

12 November 2008**PRIORITY ORDER PAPER****Report No: 5****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 17 November 2008

Road Safety Week**Question No: 2552 / 2008**[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Do you support Road Safety Week?

Housing Strategy**Question No: 2420 / 2008**[Mike Tuffrey](#)

When published, will your Housing Strategy detail measures that can be taken if individual London boroughs fail to meet the targets for affordable homes that your Housing advisor is presently negotiating with the boroughs?

Dangerous Dogs**Question No: 2534 / 2008**[Richard Tracey](#)

In recent years there has been a substantial increase in the number of attacks by dangerous dogs, resulting in a number of deaths of young children and members of the community feeling terrorised. The issue is particularly problematic in Wandsworth, where the council has had to invest in new initiatives to address the rising problem.

The use of dangerous dogs is particularly prevalent amongst young people, who typically use them as a weapon and for protection, as well for robbery, muggings, drugs running and dog fighting.

I note that the use of dangerous dogs by young people was not identified in the youth strategy published last week. What are the Mayor's plans to protect young children and to ensure dangerous dogs do not terrorise honest citizens?

Fuel poverty

Question No: 2356 / 2008

[Darren Johnson](#)

Do you intend to continue the commitment in the Energy Strategy to eradicate fuel poverty? If so, over what time frame will this be achieved?

London Pupils

Question No: 2649 / 2008

[Richard Barnbrook](#)

New figures show that over 60% of pupils in London are from a BAME group (78% in Inner London). With this in mind and considering the GLA's legal statutory duty to assist all ethnic minority groups in London, can the Mayor tell me what is being done to assist the white, British ethnic minority group in London?

Post Offices

Question No: 2519 / 2008

[James Cleverly](#)

After closing 2,500 post offices, and in London one fifth of post offices being closed, Royal Mail has now posted a six-monthly profit of £177m to September. Does the Mayor consider this justification of his campaign with Assembly Members against the closures, and will he join me in writing to the Secretary of State for Business asking him to come clean on plans to close a further 3,000 branches?

Children and Young People

Question No: 2551 / 2008

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Can you outline your Deputy Mayor for Policing's responsibilities with regard to children and young people?

Thames Gateway

Question No: 2518 / 2008

[Gareth Bacon](#)

Is the Mayor of London concerned at government failing to fulfil funding commitments in the Thames Gateway area? Does he have any indication at this stage of the impact that reduced funding is likely to have on communities across the South East and in Greenwich in particular?

Reprioritisation of Programmes

Question No: 2559 / 2008

[John Biggs](#)

What steps are you taking to reprioritise City Hall programmes in the light of recent economic developments?

Shepherds Bush Market

Question No: 2507 / 2008

[Andrew Boff](#)

What action is being taken by TfL to provide affordable rather than 'open market' rents for small businesses that trade on Shepherds Bush Market?

High Rise Blocks

Question No: 2550 / 2008

[Navin Shah](#)

Now that Sir Simon Milton and Ian Clement have visited Harrow, what chances are there of saving Harrow's town Centre from high rise blocks and implementing your much publicized policy of protecting suburban areas from high rise development?

Footballer Robert Hughes

Question No: 2500 / 2008

[Steve O'Connell](#)

Will the Mayor please update me on the work he has been doing on the tragic case of Robert Hughes, my constituent, who was savagely attacked in Malia, Crete on June 17, which left Robert fighting for his life.

Direction of Travel

Question No: 2446 / 2008

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

When will you publish your "Direction of Travel" document to indicate your intentions in revising the Mayor's Transport Strategy?

Prison Vehicles and Bus Lanes

Question No: 2491 / 2008

[Brian Coleman](#)

Will the Mayor instruct TfL to allow vehicles taking prisoners to and from Court appearances to use bus lanes?

Thames Estuary Airport

Question No: 2382 / 2008

[Jenny Jones](#)

What would be the environmental implications of a new airport in the Thames Estuary?

Council Tax precept

Question No: 2526 / 2008

[Roger Evans](#)

Do you remain confident of achieving a £0 and 0% precept increase for 2009-10 despite the current

financial crises and do you find it a bit rich for opposition members to criticize when many of them voted in favour for the each of the previous budgets that created the 152% precept increase since 2000-01?

Transport Direction of Travel

Question No: 2556 / 2008

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

How many U-turns does your transport direction of travel contain?

Hammersmith Bus Station

Question No: 2547 / 2008

[Tony Arbour](#)

Will the Mayor instruct TfL officers to meet with me at Hammersmith Bus Station to discuss the changes which have been made to the layout and explain why they represent an improvement for my constituents?

Olympic legacy

Question No: 2440 / 2008

[Dee Doocey](#)

How will the current economic climate impact on the Olympic legacy with respect to jobs, sport and housing?

Western Extension Consultation

Question No: 2548 / 2008

[Victoria Borwick](#)

Does the Mayor agree that TfL's decision to include the option of increasing the 'Residents' Discount' from 90% to 100% within the Western Extension Consultation may well confuse the final result?

Wards Corner (1)

Question No: 2354 / 2008

[Darren Johnson](#)

Is your current position on Wards Corner consistent with your vision of protecting London's street markets?

Youth participation

Question No: 2523 / 2008

[James Cleverly](#)

At the State of London debate earlier this year, you committed to engaging young people in developing initiatives to address youth crime and anti-social behaviour.

How significant was the contribution of young people into your new youth strategy?

Commitments

Question No: 2553 / 2008

[John Biggs](#)

Do you stand by your manifesto commitments on consultation?

Canning Town and Customs House Regeneration Project

Question No: 2508 / 2008

[Andrew Boff](#)

Has the Mayor had the chance to look at the Canning Town and Customs House Regeneration Project? Would he agree that this is a fine example of a good mixed development, which we should see more of in the capital?

Net Cost Bus Contracts

Question No: 2641 / 2008

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Have any TfL Board members raised the issue of changing the nature of bus service -contracts towards a 'net cost contract' structure? Is this issue of 'de regulation' of bus services under consideration by TfL?

Air Quality

Question No: 2566 / 2008

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Given that air quality issues have caused concern at both the Athens and Beijing Olympics, what are you doing to ensure London's air quality will be satisfactory by 2012?

Questions for Written Answer

Wards Corner (2)

Question No: 2355 / 2008

[Darren Johnson](#)

What support have you given to the Wards Corner Community Coalition to further its Community Plan for the site and its efforts to hold a collaborative meeting with all the stakeholders, including Haringey Council and the developers?

LDA Board

Question No: 2357 / 2008

[Darren Johnson](#)

Given the continuing importance of climate change and the environment to the work of the LDA, will you be making further appointments to the LDA board to ensure the board has sufficient experience and expertise in this area?

Progress on Climate Change Action Plan

Question No: 2358 / 2008

[Darren Johnson](#)

Your predecessor agreed to report annually on progress on the Climate Change Action Plan (MQT 0857/2007). Will you agree to honour this commitment, and if so when will the first report be published?

London Energy and CO2 Emissions Inventory

Question No: 2359 / 2008

[Darren Johnson](#)

When will the London Energy and CO2 Emissions Inventory next be updated?

Better Buildings Partnership

Question No: 2360 / 2008

[Darren Johnson](#)

What progress has the Better Buildings Partnership made towards developing 'green leases', and when do you expect the first of these leases to be implemented?

Green500

Question No: 2361 / 2008

[Darren Johnson](#)

How many businesses have joined the Green500 programme, and how many have completed a carbon opportunities assessment?

Sustainable drainage

Question No: 2362 / 2008

[Darren Johnson](#)

In your revisions to the London Plan, will you follow the lead of Islington Council and adopt policies aimed at achieving no net loss of permeable land from new developments?

C40 (1)

Question No: 2363 / 2008

[Darren Johnson](#)

What was the budget for the C40 Secretariat in each year from its inception? How much of this was provided through external sources and how much has been met from the GLA budget?

C40 (2)

Question No: 2364 / 2008

[Darren Johnson](#)

In a press release on 4 June 2008, you said: "the significant savings from the money that London contributed to the work of the C40 will now be directed to other climate change programmes". How much money is to be redirected, and which climate change programmes are to benefit?

C40 (3)

Question No: 2365 / 2008

[Darren Johnson](#)

What occurred between 4 June 2008, when your press release stated that the C40 the group secretariat “will remain in London”, and 1 July 2008, when the C40 group secretariat transferred to Toronto (Mayor’s Decision 159)?

C40 (4)

Question No: 2366 / 2008

[Darren Johnson](#)

What are your duties as Deputy Chair of the C40? How many meetings and events have you so far attended in this capacity?

Low Carbon Zones (1)

Question No: 2367 / 2008

[Darren Johnson](#)

When do you expect the locations to be chosen for the six new ‘Low Carbon Zones’ you announced in July, and what criteria will be used for selection?

Low Carbon Zones (2)

Question No: 2368 / 2008

[Darren Johnson](#)

What level of funding will be spent on your Low Carbon Zones proposals, broken down by financial year? How much of this will come from the GLA and how much from external funders?

