

**14 October 2009****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 19 October 2009

**South London Line****Question No: 2651 / 2009**[Jenny Jones](#)

Will you express your support for the retention of the South London rail service from Victoria to London Bridge via Denmark Hill, and oppose any reduction in this service that is carried out for financial reasons rather than capacity reasons?

**Missing Updates****Question No: 2932 / 2009**[John Biggs](#)

Are there any unusual, novel, or contentious issues that have arisen since the last Mayor's Question Time meeting, which you have failed to include in either your written report or your oral update today?

**Limousines and chauffeurs for the Met's senior officers****Question No: 2939 / 2009**[Dee Doocey](#)

Following your comments at last month's MQT, where you said that cars that ferry around Ministers, civil servants, and other people on the 'taxpayer's payroll' should be got rid of, will you be taking action to abolish limousines and chauffeurs for senior MPS officers?

**London Plan****Question No: 3106 / 2009**[Steve O'Connell](#)

What does the Mayor consider to be the most important aspects of the latest draft of the

London Plan and how do they reflect his priorities for London?

## **Young People**

**Question No: 2745 / 2009**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

What recent initiatives have you delivered for young people in London?

## **Congestion Charge**

**Question No: 3072 / 2009**

[Victoria Borwick](#)

Further to your answers to questions 3014/2008 and 1053/2009 on helping the retail economy the Mayor said he would re-look at bringing forward the post-Christmas Congestion Charge-free days to before Christmas. What progress has been made with this?

## **Mayoral progress**

**Question No: 2712 / 2009**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

What progress are you making on the implementation of your manifesto commitments and campaign pledges?

## **Diversity Officers (2)**

**Question No: 3060 / 2009**

[Brian Coleman](#)

How many diversity officers are employed by TfL, LFEPA, the MPA and the LDA?

## **Understanding Different Cultures**

**Question No: 3133 / 2009**

[Richard Barnbrook](#)

In light of the Mayor's advice to non-Muslims to fast during Ramadan in order to 'understand Muslims better', would the Mayor urge Muslims to sing carols and eat Christmas pudding at Christmas to understand Christianity?

## **Eurostar Platforms (1)**

**Question No: 3076 / 2009**

[Richard Tracey](#)

In your discussions with the DfT has anyone been able to give you a reasonable answer as to why Platform 20 at Waterloo is still not ready for use by South West Trains?

## **Whose Hand at the Tiller**

**Question No: 2793 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Do you believe that you adequately understand your role and responsibility, and that of your boards, for the Functional Bodies?

## **Step-Free Access**

**Question No: 3115 / 2009**

[Gareth Bacon](#)

Does the spending of £97 Million on the introduction of step-free access at Green Park Station represent value for money?

## **Closing the Tube funding gap**

**Question No: 2997 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What progress has been made in closing the funding gap between London Underground and Tube Lines for the PPP's second 7.5 year Review Period?

## **Rape Crisis**

**Question No: 2904 / 2009**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

Do you think that London's women would be better served by investing £600,000 in 2 new Rape Crisis Centres or a new logo for London?

## **HGVs and safety**

**Question No: 2652 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Will the cuts to the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit make London's roads less safe for cyclists?

## **LEZ**

**Question No: 2886 / 2009**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Given your u-turn on the WEZ, how soon can we expect a u-turn on phase III of the LEZ?

## **230 Bus**

**Question No: 3100 / 2009**

[Andrew Boff](#)

What action will the Mayor be taking to address the concerns of residents of Avon Road and Bisterne Avenue, E17, over the disturbance caused by the 230 bus?

## **Future of the LDA**

**Question No: 2900 / 2009**

[Len Duvall](#)

In the interests of improved governance and increased transparency do you agree with me that it is now time to bring the LDA under the direct control of the GLA and will you undertake to begin talks with the government to facilitate this process, which I believe would be supported by a majority of Assembly Members?

## **River Crossings**

**Question No: 3119 / 2009**

[James Cleverly](#)

When will TfL undertake further work to investigate the possibility of a Silvertown crossing and of upgrading the Woolwich Ferry?

## **Deportation of Foreign Criminals**

**Question No: 3134 / 2009**

[Richard Barnbrook](#)

In light of the Mayor's commendable strategy for protecting women against violence, does the Mayor concur that foreign criminals who commit serious crimes of violence should be deported at the end of their sentences?

## **House prices**

**Question No: 3090 / 2009**

[Tony Arbour](#)

In setting the GLA precept, does the Mayor consider that 'mansions' should be in a class of their own?

## **Policing Challenges**

**Question No: 2744 / 2009**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

What policing challenges do you envisage arising over the next twelve months?

## **Air Quality**

**Question No: 3113 / 2009**

[Gareth Bacon](#)

What level of improvement in London's air quality does the Mayor expect to result from the measures in his Air Quality Strategy, and what level of reduction does the Mayor expect to see in harmful emissions from PM10 and NO2?

## **Air Quality Strategy**

**Question No: 2977 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

What “robust action to reduce air pollution in London” [Environment Programme, p.5] is contained in your Air Quality Strategy, and will these actions bring London’s air quality within EU limits?

## **Trafalgar Square Hawks**

**Question No: 3116 / 2009**

[Gareth Bacon](#)

In the current economic climate, does the provision of £45,000 for hiring two hawks to chase pigeons out of Trafalgar Square represent a sensible use of taxpayers’ money?

## **Advisers**

**Question No: 2925 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Do all your advisers do a full weeks work for you?

## **Questions for Written Answer**

### **Olympic Park building standards**

**Question No: 2653 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Who is responsible for ensuring that all permanent buildings in the Olympic Park meet BREEAM excellent standards after the Games, including any additional work to adapt or improve them, and is there sufficient contingency funding in place to meet this commitment?

### **Olympics and waste (1)**

**Question No: 2654 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

As part of the expected London 2012 Legacy Waste Strategy, what additional infrastructure is being considered in London to deliver the zero waste to landfill target and who is responsible for ensuring it is delivered?

### **Olympics and waste (2)**

**Question No: 2655 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

How will you ensure that LOCOG, the ODA and the OPLC correctly apply the waste hierarchy, in particular so that waste is reused before being recycled? Will they set targets for, and report on, these two treatments separately, rather than conflating them as has happened so far?

### **Olympics and waste (3)**

**Question No: 2656 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Who is in charge of ensuring that “reclamation for reuse” of non-leased temporary buildings, materials and equipment is adopted during the remaining design phases and after the London 2012 Games?

### **Olympics and Greenwich Park (1)**

**Question No: 2657 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Why were other venues, such as the Royal Veterinary Collage at Potters Bar, Windsor Great Park and Hickstead, ruled out for the London 2012 Equestrian event, in light of concerns amongst residents local to Greenwich Park?

### **Olympics and Greenwich Park (2)**

**Question No: 2658 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

What is being done to address the concerns raised by the group ‘No to Greenwich Olympic Equestrian Events’ about the loss of park space and potential damage leading up to and during the Games?

### **Air quality and taxis**

**Question No: 2659 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Will you carry out an investigation into whether the level of pollution around the taxi stand on Liverpool Street EC1 (just outside Liverpool Street Station), is higher than average, and if so by how much? There are often 20 or 30 taxis there with their engines running constantly.

