decide whether such fears are justified or not. Without such research, people may well be put off taking up cycling or even stop doing it from the perception that it would not be as safe. This would obviously be counter-productive to the overall aim of increasing bicycle use in London. So will the Mayor conduct some research on the safety of allowing motorcycles into bus lanes?

## **Motorcycles in Bus Lanes (2)**

**Question No: 1527 / 2008**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

Powered two wheelers are currently permitted to use bus lanes on three roads in London: the A13 East India Dock Road between Leamouth Road and Butcher Row East; the A23 Streatham High Road/Brixton Hill/Brixton Road (between Streatham Common and Camberwell New Road), and the A41 Finchley Road between Marlborough Place and Platt's Lane. As the last TfL report into the safety of using motorcycles in bus lanes was inconclusive, are there plans in place to make these three roads into a pilot area to look at safety and report back on them? If not, will you undertake to complete such a study in order to produce a report on the impact of motorcycles in bus lanes?

## **Bus Fares**

**Question No: 1528 / 2008**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

Mr Mayor, you said you were committed to honouring the existing half price bus fares concession to those in receipt of income support until the end of the current scheme and that you would be asking TfL to look into other suitable forms of fares concession for low income Londoners. In my own area, there are 4540 people in Hackney, 3323 people in Islington and 2572 people in Waltham Forest who currently benefit from half price fares. Will the Mayor give an assurance that all low income people in the current system will not be worse off under any new fare system which may be introduced i.e. they will still be entitled to either half price fares or better?

## **London Equalities Commission**

**Question No: 1529 / 2008**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

Is the Mayor committed to providing proper funding for the London Equalities Commission and will he also consider instituting an annual Conference so the statistics from the State of the Equality in London reports can be fully debated and the means to improve them can be formulated for London?

## **Archway**

**Question No: 1530 / 2008**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

During the recent GLA elections all parties signed up to working together to making Archway a better place. Is the Mayor prepared to meet with myself, the local MP and members of the

Better Archway Forum (BAF) so that he can give us an update on the following:

The results and implications of TfL's feasibility study at Archway

The outcome of the TfL/GLA submissions on CIF bids to the Department for Transport

## **Airwave**

**Question No: 1534 / 2008**

[Richard Tracey](#)

Wandsworth Parks Police are a long-standing and dedicated organisation providing a vital service to residents and park users in the borough. As part of the development of the Met's airwave communications system discussions were undertaken for including the Parks Police in the system so that they can communicate directly with the Met but this has fallen by the wayside. Will you look at including the Parks Police so that the constabularies can talk to each other in the same way as the Met and talk to the BTP for the benefit of Londoners?

## **Advertising on Buses (1)**

**Question No: 1535 / 2008**

[Richard Tracey](#)

Under the previous Mayor, TfL's advertising budget increased substantially. Can the Mayor provide an annual breakdown from 2000 to the present day of how many of the total number of internal advertisement spaces on London buses were taken up by commercial adverts?

## **Advertising on Buses (2)**

**Question No: 1536 / 2008**

[Richard Tracey](#)

Can the Mayor provide an annual breakdown from 2000 to the present day of how many of the total number of internal advertisement spaces on London buses were taken up by TfL adverts?

## **Advertising on Buses (3)**

**Question No: 1537 / 2008**

[Richard Tracey](#)

What is the value of a single internal advertisement space on a London bus?

## **Funding of Transport Infrastructure Projects**

**Question No: 1538 / 2008**

[Richard Tracey](#)

How will the Mayor encourage developers to contribute funds to assist large transport infrastructure projects where new residents are encountering travel problems on overcrowded trains and buses?

## **Barking to Gospel Oak Line**

**Question No: 1539 / 2008**

[Richard Tracey](#)

The Barking to Gospel Oak Line is frequently heavily overcrowded, especially at peak times. What plans does TfL have to increase capacity on this line?

## **Barking to Gospel Oak Line**

**Question No: 1540 / 2008**

[Richard Tracey](#)

What is the logic in introducing new 2-coach trains on the Barking to Gospel Oak Line rather than 3-coach trains?

## **Barking to Gospel Oak Line**

**Question No: 1541 / 2008**

[Richard Tracey](#)

When does TfL plan to introduce electrification on the Barking to Gospel Oak Line?

## **Phase 2 of East London Line Extension**

**Question No: 1542 / 2008**

[Richard Tracey](#)

Can the Mayor update the Assembly on what progress is being made regarding funding of Phase 2 of the East London Line Extension?

## **Tooting Bec to Fulham Bus Route**

**Question No: 1543 / 2008**

[Richard Tracey](#)

When will TfL be in contact with me as promised so that I may show them the high demand locally for a Tooting Bec to Fulham direct bus route?

## **LEZ**

**Question No: 1544 / 2008**

[Richard Tracey](#)

Further to your answer to question 1074/2008, since the latest stage of the LEZ came into operation what feedback has TfL received from organisations which have had delivery problems regarding the receipt of LEZ-compliant vehicles?