Climate Change Mitigation Strategy (1)

Question No: 2369 / 2008

[Darren Johnson](#)

Following the recommendation of the UK Government’s Climate Change Committee, will your Climate Change Mitigation and Energy Strategy set a target for greenhouse gas emissions cuts of at least 80% by 2050?

Climate Change Mitigation Strategy (2)

Question No: 2370 / 2008

[Darren Johnson](#)

Following the recommendation of the UK Government’s Climate Change Committee, will your Climate Change Mitigation and Energy Strategy targets take into account aviation and international shipping?

New Cross Road

Question No: 2371 / 2008

[Darren Johnson](#)

Will you ask TfL officers to investigate the following problems on New Cross Road?

- 262 New Cross Road - there is a badly damaged lamp post that is covered with a plastic warning notice “danger high voltage” that has not been repaired after 3-4 months

- 265 New Cross Road - a free newspaper dispenser that was installed there about 3-4 years ago but has never actually been used needs removing

- 1-6 Fairlawn Mansions New Cross Road - there is a large metal sheet left on the pavement following roadworks 3-4 years ago which has never been removed.

78 and 42 buses

Question No: 2372 / 2008

[Darren Johnson](#)

Will you ask TfL to re-investigate the noise problems caused by the 78 and 42 buses on Calvert Avenue and to work with local residents to find a solution?

Bus lanes, Blackheath

Question No: 2373 / 2008

[Darren Johnson](#)

Will you ask TfL officers to investigate abuse of the bus lanes by motorists on the one way system around Blackheath, as complaints have been made that the bus lane is constantly being used by car drivers within the restricted times 4-7pm?

Cycle parking facilities, Blackheath

Question No: 2374 / 2008

[Darren Johnson](#)

Will you ask TfL officers to investigate potential improvements to cycle parking facilities in Blackheath, given that many bicycles are being locked to railings which clearly demonstrates an unmet need?

Recycled cooking oil

Question No: 2375 / 2008

[Darren Johnson](#)

Given that each year thousands of tonnes of used oil is poured down the drain or placed in refuse bins, resulting in serious contamination and a costly clean-up process in sewers and at licensed waste sites, is the Mayor aware of the free service now available to London residents that provides for the safe and environmentally acceptable collection and purification of used cooking oil from re-use and recycling centres? This project provides specially-designed collection tanks at public recycling centres at no charge and oil collected through this scheme is subsequently re-used for the generation of carbon-free electricity for business and domestic use. Will the Mayor give his support to this project which has so far been adopted by 17 London boroughs? What will he do to promote the scheme and ensure such a service is available to all Londoners in every borough?

East London Line extension works (1)

Question No: 2376 / 2008

[Darren Johnson](#)

As a Mayor with a public commitment to plant 10,000 new trees, will you ask TfL to commit to replanting the 50 mature and semi-mature trees that have been lost through works on the East London Line Extension at New Cross?

East London Line extension works (2)

Question No: 2377 / 2008

[Darren Johnson](#)

Will you ensure that the landscaping policy for the ELL extension makes a clear commitment to working with Lewisham Council's biodiversity officers to ensure any new vegetation at the site of the ELL works provides suitable habitats for biodiversity?

East London Line extension works (3)

Question No: 2378 / 2008

[Darren Johnson](#)

Given the failure of TFL's contractor BBCJV to adhere to Lewisham's Code of Construction Practice until recently (especially with regards to adequate dust monitoring, capping dust mounds and putting up adequate wooden fences) how will you compensate New Cross residents who have been put at risk from work on contaminated land at the ELL site over the past 18 months?

East London Line extension works (4)

Question No: 2379 / 2008

[Darren Johnson](#)

Will you ask TfL to consider what noise barriers (such as the replanting of semi-mature trees) are to be introduced in order to ensure New Cross residents along the ELL do not suffer increased noise problems when the extremely important and very welcome ELL is up and running?

Thames River Travel

Question No: 2380 / 2008

[Darren Johnson](#)

If fast ferries are to be considered as one of the options for transport in the Thames Gateway will you ensure an environmental assessment takes account of the CO2 emissions figures for ferries, so that this option can be compared with other options, such as light rail?

Bees

Question No: 2381 / 2008

[Darren Johnson](#)

Will you commission research into the impacts of bee colony collapse on London's gardens and biodiversity, as well as making the case to Government for more research to be undertaken at national level on the potential causes of the decline in the bee population?

Eco-driving

Question No: 2383 / 2008

[Jenny Jones](#)

How many bus drivers have so far successfully completed eco-driving training, and how many do you expect to complete the training in each of the next three years?

Street audits (1)

Question No: 2384 / 2008

[Jenny Jones](#)

How many street audits around mainline stations have been completed and where are measures being introduced to improve the pedestrian environment as a result?

Street audits (2)

Question No: 2385 / 2008

[Jenny Jones](#)

What further London rail, tube, DLR and bus stations have been identified as needing street audits? How many of these will be audited in 2009/10?

Street audits (3)

Question No: 2386 / 2008

[Jenny Jones](#)

How will the pedestrian environment around mainline and other London rail stations be improved in 2009/10 through the Borough Station Access Programmes and Interchange Programmes?

Cycling Super Highways

Question No: 2387 / 2008

[Jenny Jones](#)

Do you agree with the suggestion from London Councils that a similar TfL/borough structure to the London Bus Priority Network model should be used to deliver the proposed cycling super highways?

LCN+ (1)

Question No: 2388 / 2008

[Jenny Jones](#)

Do you agree with London Councils that to achieve the true potential of a London wide cycle network, it is vital that the network is completed?

LCN+ (2)

Question No: 2389 / 2008

[Jenny Jones](#)

Do you agree with London Councils that it will be necessary to identify new desire lines on cycle routes outside of those currently defined and work should be undertaken to identify where new routes are needed?

DSEI arms fair

Question No: 2390 / 2008

[Jenny Jones](#)

What was the cost of policing the 2007 DSEI arms fair? Can you break this down by:

1. Police officer shifts
2. Police staff shifts
3. Opportunity costs
4. Overtime costs
5. Non-pay costs
6. Amount of costs recovered from event organisers

Airport policing (1)

Question No: 2391 / 2008

[Jenny Jones](#)

What has been the cost to the Metropolitan Police of policing City Airport for each of the past 5 financial years? From which MPA directorate's budget have these costs been met?

Airport policing (2)

Question No: 2392 / 2008

[Jenny Jones](#)

What has been the cost to the Metropolitan Police of policing Heathrow Airport for each of the past 5 financial years? From which MPA directorate's budget have these costs been met?

Airport policing (3)

Question No: 2393 / 2008

[Jenny Jones](#)

Does the Metropolitan Police incur any costs from the policing of any airports other than Heathrow and City Airport? If so, what have these costs been per airport for each of the past 5 financial years?

Airport policing (4)

Question No: 2394 / 2008

[Jenny Jones](#)

What negotiations have been held over the recovery of policing costs from Heathrow, since BAA was sold to Ferrovial in 2006? What proportion of Heathrow's policing costs was recovered in each of the past 5 financial years?

Policing football matches

Question No: 2395 / 2008

[Jenny Jones](#)

What has been the cost to the Metropolitan Police of policing football matches in each of the past 5 financial years? From which MPA directorate's budget have these costs been met?

Counter terrorism policing

Question No: 2396 / 2008

[Jenny Jones](#)

What has been the cost to the Metropolitan Police of counter terrorism policing in each of the past 5 financial years? In each year, how much of this cost was met by central government?

Metropolitan Police budget (1)

Question No: 2397 / 2008

[Jenny Jones](#)

By how much do you plan to reduce spending on police officer overtime in each of the next three financial years?

Metropolitan Police budget (2)

Question No: 2398 / 2008

[Jenny Jones](#)

By how much do you plan to reduce spending on police staff overtime in each of the next three financial years?

24-hour safer neighbourhood policing

Question No: 2399 / 2008

[Jenny Jones](#)

What was the outcome of trials of 24-hour safer neighbourhood policing in a number of wards in Hammersmith and Fulham?

Safer neighbourhood policing (1)

Question No: 2400 / 2008

[Jenny Jones](#)

As at 1st October 2008, what was the budgeted workforce target for Safer Neighbourhood Teams in London, broken down by borough?

Safer neighbourhood policing (2)

Question No: 2401 / 2008

[Jenny Jones](#)

As at the 1st October 2008, how many a) police sergeants, b) police constables and c) PCSOs posts were vacant in Safer Neighbourhood Teams, broken down by borough?

Safer neighbourhood policing (3)

Question No: 2402 / 2008

[Jenny Jones](#)

As at the 1st October 2008, how many a) police sergeants, b) police constables and c) PCSOs posts were there in Safer Neighbourhood Teams, broken down by borough?