### **Tube stations**

**Question No: 2660 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Will you give consideration to standardising flow patterns in tube station subways, given that in Paddington Underground, for example, it says “Keep Left” while in other passageways on the network, passengers are exhorted to “Keep Right”?

### **Rail services**

**Question No: 2661 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Will you join with me in expressing grave concerns about Southern’s plans to reduce off-peak and evening peak time services to and from London Bridge on the Brockley/Sydenham line from six to four per hour? While we both wholeheartedly welcome the new East London Line service, will you oppose any reduction in services on the line to London Bridge that are carried out purely for financial reasons rather than capacity reasons?

## **Smoking in bus shelters**

**Question No: 2662 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Given the nuisance and negative health impacts caused to unwilling passive smokers will you consider installing notices in bus shelters discouraging smoking in bus shelters?

## **Road crossing**

**Question No: 2663 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Will you ask TFL to investigate what pedestrian safety improvements can be made at the Deptford Broadway/Church Street crossroads in SE8, given that at a number of the road crossings there are no pedestrian lights and at those points even the traffic lights are not visible to the pedestrian, who is then reduced to guessing which direction the traffic is likely to come from?

## **Bus design and pedestrian safety**

**Question No: 2664 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

With reference to your answer in 2275/2009 you stated that 'all vehicles in the London Buses' fleet meet the UK's Construction and Use requirements, and are designed to minimise risk to pedestrians, passengers and drivers'. Can you provide the exact reference for, and text of, the part of the UK's Construction and Use requirements that deal with safety measures for pedestrians?

## **Thames Estuary airport**

**Question No: 2665 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Will the public consultation versions of the draft London Plan and draft Economic Development Strategy contain definite policies on the Thames Estuary Airport?

## **Green Enterprise District**

**Question No: 2666 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Was the initial study to test the economic viability of the Green Enterprise District completed by the June 2009 deadline, as specified in your environment programme, 'Leading to a Greener London'? Have the findings been published?

## **Eco-innovation fund**

**Question No: 2667 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Will the initial £4m funding be provided from your 2009/10 budget? If not when will it be provided? Please also clarify which budget heading and organisation the funding will come from?

## **LDA budget for climate change**

**Question No: 2668 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Following the reductions by the LDA to 2009/10 budgets for specific programmes and projects to fill the budgetary hole arising from purchasing of land for the Olympics, please can you set out the revised budget for climate change, energy and waste work for 09/10, 10/11 and 11/12? Please also provide the comparable figures for these years before the reductions were agreed?

## **Building Energy Efficiency Programme (1)**

**Question No: 2669 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

How will the £2.5m budget cut from the Building Energy Efficiency Programme affect progress on plans to retrofit 42 GLA buildings by 2010, and the subsequent retrofit of a further 58 GLA buildings?

## **BEEP (2)**

**Question No: 2670 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Are you still on track to extend this project to 15 early adopter organisations in late 2009 / early 2010?

## **Retrofit Academy (1)**

**Question No: 2671 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Do you consider that 'virtual' training is an appropriate way to train people to install loft and cavity wall insulation?

## **Retrofit Academy (2)**

**Question No: 2672 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Will the trainees receive any formal qualification following their completion of the Retrofit Academy insulation installation training or their completion of the 'Energy Expert' easy measures training?

## **Retrofit Academy (3)**

**Question No: 2673 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

How many of the 200 jobs expected to be created by the Homes Energy Efficiency Programme will be guaranteed to graduates of the Retrofit Academy?

## **Municipal waste strategy & used cooking oil**

**Question No: 2674 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

As part of the work on your municipal waste strategy will you provide data on how much used

cooking oil and fat is available in London, for potential conversion into biodiesel?

## **Biodiesel in vehicle fleets**

**Question No: 2675 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Are the London Waste and Recycling Board, or its Food Waste to Fuel Alliance group, working with local authorities to enable vehicle fleets to use biodiesel obtained from London's used cooking oil and fat? Are there any specific policies on this?

## **Biodiesel tax duty relief**

**Question No: 2676 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Will you urge the Government to rethink its plans to remove the duty relief on biofuels that are obtained from waste by-products, such as used cooking oils and fats?

## **Dogs and tree damage**

**Question No: 2677 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Evidence is emerging that dog damage across the capital is causing significant numbers of trees to be damaged or destroyed. This could affect your proposals to increase the number of trees and therefore future canopy cover in response to climate change. This serious issue appears to be more complex than one of crime/anti-social behaviour. Are you able to give the lead and support to a cross-party, cross-borough and cross-departmental approach so that this problem can be dealt with effectively?

## **Street trees**

**Question No: 2678 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Can you provide a borough breakdown for the whole of London of the number of street trees planted and removed in each of the last 5 years? If not, can you ask the London Tree Officers' Association to collate this information, in line with the recommendation of the Assembly's 2007 report, "Chainsaw Massacre"?

## **TfL recording tree data (1)**

**Question No: 2679 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Does Transport for London collect data on the number of trees it plants and removes? Can you provide the most recent figures, if available?

## **TfL recording tree data (2)**

**Question No: 2680 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

If tree planting and tree removal data for TfL is not collected annually, would you consider providing this?

## **Croydon Tramlink tree removal**

**Question No: 2681 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

How many trees were cleared along the sides of the Croydon Tramlink by Transport for London? Will an equivalent number be replanted?

## **LDA funding of seminar**

**Question No: 2682 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Do you think it appropriate that the LDA funded a seminar entitled "Making it ethically in China - a practical guide for fashion and textile designers", given that the LDA's remit is to promote employment prospects and enterprise in London rather than encourage businesses to outsource their production abroad?

## **Gunnersbury Park**

**Question No: 2683 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Given your commitment to protecting urban green space, do you agree that Gunnersbury Park is not a suitable site for housing development?

## **Funding for ALMOs**

**Question No: 2684 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

In your recent meeting with John Healey MP, Minister for Housing and Planning, did you discuss the delay in decent homes funding for a number of ALMOs in several London boroughs, and, if so, what was the outcome of these discussions?

## **Undercrowding**

**Question No: 2685 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Will your Housing Strategy rule out compelling households to move to small premises where they are defined as under-occupying social rented accommodation?

## **Housing on A406**

**Question No: 2686 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Once the majority of the housing stock owned by TfL on the A406 (North Circular Road) in Enfield has been transferred to NHHT, what are TfL's plans for those properties they have to retain under the S106 agreement?

## **Taxis**

**Question No: 2687 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Will you ask your new director of the Public Carriage Office to review the policy whereby members of the public are unable to make complaints against the behaviour and driving

standards of black cab drivers unless they are either paying passengers, or have a criminal complaint which they take to the police?

## **Bus fares**

**Question No: 2688 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Given that the Oyster Card upgrade includes a maximum variable journey time for services on rail, tube and DLR, are there any insurmountable technical barriers that would stop a similar approach be used to cover a single fare for a continuous journey involving several buses over a set time period?

## **Cycle funding**

**Question No: 2689 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Based upon your answers to my questions 2174, 2169 and 929 would you agree that you have no mechanism for guaranteeing the delivery of cycling hubs in outer London, or guaranteeing that all year 6 school children who want cycle training will get it, or even knowing how much boroughs have spent on cycling at the end of the financial year?