## **LEZ**

**Question No: 1545 / 2008**

[Richard Tracey](#)

Has the Mayor considered introducing financial relief for owners of older, non-compliant horseboxes on the boundaries of the LEZ?

## **London Streets**

**Question No: 1546 / 2008**

[Richard Tracey](#)

Why is TfL London Streets failing to clear and prosecute kerbside car sales from Red Route strategic roads?

## **Olympic Transport Links**

**Question No: 1547 / 2008**

[Richard Tracey](#)

Is the Mayor satisfied that enough is being done to improve transport links through and into London in the lead up to the 2012 Olympic Games?

## **Blunt 2 (2)**

**Question No: 1548 / 2008**

[Richard Tracey](#)

Following the Deputy Commissioner's announcement at the MPA on 4th July that Blunt 2 will create a 75 strong taskforce to focus on the known gang members in London, which boroughs will be targeted as the most affected areas troubled by gang crime?

## **Blunt 2 (3)**

**Question No: 1549 / 2008**

[Richard Tracey](#)

How long will the 75 strong taskforce be deployed for and will there be extra resources made available from other areas within the Met in order to expand the taskforce both in terms of Officer numbers and areas of deployment?

## **Knife crime**

**Question No: 1550 / 2008**

[Richard Tracey](#)

Will the Mayor call for legislation to require hospitals routinely to report to Police any persons with knife injuries that attend for treatment?

## **Police paperwork**

**Question No: 1552 / 2008**

[James Cleverly](#)

The police currently spend a huge amount of time on stop and search and stop and account paperwork. What are the Mayor's plans to reduce this burden and help get the officers back on the beat?

## **Youth Organisations - Uniform**

**Question No: 1554 / 2008**

[Steve O'Connell](#)

The Met Police in conjunction with Croydon Council have launched a Uniform Youth Project to encourage young people to get involved with a voluntary organisation, such as the Cadets, Boys Brigade, Guides, Scouts or St John Ambulance that can instil camaraderie and sense of positive value and impact into the lives of young people. Will you offer your support for this project and look at the option of expanding these types of community projects across London?

## **Offensive dogs**

**Question No: 1555 / 2008**

[Steve O'Connell](#)

Do you have figures for the use of dogs as tools of intimidation by certain criminals and jobs as, anecdotally, there seems to be a growing usage of certain breeds of dogs to create intimidation and an aggressive threat on our streets? What can be done to counter this problem?

## **Making Cheam Safer**

**Question No: 1556 / 2008**

[Steve O'Connell](#)

Will the Mayor join me in celebrating the work of Councillors from Cheam in Sutton in starting a local campaign called 'Making Cheam Safer' to ensure that local people's priorities are at the heart of local policing? What can the Mayor also do to ensure that localised policing priorities better reflect the will of the communities that they serve.

## **359 Bus Service**

**Question No: 1557 / 2008**

[Steve O'Connell](#)

The 359 bus service on Monks Hill operates outside of the rush hours and runs between 10am and 2.30pm. Will the Mayor instruct TfL to investigate extending this service so that residents can use this service to commute to work or take their children to school?

## **Infrastructure Planning Committee**

**Question No: 1558 / 2008**

[Steve O'Connell](#)

What is the Mayor's view on the Government's proposal, in the current Planning Bill, for an Infrastructure Planning Committee to consider major planning applications on a national level? How would this proposal affect the strategic planning powers and functions of the GLA?

## **Empty Homes**

**Question No: 1560 / 2008**

[Steve O'Connell](#)

What information does the GLA currently hold on empty and "hidden" homes in London?

## **Design for London**

**Question No: 1561 / 2008**

[Steve O'Connell](#)

How does the Mayor see the role of Design for London in delivering his key objectives?

## **The Hamptons, Sutton**

**Question No: 1563 / 2008**

[Steve O'Connell](#)

Does the Mayor have any plans to intervene on the proposed expansion of The Hamptons housing development in Worcester Park, Sutton? Does the Mayor agree that any provision of new homes should not place undue pressure on local infrastructure?

## **Early Closing of Tube Station Entrances**

**Question No: 1564 / 2008**

[Tony Arbour](#)

Will the Mayor instruct TfL to ensure that tube stations do not shut their entrances before the last train has gone?

## **Dial-a-ride Dial-a-Ride**

**Question No: 1565 / 2008**

[Tony Arbour](#)

Is it the case that a single Dial-a-ride journey costs TfL £35?

## **Ticket Offices**

**Question No: 1567 / 2008**

[Victoria Borwick](#)

Will the Mayor confirm that the ticket offices at Canons Park, North Harrow, Sudbury Hill and West Harrow stations, threatened with closure by his predecessor, will now be retained? Does the Mayor feel that the efforts of local councillors and campaigners have been significant in his decision to retain these ticket offices?