Youth provision (1)

Question No: 2403 / 2008

[Jenny Jones](#)

How much has the Metropolitan Police Service spent in each of the last 4 years on projects specifically related to protecting young Londoners and reducing youth crime?

Jenny Jones – Youth provision (2)

Question No: 2404 / 2008

[Jenny Jones](#)

What funding does the Metropolitan Police Service intend to provide in 2009/10 for projects specifically related to protecting young Londoners and reducing youth crime?

Traffic police

Question No: 2405 / 2008

[Jenny Jones](#)

How many traffic police officers were there in the Metropolitan Police service as at 31/03/2007 and 31/03/2008?

Measuring affordable housing delivery

Question No: 2406 / 2008

[Jenny Jones](#)

Can you confirm that future London Plan annual monitoring reports will continue to measure progress on increasing the supply of affordable housing in London using net planning figures?

Affordable housing targets (1)

Question No: 2407 / 2008

[Jenny Jones](#)

Your affordable housing investment target is a gross increase of 50,000 affordable homes over the three years 2008/09 to 2010/11. What is your planning target for the net supply of new build affordable homes over the next three financial years?

Affordable housing targets (2)

Question No: 2408 / 2008

[Jenny Jones](#)

Can you provide borough by borough details of how, in terms of the total gross increase in affordable homes in London, your targets from 2008/09 to 2010/11 differ from those of your predecessor?

Affordable housing targets (3)

Question No: 2409 / 2008

[Jenny Jones](#)

Can you provide borough by borough details of how, in terms of the total net supply of new build affordable homes in London, your targets from 2008/09 to 2010/11 differ from those of your predecessor?

Affordable housing delivery

Question No: 2410 / 2008

[Jenny Jones](#)

What proportion of the 50,000 affordable homes that you aim to deliver by April 2011 will be delivered through new-build?

Serious organised crime policing

Question No: 2411 / 2008

[Jenny Jones](#)

Can you provide me with the number of protests and events have been held in Parliament Square each year since the introduction of clause 132 of the Serious Organised Crime and Police Act, and the estimated total cost of policing these events?

HGVs and the Olympics

Question No: 2412 / 2008

[Jenny Jones](#)

Are all lorries used for the construction of the 2012 Games fitted with blind spot mirrors and the drivers given extra instruction for the safety of cyclists?

Illegal motorbikes (1)

Question No: 2413 / 2008

[Jenny Jones](#)

What more can the Metropolitan Police do to tackle the problem of motorbikes being fitted with extremely noisy illegal exhausts?

Illegal motorbikes (2)

Question No: 2414 / 2008

[Jenny Jones](#)

What action is being taken to tackle motorbikes that are ridden illegally?

Tube advertising

Question No: 2415 / 2008

[Jenny Jones](#)

How many a) electronic advertising screens and, b) illuminated advertising boards are there on the London underground network?

Proposed Tesco development

Question No: 2416 / 2008

[Jenny Jones](#)

Will you give full consideration to the following issues if you are asked to consider a planning application for a superstore on land in Highams Park Industrial Estate:

- The impact of a superstore development on existing small local retail businesses, and the overall vitality and viability of the Highams Park area;
- The impact of increased traffic levels on the local community;

- Any local opposition to a superstore development on this site;
- The scale of a superstore development in comparison to the local area; and
- The quality and mix of any associated residential development.

Access to King's Cross Station

Question No: 2417 / 2008

[Jenny Jones](#)

Following your response to question 1315/2008, can you update me on the progress that TfL has made in working with Network Rail to keep all entrances to Kings Cross station open, ensuring the station is permeable for the whole community as well as other station users?

Mayor's Fund for London

Question No: 2418 / 2008

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

When will details about which groups can apply to the above fund, and how to apply, be published?

Meeting with Government ministers

Question No: 2419 / 2008

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Please list which Government ministers you have met since June 1st 2008, when you met with them and what was discussed at each meeting.

Fares for people on Income Support

Question No: 2421 / 2008

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

When will you and TfL be publishing details on the reductions in fares you will be giving from January 1st 2009 for people claiming Income Support?

Free Sheets

Question No: 2422 / 2008

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Despite my regular questioning, the previous Mayor refused to commit to getting the publishers of the various free newspapers now in circulation in London to pay for the full cost of recycling their papers left on the Tube and Bus network or dumped in the streets. Will you urge the publishers of these newspapers and free magazines to pay for an increase in the number of places where people can recycle their papers/magazines once read?

Lobbying government

Question No: 2423 / 2008

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Your press release of October 28th talks about "lobbying government to have a competitive tax regime to ensure London remains a global centre." Precisely what measures are you suggesting the government takes?

TfL lost Income

Question No: 2424 / 2008

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Your answer to my question last month (2080/2008) completely missed the point. Rather than giving me your opinion on the Western extension to the Congestion Charge Zone, can you please let me know how TfL plan to 'recoup' the £70million (using your figures) that will be lost should the abolition go ahead, and a payment by account system introduced.

Cutting Crime

Question No: 2425 / 2008

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Last month you told both listeners to the Nick Ferrari show, and the Assembly at Mayor's Question Time that "I intend to cut crime by 20%". What specific measure of crime is this commitment based on, and what date are you taking as the start point?

Cost of consultants

Question No: 2426 / 2008

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Please will you provide a breakdown of the total spend by the GLA, TfL and the LDA on consultants broken down into two categories.

A/ The total spend by the GLA and the Functional Bodies identified above between January 2008 and May 2008; and

B/ The total spend by the GLA and the Functional Bodies identified above in the current financial year to date.

Please provide the breakdown by organisation.

London Pensions Fund Authority investments

Question No: 2427 / 2008

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

As part of your oversight of the LPFA, have you offered them any advice or instruction relating to investments in companies that are involved in the arms and tobacco industries?

Half Price travel for Jobseekers' Allowance

Question No: 2428 / 2008

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Will you consider extending the planned half price travel scheme for those Londoners on Income Support to those Londoners on Jobseekers' Allowance. If so could this be implemented in January 2009 and what do you predict would be the cost per annum?

Safer Neighbourhood Teams (1)

Question No: 2429 / 2008

[Dee Doocey](#)

As at the 1st October 2008, how many a) police sergeants, b) police constables and c) PCSOs posts were there in Safer Neighbourhood Teams, broken down by borough?

Safer Neighbourhood Teams (2)

Question No: 2430 / 2008

[Dee Doocey](#)

As at the 1st October 2008, how many a) police sergeants, b) police constables and c) PCSOs posts were vacant in Safer Neighbourhood Teams, broken down by borough?

Safer Neighbourhood Teams (3)

Question No: 2431 / 2008

[Dee Doocey](#)

As at 1st October 2008, what was the budgeted workforce target for Safer Neighbourhood Teams in London, broken down by borough?

Special Constable recruitment

Question No: 2432 / 2008

[Dee Doocey](#)

Can you please provide the number of special constables assigned to each Borough Operational Command Unit, and other Operational Command Units as appropriate, as at 1st October 2008? Please also include the targets for that date, and targets for 30/03/09.

Taser deployment

Question No: 2433 / 2008

[Dee Doocey](#)

How many times have tasers been used by the MPS in the last year (please break down by drawn/aimed, red-dotted, arced drive, and stun fired)? Please give the breakdown between Authorised Firearms Officers and TSG Officers.

No Strings Attached

Question No: 2434 / 2008

[Dee Doocey](#)

I welcome the scheme for Londoners to donate unwanted musical instruments, but how do you plan to enable the teaching of these instruments, what is the estimated cost, and who will be funding this?

2012 London Cultural Skills Fund

Question No: 2435 / 2008

[Dee Doocey](#)

How was the launch of the first round of the Cultural Skills Fund advertised to organisations across London? How many applications were received by the deadline of 7th November, broken down by borough?

Police officers on restricted duties

Question No: 2436 / 2008

[Dee Doocey](#)

How many police officers are currently on restricted duties, broken down by borough and operational command unit as appropriate? How many of these have been on restricted duties for longer than six months?

Police officers on recuperative duties

Question No: 2437 / 2008

[Dee Doocey](#)

How many police officers are currently on recuperative duties, broken down by borough and operational command unit as appropriate?

Police staff on recuperative duties

Question No: 2438 / 2008

[Dee Doocey](#)

How many police staff are currently on recuperative duties, broken down by borough and operational command unit as appropriate?

Tourism figures for outer London

Question No: 2439 / 2008

[Dee Doocey](#)

Can you provide monthly visitor data for attractions in London, split into inner and outer London, for the years 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 (to date)?

Borough police officer targets

Question No: 2441 / 2008

[Dee Doocey](#)

Please can you give the target strengths for police officers by borough as at 1st April 2008? Can you also provide the target strengths for police officers by borough as at 1st November 2008, indicating specifically how many in each borough relate to Operation Tyrol?

Parks Constabularies

Question No: 2442 / 2008

[Dee Doocey](#)

Does any funding for Parks Constabularies exist within the MPA budget, or any other GLA family budget?