## **Cycling**

**Question No: 2690 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Can you provide any analysis that Transport for London has prepared giving the cost effectiveness of various initiatives in generating new cyclists, or increasing the number of trips made by existing ones?

## **Cycling (2)**

**Question No: 2691 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

What is the estimated cost of the cycle hire scheme per cycle trip? How does this compare to the estimated £1,200 it costs to encourage a potential new, low income cyclist onto the road by providing them with direct support services, including the provision of on-road confidence training, waterproof clothing and other equipment, home parking, maintenance training etc. with check up/support and advice visits over three years?

## **Superhighways (1)**

**Question No: 2692 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Will you guarantee that all the necessary safety improvements identified on the first two cycle superhighways, including facilities included in plans for the LCN+, will be completed in time for the opening?

## **Superhighways (2)**

**Question No: 2693 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Can you provide a list of all the proposed LCN+ changes which coincide with the

proposed superhighways routes?

### **Superhighways (3)**

**Question No: 2694 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Can you provide a breakdown of the number of serious injuries and fatalities for cycling casualties on each of the Superhighway routes over the latest available three year period?

### **Cycling safety plan**

**Question No: 2695 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Do you agree that a cycling safety plan which does not include police enforcement activity, or the use of 20mph speed limits, is inadequate?

### **Cycling safety**

**Question No: 2696 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Will you congratulate the people responsible for applying Department for Transport guidance on cyclists and road works, with the introduction of a temporary Mayoral cycle path on Tooley Street? Have there been any other examples of this guidance being applied in London during the last few years and will you tell Transport for London to universally apply as an interim measures, whilst drawing up their own version?

### **HGVs and safety**

**Question No: 2697 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Could you confirm the number of HGVs stopped by police in London for each year since 2000, the proportion that were found to be driving illegally, any breakdown of offences and the proportion that were stopped by specialist traffic police? How will your future policing priorities ensure that there are additional specialist police available to monitor increased HGV flows that are likely with major construction projects such as Crossrail, Thameslink and the Olympics?

### **Whitechapel Road and Vallance Road junction**

**Question No: 2698 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

What urgent action are you taking to redesign the junction at Whitechapel Road and Vallance Road to make it safe for cyclists?

### **London Road Safety Plan**

**Question No: 2699 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Thank you for your answer to my question 2254. Will you formally consult the London Assembly as part of the process of drawing up a new London Road Safety Plan and establishing challenging new targets?

## **Road safety**

**Question No: 2700 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

In the recent tragic case of a police driver killing Sandra Simpson, the investigators were able to use evidence from the vehicle's incident data recorder to ascertain that he was driving at 50mph in a 30mph at the time of the collision and up to 100mph prior to it. Incident data recorders are now readily available either as factory fitted or can be retro fitted. Will the Mayor consider the fitting of these devices to all vehicles under his jurisdiction?

## **Road safety**

**Question No: 2701 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Will you ask Transport for London to investigate the introduction of a 20mph limit on the one way system around Kings Cross?

## **Western congestion charge zone**

**Question No: 2702 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Will the Western Congestion Charge end in 2010?

## **Police counters**

**Question No: 2703 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Please list by borough the police counters serving the public for the years 2009, 2008 and 2007?

## **Police counters**

**Question No: 2704 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

How many police counters will there be in London in 2010 and 2011 under current plans?

## **Police protection for VIPs**

**Question No: 2705 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

How much was spent by the MPS on protection of VIPs in 2007/8 and 2008/9? What is the budget for the current year?

## **Olympics sponsorship**

**Question No: 2706 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Will you urge LOCOG to provide full information to Londoners on London 2012 sponsorship agreements, including the full benefits to be provided to the Games and to the public?

## **Prostitution (1)**

**Question No: 2707 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

What services are currently provided for women exiting prostitution in London, and do you consider them to be appropriate and sufficient? If not, what contribution can you make to improving them, given your responsibilities for policing and health inequalities?

## **Prostitution (2)**

**Question No: 2708 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

What action have you taken in conjunction with the Metropolitan Police Service to crack down on the trafficking and sexual exploitation of women ahead of the 2012 Olympics, and what funding is being made available for this work?

## **Prostitution (3)**

**Question No: 2709 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

What is the Metropolitan Police Service estimate for the potential increase in the number of women offering sexual services during the Olympics period? What is the estimated potential increase in people trafficked in order to provide sexual services

## **Prostitution (4)**

**Question No: 2710 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

What is the planned budget for 2010/11, 2011/12 and 2012/13 for the Trafficking Unit, for additional work outside the unit to combat human trafficking, and for the provision of "exiting" services to help women leave prostitution?

## **Rainham Wildspace Project**

**Question No: 2711 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

On the 23rd September you considered the planning application for Rainham Landfill Site. These plans affect the Wildspace Project, part of the East London Green Grid. In leaving the London Thames Gateway Corporation to determine the case, were you satisfied that the former contamination of the land poses no ongoing health risk, and in particular that plans to construct a public auditorium on the landfill site would not endanger visitors?

## **Cycling Superhighways**

**Question No: 2713 / 2009**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Will road space be allocated to the cyclist from motorised traffic on your planned cycling Superhighways?

## **Women's Cycling**

**Question No: 2714 / 2009**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

A recent survey by Sustrans found that safety is the biggest issue stopping women from cycling more. Over two thirds of women - including women who cycle regularly - believe that cycle lanes separate from traffic would enable them and other women to cycle more. Given that half as many cycle journeys in London are made by women than men, do you recognise that more cycling facilities separated from motor vehicles are needed, particularly by major roads?

## **Crystal Palace Park**

**Question No: 2715 / 2009**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

I understand that the LDA has disclosed to the Planning Inquiry it is likely to act only as Project Coordinator for the Implementation Programme for the Masterplan for Crystal Palace Park and will not provide any funding itself. Is this correct?

## **Crystal Palace Park 2**

**Question No: 2716 / 2009**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

What proposals are the Local Authority Coordinating Group supporting for the future of the park as they seem to meet off record without any consultation or information going into the public arena. Does the LDA attend these meetings?

## **Crystal Palace Park 3**

**Question No: 2717 / 2009**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Will the LDA be retaining the National Sports Centre? Which organisation will receive the lease for the NSC at Crystal Palace after 2012?

## **Black Cabs/ PCO**

**Question No: 2718 / 2009**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Increasingly organisations representing Black Cabs are expressing a lack of confidence in the Public Carriage Office. The RMT Taxi section write to me 'We need a public enquiry into the affairs of this division of TfL something is not right. Public safety and the taxi trades standards cannot be compromised.' Are you 100 % satisfied with the performance of the PCO? Do you agree with their decision to allow a murderer to train to be a Black Cab driver?

## **Thames Gateway**

**Question No: 2719 / 2009**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Do you support Shadow communities secretary Caroline Spelman in advising Tory-run councils in the Thames Gateway to halt major commercial and housing developments until after the general election. In a letter to Conservative council leaders, she says a Tory government would "revoke in whole or in part" all of Labour's regional development targets and introduce a new local government and housing bill in year-one?