## **Polyclinics**

**Question No: 1568 / 2008**

[Victoria Borwick](#)

As a result of the Government's plans to introduce polyclinics in London, the average family in Brent and Harrow would have to travel an extra mile to reach their GP. Does the Mayor agree that the Government should rethink these proposals?

## **London Plan**

**Question No: 1571 / 2008**

[Andrew Boff](#)

Can the Mayor please outline his progress to date, on fulfilling his manifesto promise to reform the London plan and abolish the self defeating 50% affordable housing quota on new residential developments? Can he please state when he expects to be able to move to the public enquiry stage of such reforms?

## **Affordable Housing**

**Question No: 1572 / 2008**

[Andrew Boff](#)

What effect has the previous Mayor's 50% affordable housing target had on Islington?

## **Waltham Forest Visit**

**Question No: 1573 / 2008**

[Andrew Boff](#)

When does the Mayor plan to visit Waltham Forest?

## **Olympic Site Housing**

**Question No: 1574 / 2008**

[Andrew Boff](#)

Will the Mayor be reviewing the master plan for the housing on the GLA portion of the Olympic site?

## **Opportunities for Young People**

**Question No: 1576 / 2008**

[Andrew Boff](#)

What plans does the Mayor have to increase the opportunities for young people to swim in London?

## **Olympic Funding**

**Question No: 1577 / 2008**

[Andrew Boff](#)

What programmes does the Mayor plan to support in order to encourage people of all ages to become involved in the Olympics through GLA funding?

## **Culture Publicity**

**Question No: 1578 / 2008**

[Andrew Boff](#)

In what way can the Mayoral Office invest more money into publicising cultural events so that they reach a wider audience?

## **Greenwich Park**

**Question No: 1579 / 2008**

[Gareth Bacon](#)

There has been much confusion and misinformation relating to the proposed equestrian venue in Greenwich Park. Could you ensure that the integrity of this ancient royal park which now makes up part of a world heritage site, is protected, and provide any information on the layout of the venue that can be distributed to interested parties?

## **Recycling**

**Question No: 1580 / 2008**

[Gareth Bacon](#)

How will the Mayor's approach to recycling differ from that of his predecessor, and what positive outcomes does he expect from this?

## **Recycling**

**Question No: 1581 / 2008**

[Gareth Bacon](#)

How will funding arrangements for recycling be altered under the new Mayoral administration?

## **Recycling**

**Question No: 1582 / 2008**

[Gareth Bacon](#)

What will be the remit of the new London Waste and Recycling Board, and what will be the Mayor's role as chair?

## **Green Homes**

**Question No: 1583 / 2008**

[Gareth Bacon](#)

What plans does the Mayor have to enable London householders to improve the energy efficiency of their homes?

## **Low Emission Zone**

**Question No: 1584 / 2008**

[Gareth Bacon](#)

From October 2010, ambulances are due to be included in the London Low Emission Zone. Does the Mayor agree that ambulances should be exempt from the LEZ?

## **Solar Panels**

**Question No: 1585 / 2008**

[Gareth Bacon](#)

What were the total installation costs of the City Hall solar panels, and what are the total operating costs? What is the typical energy output of the solar panels, and what proportion of City Hall's total energy needs do they meet?

## **Solar Panels**

**Question No: 1586 / 2008**

[Gareth Bacon](#)

In April, City Hall was left without power for almost a week due to problems in the London Bridge area. Why were the solar panels, as installed by the previous Mayor, not able to meet this shortfall?

## **Green Business**

**Question No: 1587 / 2008**

[Gareth Bacon](#)

What plans does the Mayor have to help businesses in London to improve their energy efficiency and reduce their carbon emissions?

## **Ray Lewis**

**Question No: 1590 / 2008**

[Richard Barnbrook](#)

In light of the recent departure of Deputy Mayor Ray Lewis, will the Mayor now start to appoint advisors based on merit and real experience rather than what I personally consider and understand him to be doing, appointing anyone just to make up his racial quotas?

## **Ray Lewis**

**Question No: 1591 / 2008**

[Richard Barnbrook](#)

Can the Mayor confirm how he knows Ray Lewis and who recommended his appointment?

## **Air Ambulance**

**Question No: 1592 / 2008**

[Richard Barnbrook](#)

Can the Mayor confirm if he will be allocating funds to the much needed air ambulance?

## **Police**

**Question No: 1593 / 2008**

[Richard Barnbrook](#)

In light of the Mayors support for the ban on British National Party members joining the police force, can the Mayor explain the reasons for his opinion?

## **Culture**

**Question No: 1594 / 2008**

[Richard Barnbrook](#)

Can the Mayor confirm what measures he will take to ensure that British culture is preserved and takes priority in London?

## **St Georges Day**

**Question No: 1595 / 2008**

[Richard Barnbrook](#)

Can the Mayor confirm how much funding he will be allocating to next years St Georges Day celebrations in London?