Parks Constabularies and Airwave

Question No: 2443 / 2008

[Dee Doocey](#)

Can you confirm whether the Parks Constabularies are allowed to use the Airwave system? Is it correct that they have had their Metsets withdrawn, thereby cutting direct communication with Borough Police and Safer Neighbourhood Teams?

MPS staff CRB checks

Question No: 2444 / 2008

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Could you please confirm the number of MPS staff who have had CRB checks carried out as part of the recruitment process for the years 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008.

MPS staff safe recruitment

Question No: 2445 / 2008

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Since the Children's Act 2004, what safe recruitment measures have been put in place, and since when, for staff who are likely to work closely with children, including front line MPS staff?

Orbital bus routes and commuter coaches

Question No: 2447 / 2008

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

You pledged during the Mayoral election that new orbital bus routes and perhaps express coaches for commuters would be introduced. Are you yet in a position to announce trials on at least one of these projects?

Thames Gateway Bridge

Question No: 2448 / 2008

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

You instructed TfL to report back "in the autumn" with a review of the Thames Gateway Bridge project and a report on discussions with Boroughs. What has been the outcome of TfL's work and discussions about the project?

Airports strategy

Question No: 2449 / 2008

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

You indicated in your Answer to Question 1756/2008 that you would have developed a strategy on airports policy for London and the South East by the end of the year. Can you please update us on how this is being progressed?

Reducing the school run

Question No: 2450 / 2008

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Transport for London figures published on 1 October reveal that one third of all car journeys between 8am and 9am on school days are "education related". What further steps will your administration take to reduce vehicles on the "school run"?

Fines due from overseas motorists

Question No: 2451 / 2008

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Since 2004, CCTV cameras have filmed a total 379,862 overseas registered motorists committing traffic offences, of whom 36,226 have paid fines. Can you discuss with the Home Office's UK Border Agency an arrangement under which such motorists would not be allowed to leave the UK until fines had been duly paid?

Car Clubs

Question No: 2452 / 2008

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Building on the successes outlined in your Answer to Question 2002/2008, what further steps will your administration take, in conjunction with Boroughs, to promote car club membership as an alternative to car ownership in London?

River Transport

Question No: 2453 / 2008

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

In view of your Answer to Question No: 2306 / 2008, can you make available to me the Minutes of the meeting of the River Passenger Services Concordat Group held on 27 October?

Western extension of the Congestion Charge: consultation

Question No: 2454 / 2008

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

The informal consultation on the future of the Western Extension of the Congestion Charging zone closed on 5 October. When will you publish the results of the wider representative survey?

Width restrictor: Pitfield Way, St Raphael's Estate

Question No: 2455 / 2008

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Will you ask Transport for London to take another look at the possibility of installing a width restrictor or a camera on the slip road from the A406 North Circular Road into St Raphael's Estate at Pitfield Way, with a view to reducing the number of HGVs "rat-running" when A406 is heavily congested?

Bus route from Hampton Wick to Richmond

Question No: 2456 / 2008

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Will you consider introducing a direct bus route from Hampton Wick to Richmond ? Though Transport for London have in the past judged that they could not establish enough likely demand, Richmond Borough Council now advises that this assessment is out of date and should be reviewed.

Direct night bus service: Central London to Teddington

Question No: 2457 / 2008

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Will you consider restoring the direct night bus service to Teddington and Hampton Wick (shortened some years ago to terminate at Fulwell bus garage) as this would benefit local residents greatly?

Proposed bus route alteration K2/K3

Question No: 2458 / 2008

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Will you ask Transport for London to look again at their decision taken during a review in February 2007 with regard to a proposal to alter the route of either the K2 or K3 bus to go to Kingston Hospital via Cambridge Road, Kingston Road and Douglas Road instead of Coombe Road, thus making the

route available to an estate with a high proportion of social housing?

Junction of Whitefield Lane and Bromley Road, Lewisham

Question No: 2459 / 2008

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

By what date will improvements for pedestrians at the junction of Whitefield Lane and Bromley Road in Lewisham have been completed?

Bonuses

Question No: 2460 / 2008

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Please provide me with the number of LDA and TfL employees awarded performance bonuses, and the value of these bonuses, in the last financial year, and the total paid out by each organisation.

Festive Season Bus Travel

Question No: 2461 / 2008

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What would be the cost of providing free bus travel across London on a) Christmas Eve, b) Christmas Day and c) Boxing Day this year? Are you minded to offer it?

Bus Services on Christmas Day

Question No: 2462 / 2008

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Will you consider running a limited bus service on Christmas Day (perhaps at Night Bus frequency) to help those who need to work that day to maintain essential services?

Public Transport over Christmas

Question No: 2463 / 2008

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Will you outline TfL's plans for maintaining public transport services during Christmas and the New Year?

Etching on bus shelters

Question No: 2465 / 2008

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

While it is appreciated that etching is more expensive to remove from bus shelters than graffiti, can you explain what the contracts with companies responsible for bus shelters require them to do in regard to etching and its removal?

603 bus Muswell Hill-Swiss Cottage

Question No: 2466 / 2008

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Many parents of school pupils have requested that the 603 bus (Muswell Hill-Swiss Cottage) be increased in frequency during term-time, start earlier and finish later. Would you please ask TfL to

consider these changes as further contributions to reducing “the school run” in NW London?

Increasing Tube track improvement efficiency

Question No: 2467 / 2008

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

I am advised that in one weekend (52 hours), Tube Lines can complete as much station work as in 23 nights using weekday engineering hours. Are you exploring opportunities to speed up the Tube modernisation programme with longer, more efficient line and station closures?

Meeting with Secretary of State for Transport

Question No: 2468 / 2008

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

At your meeting with the Secretary of State for Transport on 22 October, what did you secure for London, and in particular, what assurances did you receive on funding for Phase 2b of the East London Line Extension?

Personal Best Volunteering Scheme

Question No: 2469 / 2008

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

How does the LDA's Personal Best scheme link in with existing volunteering schemes such as the Southwark Pilgrims, and what future plans do you have for encouraging young people to take part in volunteering in London?

Elephant and Castle southern roundabout

Question No: 2470 / 2008

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Is TfL's re-examination of the scheme for the southern roundabout at Elephant and Castle another example of your determination to treat all modes of travel in London equally, and will it in fact not significantly prejudice the needs and safety of both pedestrians and cyclists?

Your “emergency summit” with the TOCs

Question No: 2471 / 2008

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Is your much-heralded “emergency summit” with London's train operating companies indefinitely delayed (much like the trains) because you cannot come to an agreement with some of them over the introduction of Oyster Pay-As-You-Go ? When do you expect the summit to take place and what will be on the agenda?

Air quality in London

Question No: 2472 / 2008

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Will you support the call by the Campaign for Clean Air in London for legal action to be taken against the UK over breaches in air quality limits, notably on PM10 pollution in London?

Withdrawal of Tesco free bus services

Question No: 2473 / 2008

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What plans do you have to replace the T1, T2, T3, T4, T5, and T6 free bus services that Tesco recently announced they are withdrawing?

Finsbury Park Station improvements

Question No: 2474 / 2008

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Can you tell us the reasons for the repeated postponement of the trial staircase closure at Finsbury Park station on an Arsenal match day and the effect this delay will have on the station's modernisation?

Farringdon Station toilets

Question No: 2475 / 2008

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Can you investigate why Farringdon Station toilets are being closed at 8pm at weekends despite the huge problems of anti-social behaviour in the Clerkenwell area caused by late licences? Will you ask TfL to work with Islington Council to resolve the general problem instead of the Council having to use its own limited funds to provide toilet facilities in Cowcross Street?

Thameslink

Question No: 2476 / 2008

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Will you ask TfL to discuss with Network Rail what steps might be taken to reduce the inconvenience to Islington residents caused by their decision to close the Moorgate branch of Thameslink and to terminate direct services via the Sutton/Wimbledon loop at Blackfriars?

Pedestrian Crossing: Highbury Corner

Question No: 2477 / 2008

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Has the review of crossing times at the pedestrian crossing on the Holloway Road side of Highbury Corner taken place yet?

Pedestrian Crossing: Upper Street

Question No: 2478 / 2008

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Has the review of crossing times at the pedestrian crossing at the junction of Upper Street, Canonbury Lane and Islington Park Street taken place yet?

Bus services: Drayton Park

Question No: 2479 / 2008

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

In view of the opening of the Emirates Stadium and the addition of hundreds of new homes, is it not time that TfL reviewed their decision not to introduce a bus service in the Drayton Park area?

Archway Station improvements

Question No: 2480 / 2008

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What is the latest timetable for planned improvements at Archway Station on the Northern Line?

DDA compliant crossings

Question No: 2481 / 2008

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

How does TfL's decision not to allow Islington Council to use its own funds to make TfL-managed pedestrian crossings in the Borough Disability Discrimination Act compliant, and does this not fly in the face of your belief that such choices should be made locally?