## **Housing and Development**

**Question No: 2720 / 2009**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

What advice has Caroline Spelman given you about London and are you following her instructions?

## **C10 bus**

**Question No: 2721 / 2009**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

My constituents complain that this service is often too full to take further passengers in Rotherhithe and Bermondsey. Are you planning to assist with this?

## **225 bus**

**Question No: 2722 / 2009**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

My constituents complain that since the rerouting of the 225 and C10 there is no direct link between Tesco's Surrey Quays bus stops and Rotherhithe Street. Could the 225 be extended so that it serves Rotherhithe Street as it used to do? This could also assist with the C10 overcrowding.

## **78 bus**

**Question No: 2723 / 2009**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

I continue to receive complaints about the severe overcrowding of the 78 bus. Will the new contract for the route include measures to address this?

## **South London Line 1**

**Question No: 2724 / 2009**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Why are you refusing to meet major teaching hospitals about their transport service needs? Do you think this is good practice for democratically elected politicians to avoid meetings to discuss contentious issues?

## **South London Line 2**

**Question No: 2725 / 2009**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Please publish the business case for the closure of the South London Line Service? How does the cost benefit analysis compare to that of your project to build a new Routemaster?

## **South London Line 3**

**Question No: 2726 / 2009**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Do you think your denial of the fact of TfL involvement in the removal of the South London Line service would constitute grounds for referral to the Standards Board if I were so minded to

refer?

## **London Bridge station**

**Question No: 2727 / 2009**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Has TfL rail objected to the DfT's plans to build two short platforms as part of the suite of terminating platforms at London Bridge station rather than a full set of 12 carriage length platforms?

## **Large scale and open drug dealing In Brixton**

**Question No: 2728 / 2009**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Residents in Coldharbour Brixton are complaining of intense problems caused by a sudden growth of numbers of drug dealers and drug users operating openly in their streets. Great fear and misery is being caused by the flood of drug dealers in the area around Saltoun, Mervan and Kellett Roads. What is the MPS, whose tiller you control, going to do about this?

## **Project Costs**

**Question No: 2729 / 2009**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Please publish the known costs/anticipated costs & projected financial impacts for the following projects and TfL actions for the each financial year 2008-2012. If you have incomplete information please publish what information you do have available.

- Removal of the Western Extension of the Congestion Charge Zone?
- The planning and implementation and net running costs of the Velib scheme?
- The planning and installation of the Cycling Superhighways?
- The programme to remove the Bendy buses from service?
- The programme to design, develop and build a new Routemaster?

## **Average Traffic Speeds**

**Question No: 2730 / 2009**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Please publish the average traffic speed applicable in the Central London Congestion charging zone during operation of the zone for the last five years?

## **Removal of the Western Extension of the Congestion Charging Zone**

**Question No: 2731 / 2009**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

What is the timetable for the removal of the Western Extension of the CC zone? By what date do you plan to have completed its removal?

## **Traffic entering the western extension zone 2008**

**Question No: 2732 / 2009**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Please provide the 2008 data to update table 2.1 of the 6th annual congestion charge impact monitoring report?

## **Traffic leaving the western extension zone 2008**

**Question No: 2733 / 2009**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Please provide the 2008 data to update table 2.2 of the 6th annual congestion charge impact monitoring report?

## **Indicative daily vehicle kms driven within the WEZ 2008**

**Question No: 2734 / 2009**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Please provide the 2008 data to update table 2.3 of the 6th annual congestion charge impact monitoring report?

## **Congestion inside the western extension zone**

**Question No: 2735 / 2009**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Please provide an up to date version of figure 4.4 of the 6th annual congestion charge impact monitoring report?

## **Blackwall Tunnel Traffic Flows**

**Question No: 2736 / 2009**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

In May 2008 you said at MQT. 'I undertook to make sure that we reversed the decision by the MPS and reintroduced the tidal flow because I think it would be of great benefit to commuters coming into London particularly. I have to say that there are difficulties that I was not aware of when I made this proposal but I am, nonetheless, convinced that they are not insuperable difficulties.' Would you please kindly update London on when you will be implementing this commitment?

## **London Living Wage**

**Question No: 2737 / 2009**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Further to the Mayor's answer to Question No. 2507/2009, I note the fact that London Underground in re-stating its terms for the second period of the PPP and is requiring Tube Lines to include provision in sub-contracts relating to the London Living Wage by July 2010. You have stated that if these terms are accepted, they would apply to subcontracts entered into by Tube Lines after the start of Period 2 (June 2010). It is essential that the obligations on each party are publicly known. Who decides whether these terms are acceptable? Who is the final arbiter, able to ensure that the London Living Wage is paid after the start of Period 2, should there be disagreement of the acceptability of the terms?

## **London Bridge Station Masterplan**

**Question No: 2738 / 2009**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Are you aware of any proposed major changes to the Masterplan which already has planning consent to rebuild London Bridge station and regenerate the area?

## **London Bridge Station Masterplan 2**

**Question No: 2739 / 2009**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Do you know why Network Rail have not yet let the contracts to rebuild London Bridge station given that work is due to start in 2012 after the Olympics to tie in with delivering the benefits of the Thameslink project?

## **London Bridge Station Masterplan 3**

**Question No: 2740 / 2009**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

If Network Rail were to wish to make major changes to the London Bridge project to make cost savings what planning process would need to be followed given that the main rail shed over platforms 9-16 is listed? As a London planning authority can you estimate how long might these take?

## **London Bridge Station Masterplan 4**

**Question No: 2741 / 2009**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Has TfL Rail been advised of the cost envelope for the rebuilding project and how has this changed given the rumoured major cost overruns on the Thameslink project? Please pass this information on.

## **London Bridge Station Masterplan 5**

**Question No: 2742 / 2009**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Do you think there is any danger that the attractive whole scale redevelopment of London Bridge station that has been agreed will be replaced by a shoddy patch up scheme that will again deny South London the quality of transport investment that has been enjoyed in North London stations?

## **ESOL provision**

**Question No: 2743 / 2009**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

In relation to MQT 1889/2009, what were the results of the roundtable discussion you promised to hold?

## **The Story of London**

**Question No: 2746 / 2009**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

In relation to MQT 1893/2009, has the promised report concerning 'The Story of London' been completed? If so, what were its findings? Will you ensure that I am provided with a copy of the report?

## **A406 homes (1)**

**Question No: 2747 / 2009**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Now that government money via the HCA has been awarded to regenerate homes along the A406, what are TfL's plans regarding these properties – are they all to be transferred to a housing association or is TfL still planning to sell some of the properties?

## **A406 homes (2)**

**Question No: 2748 / 2009**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Will you ensure that any residents living in TfL owned homes along the A406 have their tenancies/licencies automatically transferred into a housing association tenancy?

## **Utilities permit scheme**

**Question No: 2749 / 2009**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Which London Boroughs have joined the London-wide utilities permit scheme?

## **Swine Flu**

**Question No: 2750 / 2009**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

If GLA family buildings are suitably located to store or to be used to dispense swine flu vaccinations, will you ensure that these facilities are offered free of charge to the NHS?

## **Bus review**

**Question No: 2751 / 2009**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

What effects will TfL's bus review have on bus services in Enfield & Haringey?

## **Cycle Parking (1)**

**Question No: 2752 / 2009**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

What is the capacity of cycle parking at London Overground stations? What is being done to improve capacity?

## **Cycle Parking (2)**

**Question No: 2753 / 2009**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

How much of the government's much welcome £14M for improved cycle parking at stations has been awarded to London and where will it be spent? Will you ensure that this money also goes to improve cycle parking security which is often poor?

## **Rape Crisis Centres**

**Question No: 2754 / 2009**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

What firm commitments have you had from partners to make up the shortfall in your manifesto pledge to fund four rape crisis centres in London? How much money has been promised from other partners, such as London Councils?

## **Virtual Retrofit Academy**

**Question No: 2755 / 2009**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

What do you mean by a 'Virtual' Academy? What qualifications will be offered to participants?

## **PCO**

**Question No: 2756 / 2009**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Given recent media interest in who is or is not allowed to undertake 'The Knowledge', what steps have the PCO taken to ensure public confidence is maintained in the PCO's procedures and processes?

## **Blue Light Museum**

**Question No: 2757 / 2009**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

What legal obstacles are there in GLA functional bodies such as the police and fire brigade contributing to your plans to set up a Blue Light Museum? Have you identified any sources of funding yet for this plan?

## **Incineration**

**Question No: 2758 / 2009**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Do you support the expansion of incineration as a means of waste disposal?

## **Police BOCUs**

**Question No: 2759 / 2009**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

What advice has been given to police BOCUs regarding the extent of savings they have to make in the next financial year?

## **Police Numbers**

**Question No: 2760 / 2009**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Do you expect the number of police sergeants, police constables and PCSOs to change over the next twelve months? Please provide details regarding each rank specified?

## **Police Staff**

**Question No: 2761 / 2009**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

How many police civilian staff posts have been lost in the last twelve months? How many are expected to be lost over the coming twelve months?

## **Town Centre Policing Teams**

**Question No: 2762 / 2009**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Town centre policing teams are invariably made up of officers that would otherwise be patrolling other parts of an individual Borough. What work have you done to ensure that where town centre policing teams have been introduced crime has not risen elsewhere in nearby areas?

## **Social Housing**

**Question No: 2763 / 2009**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

On 7 September the Daily Mirror published a story stating they had hold of minutes of a meeting with Sir Simon Milton and Owen Inskip. The paper alleges that this meeting discussed raising council rents, scrapping long-term tenancies and "driving out council tenants from Tory-controlled areas". Were these issues discussed between your two advisors? To halt the speculation that has arisen from this story will you publish the minutes of the meeting referred to?

## **Fortis Green Allotments**

**Question No: 2764 / 2009**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Did you write to Thames Water protesting to the sale of these allotments as promised in response to my question 2569/2009?

## **Crossrail One**

**Question No: 2765 / 2009**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Can the Mayor set out the concentration of business premises liable to pay the Crossrail Business Rate Supplement (as set out in Figure 7 map, "Proposal to levy a business rate supplement to finance the Greater London Authority's contribution to the Crossrail project – initial prospectus")?

Can he present this as:

- a) number of business per borough and at ward level
- b) percentage of businesses affected per borough

## **Crossrail Two**

**Question No: 2766 / 2009**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Can the Mayor set out the projected concentration of business premises liable to pay the Crossrail Business Rate Supplement following the April 2010 revaluation.

Can he present this as:

- c) number of business per borough and at ward level
- d) percentage of businesses affected per borough

## **Crossrail Three**

**Question No: 2767 / 2009**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Can the Mayor set out what modelling has occurred to consider the Crossrail Business Rate Supplement impact on business in outer London, and Whether there will be any pressure on businesses to move their operations outside of London

## **Crossrail Four**

**Question No: 2768 / 2009**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Can the Mayor set out if he considers the Crossrail Business Rate Supplement will have any impact on the attractiveness of Outer London for business during the coming decades. if he thinks it will have a negative effect then what additional funds will be made available to address this, including support for business retention.

## **Crossrail Five**

**Question No: 2769 / 2009**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Can the Mayor set out what modelling has occurred to consider the Crossrail Business Rate Supplement impact on major commercial development viability outside of central London in key Opportunity Areas and Areas for Intensification?

## **Crossrail Six**

**Question No: 2770 / 2009**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Can the Mayor set out as a total and a percentage the amount of Crossrail Business Rate Supplement that will be raised from public sector tenants?

## **Crossrail Seven**

**Question No: 2771 / 2009**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Has the GLA undertaken any review of the methodology used in Crossrail Ltd's estimation of the Economic and Transport Benefits from Crossrail for Londoners by borough of residency?

## **Congestion Charge Cash Payments**

**Question No: 2772 / 2009**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Londoners using the congestion charge zone can only pay using cash up to midnight on the day they use the zone. On the second day they can only pay via the website or call centre using a debit or credit card.

A number of Londoners will only have access to a basic bank account and so will not be able to pay the charge on the second day. Does the Mayor think this is fair and will he resolve to ensure that those with basic bank accounts will have the same opportunity to pay the charge as those with credit/debit cards?

## **City Hall Open Days**

**Question No: 2773 / 2009**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Following the success of the September Open House weekend (Sat: 3,017 visitors, Sunday: 3,222 visitors), I wonder if you could now reconsider your decision earlier in the year to scrap the regular 10 Open House weekends per year for Londoners and other visitors interested to see 'their' City Hall. As you will agree looking at the numbers above, there is considerable interest for City Hall to open its doors if dates are adequately publicised.

## **NCR and Brentfield Road Pedestrian Footbridge**

**Question No: 2774 / 2009**

[Navin Shah](#)

Following the tragic death of eleven year old Richie McDonagh in December 2008, will the Mayor take action to ensure that a pedestrian footbridge is provided at the junction of the North Circular Road and Brentfield Road?

## **Harrow Protest**

**Question No: 2775 / 2009**

[Navin Shah](#)

Will the Mayor join me in congratulating officers of the MPS and Harrow's Borough Command for their excellent planning, preparation and community liaison ahead of land on the day of last month's protest outside Harrow Mosque?

## **Brent Cross Cricklewood Development**

**Question No: 2776 / 2009**

[Navin Shah](#)

How many extra car journeys do TfL currently believe the Brent Cross Cricklewood development will produce?

## **Brent Cross Cricklewood Development 2**

**Question No: 2777 / 2009**

[Navin Shah](#)

Are TfL happy that the Brent Cross Cricklewood developers have now satisfactorily addressed the phasing of transport improvements?

## **Brent Cross Cricklewood Development 3**

**Question No: 2778 / 2009**

[Navin Shah](#)

Is it ideal to station a waste transfer station, with its environmental impact and that of hundreds of heavy vehicles involved, less than 200 yards from a primary school? This is the case with the NWLA's proposed waste transfer station on the Edgware Road, which faces directly onto the Our Lady of Grace Roman Catholic Primary School, Dollis Hill Lane NW2?