Police enforcement of 20mph zones

Question No: 2483 / 2008

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Given that 20mph zones have been established across London in response to community concerns and/or the numbers of road traffic accidents, will you support changes that will allow the MPS to police these zones across the capital?

Technology to tackle dangerous driving

Question No: 2484 / 2008

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Will you encourage the Metropolitan Police in using modern technology such as ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) to enforce speed limits on London streets and to tackle dangerous driving?

Crossrail (1)

Question No: 2485 / 2008

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

When will the Board of Cross London Rail Links Ltd be transferred to Transport for London, and be disengaged from the Department for Transport?

Crossrail (2)

Question No: 2486 / 2008

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Once Cross London Rail Links Ltd is transferred to TfL, will its Board be a subsidiary of the TfL Board and will any decision about Crossrail have to go through both boards or will the CLRL Board report

directly to you?

Equipment failures: Shepherds Bush area

Question No: 2487 / 2008

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What action is being taken to deal with the string of equipment failures reported in the area of the new Westfield Shopping Centre, including safety technology and a lift not working at Wood Lane Tube station; one of the new escalators at the revamped Shepherds Bush Tube station failing in the rush hour; and a line screens used by Tube drivers to ensure it is safe to close train doors not working at Wood Lane station on the Hammersmith and City line?

Planning: Seven Sisters, Tottenham

Question No: 2488 / 2008

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Will you call in, or at least defer a decision on, the "Grainger plan" for the heart of Tottenham at Seven Sisters (passionately opposed by a very significant coalition of local residents and traders) until the alternative Community Plan submitted to the Council before the "Grainger plan" has been allowed serious consideration?

Pedicabs

Question No: 2489 / 2008

[Brian Coleman](#)

Will the Mayor work with TfL and the boroughs to seek a complete ban on pedicabs, which make London appear like a third world city and which are dangerous with the drivers often in the country illegally and uninsured?

GLA Group Finances

Question No: 2490 / 2008

[Brian Coleman](#)

Will the Mayor congratulate the Treasury Management team of LFEPA and the core GLA on managing to avoid the Icelandic Banks fiasco and now merge this function across the whole GLA Group so that proper strategic overview can take place of the Group cash balances?

Metropolitan Police

Question No: 2492 / 2008

[Brian Coleman](#)

Will the Mayor seek an end to the culture of leaks from the Metropolitan Police on sensitive enquires which often damage the reputations of perfectly innocent individuals?

Transport for London's funding of 2008 Bike Week

Question No: 2493 / 2008

[Steve O'Connell](#)

In previous years, Croydon Council has received substantial funding from TfL for Bike Week, used to fund local activities to promote cycling in the Borough. In 2006 the Council received £10,000, in 2007 it received £2,000 and in 2008 it received nothing. Based on this evidence and at a time when cycling is featuring increasingly in London's political agenda, the impression given is that TfL are penny-

pinching and out of touch when it comes to promoting cycling effectively at a local level.

Could you therefore please advise me as to why Croydon Council received no funding from TfL for this year's Bike Week? Furthermore are you able to reassure me that TfL will reinstate funding in 2009?

London in Bloom

Question No: 2494 / 2008

[Steve O'Connell](#)

Would the Mayor comment on Croydon's achievement on winning London in Bloom for the second successive year?

Arts Council funding

Question No: 2495 / 2008

[Steve O'Connell](#)

Would the Mayor agree that outer London has not received its fair share of cultural funding from the Arts Council over the last ten years? Will he work with the outer London boroughs to persuade DCMS and the Arts Council to adopt a fairer funding strategy?

Youth Strategy

Question No: 2496 / 2008

[Steve O'Connell](#)

How well has your youth strategy been received amongst BME communities?

How well has your youth strategy been received amongst Youth professionals?

Knife arches

Question No: 2497 / 2008

[Steve O'Connell](#)

How successful has the implementation of knife arches and the use of wands into high risk schools been at:

- Reducing the number of knives in and around schools?
- Reducing the number of knife related offences after school hours and on home to school transport routes?
- Increasing pupil perception of safety during school hours?

Home Information Packs

Question No: 2498 / 2008

[Steve O'Connell](#)

What has been the effect of Home Information Packs on the housing market in London?

Affordable Housing

Question No: 2499 / 2008

[Steve O'Connell](#)

Further to the Mayor's announcement this week that he is opening negotiations with boroughs on developing appropriate local targets for affordable housing, how does this approach differ from that of the previous Mayor?

Land development

Question No: 2501 / 2008

[Steve O'Connell](#)

Land for public developments is in short supply. Should transport considerations dictate where developments take place, or will the Mayor agree with the view that new developments need to be adequately serviced by TfL to meet the needs of the users?

A24 parking

Question No: 2502 / 2008

[Steve O'Connell](#)

Traders and shoppers in North Cheam, in the London Borough of Sutton, have expressed concern about parking enforcement on the A24 in the area. Will the Mayor intervene to ensure that the promised review by TfL takes place and action is taken which best reflects the will of local people?

ID Cards

Question No: 2503 / 2008

[Andrew Boff](#)

What is your view of the Government's plans to introduce ID cards and the Communications Data Bill?

Affordable rents for Small Businesses

Question No: 2504 / 2008

[Andrew Boff](#)

What action is being taken by TfL to ensure that there are more affordable rents for the small businesses who are its tenants?

TfL Property disposals

Question No: 2505 / 2008

[Andrew Boff](#)

What are TfL's policies for encouraging purchases by small businesses when it considers property disposals?

Poverty and Health Inequalities

Question No: 2506 / 2008

[Andrew Boff](#)

A report from the Campaign to End Child Poverty has pointed out that Tower Hamlets has one of the worst rates of child poverty in the nation – 79% of children are classified as 'struggling'. That's 42,850 children. With the World Health Organisation (WHO) showing the UK's life expectancy is falling behind comparable countries such as Sweden and Australia, and WHO attributing it to "a toxic combination of bad policies, economics and politics", does the Mayor agree with WHO that the current Government's policies are a major factor behind the capital's health inequalities?

Wardens for Sheltered Housing Schemes

Question No: 2509 / 2008

[Andrew Boff](#)

Although not part of the GLA remit, is the Mayor concerned at the rising numbers of Sheltered Accommodation schemes across London that have lost their full time on site warden?

Metric Martyr

Question No: 2510 / 2008

[Andrew Boff](#)

Will the Mayor join with me in wishing Janet Deavers every success in her appeal against her conviction for using imperial measurements? Does he agree that this whole case should never have been brought to court?

Queen's Market

Question No: 2511 / 2008

[Andrew Boff](#)

What is the Mayor's view of 100% rent increase for Traders on Queen's Market.

City Airport

Question No: 2512 / 2008

[Andrew Boff](#)

When were the last noise readings taken in the flight path for London City Airport?

What undertakings have Newham given the mayor to ensure that on the expansion of the number of flights at London City Airport, more robust environmental controls are established and sufficient resources and enforcement mechanisms are put into place?

Thames Gateway

Question No: 2513 / 2008

[Andrew Boff](#)

What options are being explored with regard to supporting the public transport infrastructure of the Thames Gateway? What plans are there to increase the number and frequency of trains at Rainham Station?

The Light, Shoreditch

Question No: 2514 / 2008

[Andrew Boff](#)

Would the Mayor agree with me that the aim of conserving London's notable buildings would be well served by "The Light" at Shoreditch being included in the new Shoreditch Conservation Area.

Tidal Power

Question No: 2515 / 2008

[Andrew Boff](#)

What work is being undertaken by the GLA Group to investigate the possibility of generating electricity through tidal flow?

UK Emissions Targets

Question No: 2516 / 2008

[Gareth Bacon](#)

Further to the commitment by Ed Milliband, the new Secretary of State for Climate Change, to an 80% reduction in national CO2 emissions by 2050, from 1990 levels, what advice can the Mayor offer the Secretary of State in meeting this target, based on what is being done in London, to avoid this being another empty gesture from the Government?

Shopping Bags

Question No: 2517 / 2008

[Gareth Bacon](#)

Does the Mayor agree with London Councils that the Government's proposals on single use shopping bags in the Climate Change Bill do not go far enough, and do not specify when, or even if, action will be taken, and what form that action will take? Does the Mayor support London Councils' proposals, including a timetable for action and guaranteeing a minimum charge for single use shopping bags?

NHS Ratings

Question No: 2520 / 2008

[James Cleverly](#)

When the Healthcare Commission published its annual ratings of NHS services it showed that 32 NHS Trusts improved their standing in the area of 'use of resources' while in the rating area of 'quality of service' the Healthcare Commission singled out London as "the only area in the country in which performance for quality of service declined." Does the Mayor consider that the Government has contributed to health inequalities in London by chasing financial performance at the expense of quality of care?

Hospital Hygiene

Question No: 2521 / 2008

[James Cleverly](#)

In light of a recent report that Imperial College NHS Trust was found to have breached the National Hygiene Code, with the Healthcare Commission's report on English NHS services showing nearly half of London PCTs failed hygiene standards, does the Mayor consider that the Government's continually blaming local Trusts means the capital's health inequalities are approaching crisis point?

NHS Ratings

Question No: 2522 / 2008

[James Cleverly](#)

On 17 October the Healthcare Commission reported that "For the first time, our assessment now shows a gap between London and the rest of the country". Does the Mayor agree that until the Government decides to fix this greater inequality the inequalities within the city cannot be properly addressed?

LEZ

Question No: 2524 / 2008

[James Cleverly](#)

In previous MQT answers, the Mayor has stated that TfL are reviewing the impact of the Low Emission Zone. Can the Mayor update the Assembly on the progress of this review?

Green budget agreement

Question No: 2525 / 2008

[Roger Evans](#)

The previous Mayor made a habit of buying off the Greens for their vote in Budget meetings through small-scale agreements. Do you have intentions for anything similar or do you intend to provide a better service for London without the need to cajole other groups into voting for your plans?

372 Bus Route

Question No: 2527 / 2008

[Roger Evans](#)

Will the Mayor instruct TfL to reconsider their proposal to route the 372 bus route through Farm Way, Lancaster Drive, Randall Drive and Laburnum Walk in Hornchurch?

Snaresbrook Station

Question No: 2528 / 2008

[Roger Evans](#)

Why is it deemed necessary to close the steps at Snaresbrook Station that lead from the High Street to the westbound platform, after 10am? Are TfL aware that elderly people often have difficulty climbing the stairs to the eastbound platform and then have to negotiate the footbridge to get to the westbound side?

Traffic Signal in Eastern Avenue

Question No: 2529 / 2008

[Roger Evans](#)

The traffic signal controlling the left turn filter lane from the Eastern Avenue into Horns Road displays a green signal before traffic from Ley Street into Horns Road is given a red signal. Will the Mayor instruct TfL to re-phase the left turn filter lane light to only show a green light when the main Eastern Avenue lights showed green?

Flooding in Eastern Avenue

Question No: 2530 / 2008

[Roger Evans](#)

Will the Mayor instruct TfL to chase Thames Water to ensure that they clear the main drain on Eastern Avenue by the entrance to Horns Road in order to stop it from flooding?

Back-door Heathrow Expansion

Question No: 2531 / 2008

[Richard Tracey](#)

What efforts is the Mayor making to ensure that the Government's consideration of 'back-door'

expansion of Heathrow Airport, which could mean as many as 170,000 extra flights per year, never gets off the drawing board?

Back-door Heathrow Expansion

Question No: 2532 / 2008

[Richard Tracey](#)

How would the Mayor expect the Government to justify a 'back-door' expansion of Heathrow Airport to those living under the flight paths who would have to endure noise levels which the Government has already accepted are unreasonable for 18 hours a day, rather than the current 9 hours a day?

US Embassy

Question No: 2533 / 2008

[Richard Tracey](#)

What is the Mayor's comment on the news that the American Embassy in London is planning to move to Nine Elms, Wandsworth? Nine Elms is an area with massive regeneration potential, so does he think this will add greatly to Wandsworth's good works there?

Bus Services along Roehampton Lane

Question No: 2535 / 2008

[Richard Tracey](#)

Roehampton University is growing fast and many students are finding it difficult to access the campus by bus from Barnes railway station along Roehampton Lane. Could the Mayor ask TfL to lay on more bus services along Roehampton Lane to facilitate the students' travel?

Safer Transport Team Hubs

Question No: 2536 / 2008

[Richard Tracey](#)

The Safer Transport Team initial rollout has been welcomed by the travelling public. Will the Mayor site new STT hubs at Wimbledon Station and at Tooting Broadway?

Tooting Bec Bus Route

Question No: 2537 / 2008

[Richard Tracey](#)

What progress has been made regarding a direct bus route from Tooting Bec to Fulham in the light of the public meeting which TfL attended on 24th September at the Alvering Library?

Gyratories

Question No: 2538 / 2008

[Richard Tracey](#)

TfL is exploring restoring a number of gyratories to two way working. Could the Mayor confirm that there will be no loss of capacity for general traffic if these go ahead?

Congestion (1)

Question No: 2539 / 2008

[Richard Tracey](#)

With reference to your answer to question 2313, could the Mayor clarify how much of the £161m grants that TfL makes to boroughs is allocated to reduce congestion?

Congestion (2)

Question No: 2540 / 2008

[Richard Tracey](#)

Congestion charging has significantly reduced traffic but not congestion. Does the Mayor believe that it is equitable for all of those people affected by congestion to spend a modest proportion of the profits on measures that directly reduce congestion?

Tube Lines

Question No: 2541 / 2008

[Richard Tracey](#)

Tube Lines is reaching the end of their planned work for the first phase of their contract and has spare capacity to carry out extra works. In light of his recent comments on counter-cyclical investment, is the Mayor exploring opportunities to bring forward investment in the modernisation programme?

Bus Lane Removal

Question No: 2542 / 2008

[Richard Tracey](#)

What is the average length of time taken by TfL between agreeing to remove a bus lane and actually removing it?

Wimbledon Hill Bus Lane

Question No: 2543 / 2008

[Richard Tracey](#)

How soon can my constituents expect the removal of the bus lane in Wimbledon Hill, which TfL have promised to remove?

District Line

Question No: 2544 / 2008

[Richard Tracey](#)

Why is the District Line so poor, particularly the Wimbledon Branch?

East London Line Extension Phase 2

Question No: 2545 / 2008

[Richard Tracey](#)

Given the Government's recent zeal for Keynesian public spending projects during the economic downturn, has the DfT agreed to find the £24 Million needed to build Phase 2 of the East London Line Extension?

Westfield shopping centre

Question No: 2546 / 2008

[Kit Malthouse](#)

With the recent opening of Westfield shopping centre, market traders and small business owners in the area are rightly concerned about the centre's impact on trade. This is coupled with the Western extension of the Congestion Charge in recent years and the current economic crisis.

What are the Mayor's plans to protect small businesses, whilst continuing to promote regeneration opportunities across the city?

Ward's Corner

Question No: 2549 / 2008

[Victoria Borwick](#)

Will the Mayor comment on the decision of Bridge New Deal for Communities in South Tottenham to give £1.5 million of public money to a private developer (Grainger) for land acquisition. I understand that this is an unpopular scheme that had not been subject to proper public consultation, prior to any planning permission even being sought.

Fairtrade

Question No: 2554 / 2008

[John Biggs](#)

Do you think the Fairtrade concept is 'misguided'?

Women

Question No: 2555 / 2008

[Joanne McCartney](#)

How are the interests of women being addressed under your Mayoralty?

Aviation Policy

Question No: 2557 / 2008

[John Biggs](#)

Do you agree that Conservative Party aviation policy is 'all over the place' and will you as Mayor cast a laser beam of clarity over it?

Modal Shift

Question No: 2558 / 2008

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Do you support modal shift towards, walking, cycling and public transport?

Thames Gateway Bridge

Question No: 2560 / 2008

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

What will be the financial impact on TfL's programme if you decide to drop the Thames Gateway bridge project?

Bendy Buses

Question No: 2561 / 2008

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

When you said “We should on day one, act one, scene one, hold a competition to get rid of the bendy bus. They wipe out cyclists, there are many cyclists killed every year by them” were you aware of the fact that no cyclist has been killed in collision with a Bendy Bus in London since they were introduced?

Governors

Question No: 2562 / 2008

[John Biggs](#)

Will you, as the funder, appoint governors to City Academies funded through the LDA?

Litter

Question No: 2563 / 2008

[John Biggs](#)

Is littering a priority area for enforcement?

Toilets

Question No: 2564 / 2008

[John Biggs](#)

Further to my question last month, and your answer, what response have you had from Westminster regarding their 50p toilet charge?

Modal Shift

Question No: 2565 / 2008

[Murad Qureshi](#)

At last month’s Olympic Games, Beijing achieved a 10% modal shift towards public transport. What modal shift do you intend to achieve in London for the 2012 Games, and what measures will you employ to achieve this?

Freight Plan

Question No: 2567 / 2008

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Since the adoption of the TfL Freight Plan last year, what have you done to make sure it is operational?

Street Markets

Question No: 2568 / 2008

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Do you support the deregulation of street markets in London?

Embassies

Question No: 2569 / 2008

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Can you update us on all embassies in London and what is owed by them in congestion charges to TfL?

Investment

Question No: 2570 / 2008

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Now that Westfield has opened with all its required transport investment, when can we expect similar investment to support street markets like Shepherds Bush and Church Street, along the City and Hammersmith line?

Thames Estuary Airport Feasibility Study (1)

Question No: 2571 / 2008

[John Biggs](#)

Can the Mayor tell me when the Thames Estuary airport feasibility study will begin; when it will report and its findings made public; which consultants will draft the study. Can he also provide an estimate of how much the study will cost.