## **Brent Cross Cricklewood Development 4**

**Question No: 2779 / 2009**

[Navin Shah](#)

The Framework Travel Plan for the Brent Cross Cricklewood outline application, which sets out the mode split targets for each of the development's phases, predicts that the percentage of journeys that are undertaken by public transport will continue to rise throughout the development to the below figures

- 35%: Phase 1 (PDP)
- 38%: Phase 2
- 43%: Phase 3
- 45%: Phase 4
- 56%: Phase 5
- 67%: Phase 6
- 67%: Phase 7

In accordance with their comments in the Stage 1 Report, did TfL

- a. receive "further clarification of the mode split assumptions which have been applied in the Transport Assessment for the baseline and forecast mode splits?"
- b. Receive "sufficient evidence in the Transport Assessment to demonstrate how this mode split target will be achieved progressively having regard to capacity and performance on the network, or how constraint on private vehicle use and parking restrictions will contribute to meeting the mode split targets?"
- c. "TfL commissioned a review of the Transport Assessment assumptions for Phase 1 (PDP) to inform its decision on the acceptability of the Transport Assessment and in order to inform future reserved matters applications." What were the conclusions of this review?

## **Bus Station**

**Question No: 2780 / 2009**

[Navin Shah](#)

In regard to Brent Cross, does TfL now have "reason to accept that the bus station should move"? If so, what has justified this?

## **Bus Station 2**

**Question No: 2781 / 2009**

[Navin Shah](#)

The developers of the new Brent Cross want to move the bus station to immediately alongside the 10-lane section of the North Circular Road, despite obvious health consequences for passengers and staff. What technical noise and pollution concentration levels are considered

acceptable and safe by TfL, and why has TfL up to now refused to publish them?

### **Bus Station 3**

**Question No: 2782 / 2009**

[Navin Shah](#)

Does the Mayor consider it safe, for instance, for TfL bus inspectors to spend their whole working lives suffering the noise, diesel particulates, and nitrogen dioxide pollution at a location next to the North Circular? Does the Mayor consider that TfL will become liable, perhaps criminally liable, for subsequent health issues?

### **Demolition of Homes**

**Question No: 2783 / 2009**

[Navin Shah](#)

Does the Mayor support moves by Brent Council to demolish homes on the North Circular?

### **Quality of Life**

**Question No: 2784 / 2009**

[Navin Shah](#)

How does the Mayor define 'quality of life' and what factors does he believe determine this?

### **Improved Transport Links**

**Question No: 2785 / 2009**

[Navin Shah](#)

I welcome the Health Inequalities Strategy and its recognition polyclinics will require close attention to public transport links. How did TfL work with Harrow Council and PCT to improve public transport links ahead of the opening of the Alexandra Avenue Centre for Health and Social Care? What public transport improvements have happened as the result of this?

### **Knowledge of Routes**

**Question No: 2786 / 2009**

[Navin Shah](#)

What measures does TfL take to ensure rail replacement drivers are confident in their knowledge of the route? This seems particularly pertinent in relation to recent London Overground closures, as following the orbital rail route can involve the use of not very well known residential streets. I have had numerous pieces of casework about this, with Canonbury and Willesden Junction appearing to be particularly problematic to find. What educational measures are in place to ensure one route is always followed?

### **Dial-A-Ride in Brent**

**Question No: 2787 / 2009**

[Navin Shah](#)

Why has TfL cancelled its Dial-A-Ride supplementary contract with Brent Community Transport with no explanation? Are Dial-A-Ride services in North West London now running perfectly?

## **Metropolitan Line**

**Question No: 2789 / 2009**

[Navin Shah](#)

What progress have TfL made in examining the possibility of stopping Metropolitan line trains at Willesden Green and Neasden?

## **LFEPA Chair**

**Question No: 2790 / 2009**

[Navin Shah](#)

Question Withdrawn.

## **Invitation to Assembly Members**

**Question No: 2791 / 2009**

[Navin Shah](#)

Why is there no formal system for inviting elected Assembly Members and local representatives to take part in events organised by the GLA in Trafalgar Square?

## **Not Another Drop**

**Question No: 2792 / 2009**

[Navin Shah](#)

Will the Mayor join me in congratulating Not Another Drop in not only their sixth annual Community Peace March but their six years of efforts to reduce violent crime in Harlesden and the wider borough of Brent?

## **£160m hole**

**Question No: 2794 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Do you accept any responsibility for the failures that lie behind the recently exposed hole in Olympics Land budgets? Which resulting cut are you least happy with?

## **Flight Upgrade/Free Flight(s)**

**Question No: 2795 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Who provided you with free flights/upgrades to and/or from New York, for what purpose and what full price cost was avoided?

## **Crossrail**

**Question No: 2796 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Do you share my alarm that Vince Cable appears not to support Crossrail?

## **TfL Fares**

**Question No: 2797 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

What increase do you propose and when?

## **Thames Gateway**

**Question No: 2798 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

What is your strategy for the Thames Gateway? Given that you have disbanded the dedicated function for the Gateway, how are Gateway projects currently identified, prioritised and assessed? And who is responsible amongst your advisers and the Core GLA staff?

## **DLR services**

**Question No: 2799 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Are there any plans for or current discussions about reductions in service frequencies on any parts of the DLR. If so, what are these and what is the basis of such proposals?

## **Thames Gateway Bridge**

**Question No: 2800 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

In your response to my question 2537/2009, you remarked that the Thames Gateway Bridge scheme would bring unacceptable impact in terms of traffic, congestion and pollution to the area. Would you agree that the area around the Blackwall tunnel experiences an unacceptable level of traffic, congestion and pollution already? Indeed, surely you would agree that the idea behind TfL's report into examining the need for river crossings in East London was to explore ways to reduce the high levels of traffic, congestion and pollution around the Blackwall tunnel and other overcrowded crossings? Given that you have deliberately and with indifference condemned my constituents in Poplar to further years of chronic congestion and air pollution, will you be apologising to them, and what prospect of relief do you offer them?

## **Victoria Tube Congestion Relief**

**Question No: 2801 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Is this project now under threat? What other projects in the TfL capital programme are most at risk of cancellation or delay?

## **KICC**

**Question No: 2802 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

What if anything will you now be doing to help the church?

## **Congestion Charge WEZ et al**

**Question No: 2803 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

What integrity now attaches to your promises?

## **American Citizenship**

**Question No: 2804 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

You did not answer my question 2526/2009, I presume deliberately. On 10 August 2006 you wrote of your American citizenship: "I make this formal, public, and, I hope, legally valid renunciation...Condi, Mr Ambassador, whoever is in charge — I hereby renounce my birthright. Strike me off the list....I tender my resignation from the United States" In the interests of openness and transparency, please confirm whether you have renounced your American citizenship or not

## **Bus Cuts**

**Question No: 2805 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

East London Line replacement services are being cut back. What saving will this achieve? What other options have you sought for providing a replacement service for my constituents on the ELW service, whose frequency is to decrease? What other services in London have seen their frequency reduced in the past fifteen months?

## **Understanding others**

**Question No: 2806 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Given that you suggested that we should all try fasting in order to understand Islam, what other steps should we take to understand other faiths?

## **Reduction in East London line replacement buses**

**Question No: 2807 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Why did TfL not consult with residents about reducing the East London line replacement service?