Thames Estuary Airport Feasibility Study (2)

Question No: 2572 / 2008

[John Biggs](#)

Can the Mayor tell me what businesses, business organisations and consultancy firms he has met with to date on the Thames Estuary airport and what future meetings he has in his diary.

Housing Needs Assessment

Question No: 2574 / 2008

[John Biggs](#)

The London Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment was completed in February 2008. This complied with a requirement within the Housing Act 2004 for all Local Authorities to include the needs of gypsies and travellers. When will the GLA put this document, or even a link to it, on the GLA website?

Investigation into fatality, Bus Lane, Chadwell Heath

Question No: 2575 / 2008

[John Biggs](#)

In June the Mayor said that TfL and the Metropolitan Police have been investigating the traffic fatality that occurred at this site in February and that the Police investigation was expected to be concluded by this autumn. Will the Mayor update me on this?

Mayor's Fund

Question No: 2576 / 2008

[Murad Qureshi](#)

To date, what amount of money have you raised for the Mayors Fund?

Cross River Tram

Question No: 2577 / 2008

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

At the 'Discover Midtown' Conference in October Stephen Norris spoke in support of the transport and regeneration case for the Cross River Tram. Was he speaking on your behalf?

Cross River Tram (2)

Question No: 2578 / 2008

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Please list the different options investigated by TfL for alternative sources of funding and finance for Cross River Tram as referred to in MQT answer 2191/2008.

Thameslink Wimbledon Loop Services

Question No: 2579 / 2008

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

What action has TfL Rail taken, if any, to prevent south London passengers on Thameslink (First Capital Connect) Services from the 'Wimbledon-Sutton Loop' - including residents in Streatham and Tulse Hill from having their current services through to the City curtailed at Blackfriars station under Network Rail plans?

Motorbikes in Bus Lanes

Question No: 2580 / 2008

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

In your last reply to me on this issue 2195 / 2008 you did not intend to consult any cyclist stakeholder groups. Why are you consulting black cab taxi drivers but not cyclists?

Direction of Travel Policy Document on Transport (1)

Question No: 2581 / 2008

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Please give date by which the expected 'Direction of Travel' Policy Document on Transport will be published?

Direction of Travel Policy Document on Transport (2)

Question No: 2582 / 2008

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

How many weeks will be available for consultation comments to be received?

Greenwich Waterfront Transit

Question No: 2583 / 2008

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

How much funding has the Government provided through the Community Infrastructure Fund and other sources for the installation of the Greenwich Waterfront Transit Scheme?

Fatal and serious accidents (1)

Question No: 2584 / 2008

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

How many fatal and serious accidents involving cyclists and non-articulated buses have there been each year since 2005/06?

Fatal and serious accidents (2)

Question No: 2585 / 2008

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

How many fatal and serious accidents involving cyclists and articulated lorries have there been each year since 2005/06?

Routes 38, 507 and 521 Bus tender results

Question No: 2586 / 2008

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Please supply the following information for the recent bus tenders for routes 38, 507 and 521:

Number of Tenderers,

Successful Tenderer

Accepted Bid (£pa),

Lowest individual compliant bid for articulated option (£ pa),

Lowest individual compliant bid for non-articulated option (£ pa),

Highest individual compliant bid for articulated option (£ pa),

Highest individual compliant bid for non-articulated option (£ pa),

Cost per mile of awarded contract (£/mile),

Reason for not awarding to Lowest Bidder

Street works/Red Route management, TFL funded local schemes

Question No: 2587 / 2008

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

How will Transport for London need to adjust its framework for appraising scheme options in response to changes in Mayoral transport priorities?

Street works/Red Route management, TFL funded local schemes

Question No: 2588 / 2008

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

In the past, benefits such as those related to the pedestrian environment, health and social inclusion have been important in the assessment of scheme business cases; how will a new focus on vehicle flow and driver journey times affect the relative value assigned to other benefits in the appraisal process?

TfL Plans for the Elephant and Castle (1)

Question No: 2589 / 2008

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

What is the objective of the review of the previously agreed plans to improve the road layout at the

Elephant and Castle?

TfL Plans for the Elephant and Castle (2)

Question No: 2590 / 2008

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

When will the disgusting and dangerous pedestrian underpasses be removed from the Elephant and Castle as promised by TfL in March?

TfL Plans for the Elephant and Castle (3)

Question No: 2591 / 2008

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

How many serious cycling accidents and cyclists deaths have occurred on the Elephant and Castle roundabouts for the last five reported years?

East London Line Phase 2 (1)

Question No: 2592 / 2008

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

In July you told me that "TfL needs to agree funding for the East London Line extension to Clapham Junction within the next few months to ensure the scheme can open by December 2011." Four months on, what are the chances of the line being completed before Network Rail divert the South London Line in December 2011?

Western Extension

Question No: 2593 / 2008

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

What would be the cost of physical works to remove the Western Extension of the Congestion Charging Zone?

Walworth Rd/East Street Traffic Lights

Question No: 2594 / 2008

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

A number of constituents have expressed their grave concerns about the phasing of traffic lights at the junction of Walworth Road and East Street. Pedestrians crossing Walworth Rd are finding the new phasing confusing and are starting to cross when the traffic lights go red on Walworth Rd, not realising that the lights have turned green for traffic turning out of Penrose Street. Will you instruct TfL to urgently review this busy crossing?

East London Line Phase 2 (2)

Question No: 2595 / 2008

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

What steps have you taken to secure funding for phase 2 of the East London Line extension since the last MQT?

Student Oyster Cards

Question No: 2596 / 2008

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

What percentage of applications for student oyster cards have been declined because the application was not signed by an authorised signatory of the educational establishment? Please provide this figures broken down by borough.

Routemaster Competition

Question No: 2597 / 2008

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

When will you announce the results of the competition?

Emergency Public Rail Summit (1)

Question No: 2598 / 2008

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

What is the date, time and location of your long promised “emergency public rail summit”?

Emergency Public Rail Summit (2)

Question No: 2599 / 2008

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Who will be invited to your “emergency public rail summit”?

Industrial Action (1)

Question No: 2600 / 2008

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Please list all instances of industrial action taken by employees working on or supporting London’s public transport network since 1 May 2008?

Industrial Action (2)

Question No: 2601 / 2008

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

How many days have been lost to industrial action by employees working on or supporting London’s public transport network since 1 May 2008?

Meetings with Trade Unions

Question No: 2602 / 2008

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Please provide details, including dates, of all meetings you have held with trade unions representing transport workers.

Tramlink

Question No: 2603 / 2008

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

On a recent leaflet on Tramlink improvements Croydon Tramlink appears to have been renamed London Tramlink - what do Croydon Council, the original promoters of the scheme, think of this?

Northern Line Separation

Question No: 2604 / 2008

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

What is your view on proposals to separate the two branches of the Northern Line?

Operation Reclaim

Question No: 2605 / 2008

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Will you please give a Borough breakdown of the number of cars seized during Operation Reclaim?

Stansted Airport

Question No: 2606 / 2008

[Joanne McCartney](#)

What are your views on the recent decision to allow expansion at Stansted airport?

Thames Water

Question No: 2607 / 2008

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Will you join the The Office for Water Services in challenging Thames Water over its plan to raise prices by 25% over the next five years?

Infrastructure Projects

Question No: 2608 / 2008

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Which large-scale infrastructure projects are you considering bringing forward?

Oyster Zip Cards

Question No: 2609 / 2008

[Joanne McCartney](#)

How many Oyster Zip cards have had to be replaced this year as a result of the cards being faulty?

Building Affordable Homes

Question No: 2610 / 2008

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Your Housing Manifesto, 'Building a Better London', says that you will 'work with the boroughs to build 50,000 more affordable homes by 2011'. – can you explain how you thought 50,000 new build affordable homes would be delivered?

Housing Data

Question No: 2611 / 2008

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Can you please provide details of the recent supply (2005-8) of all housing types by borough and a breakdown of what percentage of these are social rented and intermediate?

Social Rented Waiting Lists

Question No: 2612 / 2008

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Can you please provide an up-to-date list of social rented waiting lists by borough?

Overcrowding

Question No: 2613 / 2008

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Can you please provide up-to-date data on overcrowding in London, broken down by borough?

National Health Patient Support Service vehicles in Bus Lanes

Question No: 2614 / 2008

[Jennette Arnold](#)

Will you, as Chair of the TfL Board, allow patient support service vehicles to drive in bus lanes?

Green man crossing at Drayton Park

Question No: 2615 / 2008

[Jennette Arnold](#)

Last year, I joined Islington Living Streets (LLS), the Islington Pensioners Forum and representatives from two local schools in a demonstration to have a green man crossing installed on Drayton Park/Holloway Road. The following has happened so far: LLS was told TfL that there would be a consultation on proposals in Autumn 2007; in November 2007 they were informed about the plans in progress with aspiration for implementation Autumn 2008; in May 2008 they were told that a consultation was due in July/August. However, by the 1st of October...Zilch!