## **Barking to Gospel Oak North London line**

**Question No: 2808 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

TfL have postponed their introduction of new trains and a 15 minute frequency service from September 2009 until 2010. Can you specify when exactly in 2010 commuters on this overcrowded route will see the new trains and how do TfL intend to ease the overcrowding in the meantime?

## **King Henry's Steps, Wapping**

**Question No: 2809 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Thank you for your reply to my letter regarding the upkeep of these steps in which you commit to addressing the issue through the replacement London Plan which you attest will refer specifically to steps and slipways on London's waterways and the need for them to be protected, repaired or created. Can we assume that the London Plan will therefore give direction on who should take ownership of these particular, unclaimed steps?

In the interim, before the publication of the London Plan, will you consider submitting supplementary planning guidance?

## **Greenwich and Woolwich Foot tunnels**

**Question No: 2810 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

In your response, dated 24 August, to my letter enquiring whether you would consider allowing bicycles to travel on the DLR during the tunnel closures, you imply that this course of action would be virtually impossible due to health and safety considerations. However, a few days later you informed Greenwich Council that a relaxation of the DLR's bicycle policy was 'under consideration'. Would you agree that you are merely stalling time by feigning to Greenwich Council that you are looking into allowing bicycles on the DLR, when you have already effectively dismissed this idea? If not, what other interpretation can be placed on this deceit?

## **Greenwich and Woolwich Foot tunnels 2**

**Question No: 2811 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

How many times have you asked TfL to review their decision to allow bicycles on to the DLR? How many times prior to you becoming Mayor have the GLA pursued this with TfL? Between each of these requests to TfL, have there been significant differences in the review outcomes? - Have modifications been made to the DLR between each review that might allow full-size bicycles to be carried while still complying with health and safety regulations?

## **Greenwich and Woolwich Foot tunnels 3**

**Question No: 2812 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Following your meeting with the leader of the Greenwich Council and his negotiations with Thames Clippers to discuss alternative river crossing arrangements during the tunnel closures, do you have any tangible outcomes yet?

## **FOI and Air Quality**

**Question No: 2813 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Why was the Freedom of Information request to view the minutes and correspondence covering your meeting with former Air Quality Minister Lord Hunt rejected? Would you be happy for these minutes to be released into the public realm?

## **EU legal action over London's air pollution levels**

**Question No: 2814 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

As you know, London faces the threat of EU legal proceedings over our dangerously high levels of air pollution. These could result in fines of £300 million. Do you sincerely believe that your zany proposals such as electric cars will improve London's air quality so much as to bring air pollution levels down to EU recommended levels to avoid these fines? Would you not agree that maintaining the third phase of the LEZ would have been a much more productive way to curb emissions?

## **Whitechapel Road / Vallence Road cyclist blackspot**

**Question No: 2815 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Following the death of a cyclist at the junction of Whitechapel road and Vallance road in Tower Hamlets last week and the petition to make safer this cyclist blackspot, do you intend to take any action, especially given your devotion to making London bicycle friendly?

## **TfL short video for HGV drivers and cyclists**

**Question No: 2816 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

How successful has TfL been in disseminating this educational video to companies that operate HGVs? Would you consider supporting an initiative that made the showing of this short video to all HGV drivers in London obligatory?

## **Cyclist behaviour**

**Question No: 2817 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Do you believe that some cyclists behave in a way that can jeopardise the safety of other road users and pedestrians? What measures have you taken to promote good cycling practice amongst existing cyclists? I refer to cyclists complying with the highway code as opposed to cyclists knowing how to protect themselves from HGVs, for example.

## **Cyclist behaviour 2**

**Question No: 2818 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

What initiatives could be taken, particularly by a cycling evangelist such as yourself, to promote sensible cycling and to deter confident cyclists, who have travelled by bike for a number of years, from behaving irresponsibly on the roads?

## **Electric Cars 1**

**Question No: 2819 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

In your Electric Vehicle Delivery Plan you state that you will 'work closely with companies to encourage the installation of electric charging points and aim to deliver at least 22,500 charging points at these locations by 2015'. Will companies be given funding towards the installation of charging points and if so, how much of the £60 million budget you have pledged will be dedicated to this?

## **Electric Cars 2**

**Question No: 2820 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

With regard to the charging points in council car parks, retail and leisure locations, on average what percentage of the installation and maintenance costs will local councils cover? For how many years have you accounted in your funding allocations to local boroughs?

## **Electric Cars 3**

**Question No: 2821 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Given that this is a new and unknown area of technology, what consultation and research have you carried out with road users and car manufacturers to make you confident that your projection of 100,000 electric vehicles on the roads by 2015 is achievable?

## **Electric Cars 4**

**Question No: 2822 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Do you intend to convert buses or other forms of transport to electric power and if so, what will be the percentage breakdown of your budget between money invested in encouraging electric car use and money invested in converting public transport to electric power?

## **Electric Cars 5**

**Question No: 2823 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

The City of London reported that congestion problems arose from their policy of providing free car parking for electric vehicles, which increased the number of vehicles parked in the City and led to this policy being abandoned.

How will you compensate for the loss in revenue suffered by councils through offering free electric vehicle parking? How will you incentivise councils to enforce this free parking policy?

## **Electric Cars 6**

**Question No: 2824 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Which London boroughs have agreed to install further charging points in addition to the ones that they already have and how many has each borough committed to installing?

## **Electric Cars 7**

**Question No: 2825 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Given that cars and motorcycles currently account for 49% of London's CO2 emissions from ground-based transport, would you agree that a campaign that targets only 4% of these vehicles (100,000 vehicles = 4% of London's road users) is somewhat inadequate in addressing London's target of a 60% reduction in CO2 by 2025? (to reach this target, every vehicle on the road would have to be electric).

## **Electric Cars 8**

**Question No: 2826 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Would you not agree that there is a danger of current users of public transport being attracted by the benefits enjoyed by electric car owners, such as exemption from the congestion charge and free parking, and as a result we will witness an overall rise in congestion and the number of vehicles on the roads? What evidence do you have to support that your campaign will attract only existing car owners and will not attract current non-car owners to buy a vehicle? How will you make sure that your promotion of electric cars does not discourage current users of public transport to switch to car travel?

## **Cost of Electric Cars – part 1**

**Question No: 2827 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

- a) If your projection for 100,000 electric vehicles by 2020 is realized (assuming that these were previous owners of polluting, congestion charge-paying vehicles), how much annual revenue will be lost from congestion charge payments?
- b) How much revenue will be lost to councils through offering free parking to electric vehicles, based on examples such as the City of London who have complained about a large loss of revenue?
- c) How much money will be given in grants to encourage motorists to purchase electric cars, and by whom?
- d) How much money will be spent on installing electric vehicle charging points and by whom?
- e) What is the combined total of a, b, c and d?

## **Cost of Electric Cars – part 2**

**Question No: 2828 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Have you carried out a cost-benefit analysis leading you to be convinced that the costs would be a worthwhile investment considering at best it would only bring about a fall in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of 2.7%? (the basis for this figure is that 100,000 vehicles equates to less than 5% of road vehicles. Electric cars emit approximately 66% less CO<sub>2</sub> than the average private car in London, meaning that this move to electric would only cut emissions from private cars by 2.7%)

## **Encouraging Cycling**

**Question No: 2829 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

How much money was spent on TfL's campaign to encourage cycling?