Considering the fact that Arsenal FC put £500,000 in to improve these junctions, lack of funding cannot be what causes the delay. How much longer do local people have to wait for a green man crossing on this dangerous junction?

King's Cross Footbridge

Question No: 2616 / 2008

[Jennette Arnold](#)

When the King's Cross development is finished, my Islington constituents will have to circle the station to enter on the South West Corner. I therefore welcome the letter that your Director of Transport Policy has written to the King's Cross Railway Lands Group (KXRLG) saying that Network Rail should fund the proposed footbridge. Will TfL consider funding the bridge if KXRLG sticks to its opinion that it falls 'to TfL and GLA to ensure the right outcome?'

London landmarks under threat

Question No: 2617 / 2008

[Jennette Arnold](#)

What action are you planning to take to ensure that the London landmarks listed in Frommer's new "500 Places to See Before They Disappear" are protected?

Islington Council controlling TfL Roads

Question No: 2618 / 2008

[Jennette Arnold](#)

Islington Council has said it would like to cut "out the middle man" and take responsibility for main arteries in the Borough such as Holloway Road, Pentonville Road and Camden Road. Do you agree with me that one of the important roles for TfL is the management of priority red routes across London?

Olympic Media and Broadcast Centre (1)

Question No: 2619 / 2008

[Jennette Arnold](#)

How likely is the prospect that the Olympic Media and Broadcast Centre will be so severely cut down that only 20 per cent of the structure will remain as a permanent legacy?

Olympic Media and Broadcast Centre (2)

Question No: 2620 / 2008

[Jennette Arnold](#)

Can you guarantee my Hackney constituents that this will not affect the plans to create a "new Soho" for creative industries in Hackney Wick and that the local employment and business opportunities they were promised will still be available after the Games?

Crime maps

Question No: 2621 / 2008

[Jennette Arnold](#)

The Chair of the Police Federation in England and Wales has argued that crime maps can help criminals to plan new offences as they allow them to track the low crime areas least likely to be targeted by police. Do you agree that this and a possible drop in local house prices in crime ridden areas are the main disadvantages of your recently launched crime mapping website?

Transport plans in times of financial crisis

Question No: 2622 / 2008

[Jennette Arnold](#)

Having read your Telegraph Column of 28 December in which you said "there is nothing remotely impolite, in these circumstances, about spending money and being seen to spend money". I do appreciate that you feel you should personally continue to support our economy by spending, but to ask Londoners to cough up £60 million a year to replace all four hundred bendy buses in London even with existing types of buses is quite worrying. How will this proposal be funded and where will the £100 million a year be coming from that is required to introduce the 'new Routemaster'?

Section 106 Arsenal Money

Question No: 2623 / 2008

[Jennette Arnold](#)

At your recent meeting with the Leader and Chief Executive of Islington Council, did you discuss the possibility of using the £5.6million section 106 money donated by Arsenal FC and ring-fenced for transport improvements on Highbury & Islington Corner?

Step Free Access

Question No: 2624 / 2008

[Jennette Arnold](#)

Will you confirm TfL's commitment to delivering Step Free Access at the following stations: Finsbury Park, Highbury and Islington and Archway?

Anthony Browne

Question No: 2625 / 2008

[Jennette Arnold](#)

Is there a particular reason that you evaded answering my previous question (2290/2008), "will your policies for London be influenced by the beliefs of your new policy advisor, Anthony Browne"?

Barking to Gospel Oak Line

Question No: 2626 / 2008

[Jennette Arnold](#)

I was delighted to see your answer to question 2284/2008 that your inability to witness the overcrowding on the barking to Gospel Oak Line cannot continue. When will you rectify the situation and will you give me a date on which you are available?

ERAP

Question No: 2627 / 2008

[Murad Qureshi](#)

What expertise in economic policy does Anthony Browne have that equips him to play a leading role in implementing your Economic Recovery Action Plan?

Global Peace and Unity Event

Question No: 2628 / 2008

[Murad Qureshi](#)

In view of the warm welcome you sent to this year's Global Peace & Unity Event at the Excel Centre, will you join me in condemning the irresponsible "briefing" circulated by Policy Exchange which sought to associate this mainstream and well-attended event with extremism?

London Schools Environment Awards

Question No: 2629 / 2008

[Murad Qureshi](#)

You have stated that the withdrawal of funding by sponsors of the London Schools Environment Awards led to "a major budget shortfall within the programme, making it impossible to take forward". What efforts did you make to find alternative sources of funding for these popular and successful

awards?

Fair Pay for Bus Drivers 1

Question No: 2630 / 2008

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Do TfL issued contracts to bus companies include a condition to enforce Bus Drivers receiving the 'London Living Wage' as a minimum?

Fair Pay for Bus Drivers 2

Question No: 2631 / 2008

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

What is the Mayor's view on whether direct employees and the employees of subcontractors carrying out work of equal value (identical jobs) should receive equal pay within TfL?

Places of Worship

Question No: 2632 / 2008

[John Biggs](#)

Does London have enough mosques, or other places of worship? If not, how will your planning policies help to facilitate their provision?

Bakerloo Line Trains – CCTV

Question No: 2633 / 2008

[Navin Shah](#)

Further to your response to question No: 2255 / 2008 can the Mayor provide a timescale for the completion of the study into installing CCTV on Bakerloo line stock?

Queens Park Station - Indicator in Ticket Hall

Question No: 2634 / 2008

[Navin Shah](#)

The main public indicator in the ticket office, detailing departures from all 4 platforms has been out of use for some months causing major inconvenience. Please advise when this indicator will again be in use.

Queens Park Station - Enquiry Office - Northbound Platform

Question No: 2635 / 2008

[Navin Shah](#)

Please advise opening hours of the travel enquiry booth of the northbound platform? Are the opening hours specified in the LOROL contract?

Brent Cross Development no 1

Question No: 2636 / 2008

[Navin Shah](#)

In the context of the proposed Brent Cross Cricklewood development, would the Mayor agree with my constituents in Brent that steps or lifts are unacceptable options for a cycle route?

Brent Cross Development no 2

Question No: 2637 / 2008

[Navin Shah](#)

In the context of the proposed Brent Cross Cricklewood development, would the Mayor confirm for the benefit of my Brent constituents and others that cyclists should retain the right to cycle north and south along the straight route of the A5 (LCN+ 5) at ground level without significant deviation?

Overground Ticket Machines

Question No: 2638 / 2008

[Navin Shah](#)

Further to your response to 2351/2008. Please specify the marginal costs for hardware and software upgrades to enable passengers to collect pre booked national railway tickets from self-service machines?

London Overground Travel 26th December 2008

Question No: 2639 / 2008

[Navin Shah](#)

I understand that London Overground, unlike London Underground, is not operating any trains on Boxing Day - 26th December 2008.

Will the Mayor ensure that London Overground operate trains on 26th December in future years?

TfL Performance

Question No: 2640 / 2008

[Navin Shah](#)

Surely it is not acceptable that elected Assembly Members, residents and Councils have to wait for weeks, if not months, to get any response from TfL officers on local issues? Can you bring in measures to end such poor performance and practices that my office and I have been experiencing with regards to issues related to Harrow Weald High Street and Pinner Road in Harrow.

Housing Targets

Question No: 2642 / 2008

[John Biggs](#)

Can you comment on your thinking re housing targets?

London Transport Museum

Question No: 2643 / 2008

[Brian Coleman](#)

Is the Mayor aware of attempts by CapCo, the landlords of the Covent Garden Estate, to more than treble the rent on the London Transport Museum, from £480,000 to £1.6 million per annum? Does the Mayor agree that this action is totally unjustified, especially in the current economic climate?

Swimming

Question No: 2644 / 2008

[Richard Barnbrook](#)

Taking into account the Mayor's much published support of the London Olympics is he aware that even during school holidays some public swimming baths are closed to children until after 4pm? Will the Mayor join me in encouraging pools to become more accessible to our future Olympians?

White History

Question No: 2645 / 2008

[Richard Barnbrook](#)

Does the Mayor have any objections to the concept of celebrating a White History month in the same manner as the much published and recent Black History Month?

Old People

Question No: 2646 / 2008

[Richard Barnbrook](#)

In Barking and Dagenham I have received numerous reports of discrimination in housing policy with regards to the borough's elderly residents. Will the Mayor ensure that pensioners here and across London are not disadvantaged and neglected merely because of their age?

St George's Day

Question No: 2647 / 2008

[Richard Barnbrook](#)

The recent RISE festival received £300,000 of funding compared to the proposed £100,000 allocated for next year's St George's Day celebrations. Will the Mayor be prepared to make amends for this disparity by joining myself on April 23rd and opening the ceremony in Trafalgar Square?

Docklands Light Railway Extension

Question No: 2648 / 2008

[Richard Barnbrook](#)

Can the Mayor update me on the development of the Docklands Light Railway project and confirm that the current financial crisis has not affected the original plans for its extension onto Barking and Dagenham and through to Havering?