## **Car use reduction targets**

**Question No: 2830 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Why have you not set TfL any targets for reducing car use?

## **Olympics Disability scheme sacrificed**

**Question No: 2832 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Given your commitment to make London 2012 the most accessible Games ever, how can you justify scrapping the £170,000 scheme to support the disabled in Olympic jobs?

## **Skyride and engineering works simultaneous**

**Question No: 2833 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

I received complaints from constituents who, while welcoming the Skyride event, found that its coinciding with weekend rail closures compounded greatly their difficulty in traveling around the East End. What thought was given to coordination of these two events? Do you regret the inconvenience caused?

## **Corporate meetings at lap dancing clubs**

**Question No: 2834 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Will you join the Government in backing the findings of a report by the equality pressure group The Fawcett Society that say using lap dancing clubs in a work context is undermining women in the workplace. The report found that 86% of lap dancing clubs in London provide 'discrete receipts' which enable employees to reclaim company expenses without any evidence of where the money was spent. Would you consider adopting any initiatives to help prevent the sex industry targeting the corporate market? What approach would you take to any GLA employee using such venues, or charging them to expenses?

## **Gender Pay inequality**

**Question No: 2835 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

You are clearly keen to promote London abroad as a top financial centre and are not averse to putting your energy into initiatives, such as your recent trip to New York, to achieve this. I wondered what the chances are of you putting quite so much enthusiasm into an initiative to address the inequalities that exist within this city's business sector? After all, London has, for the third year running, been named the world's top financial centre however I'm sure you would agree that London's performance on gender pay equality is far from perfect? It is one thing telling me your Equal Life Chances for All framework will ensure equalities considerations are embedded across the work of the GLA, but why will you not get fully behind championing gender equality as you have hedge fund regulation and promoting London corporately?

## **Gender pay audits**

**Question No: 2836 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Would you support a policy to see all private sector firms that are employed by the public sector carry out gender pay audits?

## **Lack of commitment to Women's issues**

**Question No: 2837 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

After you chose not to appoint an Advisor on Women's issues and chose not to continue with an annual conference for Women, Dan Ritterband chaired a meeting with other GLA officers to discuss a way forward for the GLA to engage with women's groups. Can you give details of further meetings that have taken place on this subject? Can you give a list of women's groups with whom the GLA currently consult?

## **Lack of commitment to Women's issues 2**

**Question No: 2838 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Is it telling of your current stance that, prior to the Mayoral election when the equality pressure group Fawcett Society asked each major candidate to be interviewed about how they would promote women's equality and respond to the needs of ethnic minority women in the capital, you were the only candidate who declined to take part? What significant steps have you taken to respond to the needs of women and particularly ethnic minority women and can you demonstrate that these have had a tangible result?

## **Post 2012 Cricket Facilities in East London**

**Question No: 2839 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

In your written answer to MQ 2570/2009 you informed me that the LDA have engaged two professional cricket clubs and the national governing body to explore opportunities for professional cricket, particularly 20:20 cricket, to be played in the legacy stadium post 2012 and to identify areas within the legacy park where cricket nets and recreational cricket can be played. There is a huge demand for community cricket in this part of London. Can you assure me that you will do all he can to ensure sufficient provision to meet this demand? Will you ensure that legacy planning takes account of the desire for leisure cricket in the area?

## **Weakening of commitment to Cycling super-highways**

**Question No: 2840 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Will you sign or do you intend to sign the London Cycling Campaign's manifesto detailing 10 demands for the planned cycle super-highways, which the campaign group worry will not live up to the standards you originally promised? Is the route Tower Gateway to Barking still on track to be delivered by May 2010?

## **Silvertown Quays Limited development**

**Question No: 2841 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Following the LDA's decision to terminate contracts with this company and shelve plans to deliver 5,000 homes in the Silvertown Quays area of Thames Gateway, the LDA reported that their concern was 'to ensure that this land is released for longer term planning of development at Silvertown Quays.' Have the LDA been in discussions with other agencies over plans to develop the area?

## **Silvertown Quays and Thames Gateway**

**Question No: 2842 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Does the shelving of the Silvertown Quays development after years of discussions emphasize the need for leadership in the Thames Gateway project? Are you prepared to adopt a more definite position on this?

## **London 2012 contracts**

**Question No: 2843 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Of the 1,000 UK firms that have been awarded Olympic contracts by the ODA, how many of these are located in the host boroughs? Can you also give an individual breakdown for the boroughs of Tower Hamlets and Newham?

## **Underground closures**

**Question No: 2844 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Looking back over the past year, an average of 90 stations – more than one third of the entire tube network – were closed in an average month between June 2008 and July 2009. On reflection, and given your recent frustration at Tube Lines demanding extra time to complete the Jubilee line upgrades, do you believe you gave in too easily to the companies delivering these works or are you impressed with your track record to date? In hindsight, could you have done more to reduce the inconvenience caused to passengers in this period or do you not believe you have let Londoners down?

## **Tube Lines' request for extra time**

**Question No: 2845 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Given Tube Lines' recent requests for additional time to complete the Jubilee line upgrade, are you confident that this will be the last request on their part for extra tube line closures than those agreed? What will be your response if the company demands further line closures?

## **Step-free stations**

**Question No: 2846 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Are you still on track to make 25 percent of underground stations step-free by 2010? When in 2010 can we expect this? How many underground stations will be step free by 2012? – I recall that shortly after becoming Mayor last year you voiced your determination for every station in Central London to be step-free by 2012.

## **Dagenham Prison 1**

**Question No: 2847 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

I have asked the following question before, which you have refused to answer as you do not think it 'appropriate'. However, this question, and the other four on the same subject, are not about planning, but about meetings, and I am therefore asking it again - have a. you and b. the LDA discussed the principle of a prison at Dagenham? If so, when at what level and with whom?

## **Dagenham Prison 2**

**Question No: 2848 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

I have asked the following question before, which you have refused to answer as you do not think it 'appropriate'. However, this question, and the other four on the same subject, are not about planning, but about meetings, and I am therefore asking it again - Given that the proposed Dagenham Prison is on LDA owned land, what undertakings to dispose have been entered into by the LDA?

## **Dagenham Prison 3**

**Question No: 2849 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

I have asked the following question before, which you have refused to answer as you do not think it 'appropriate'. However, this question, and the other four on the same subject, are not about planning, but about meetings, and I am therefore asking it again - Prior to the Government announcement of a proposal for a decision at Dagenham, did you or your City Hall Officers or LDA officers have any discussion with Government or local Council officials on the proposals? In addition to disclosing such conversations and meetings can you disclose specifically any meetings that Simon Milton had with Government, LDA or Borough representatives on the proposal?

## **Dagenham Prison 4**

**Question No: 2850 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

I have asked the following question before, which you have refused to answer as you do not think it 'appropriate'. However, this question, and the other four on the same subject, are not about planning, but about meetings, and I am therefore asking it again - Have you or any of your advisers discussed the proposal for a prison at Dagenham with James Brokenshire, MP for Hornchurch, in whose constituency it was previously proposed to locate a prison?

## **Dagenham Prison 5**

**Question No: 2851 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

I have asked the following question before, which you have refused to answer as you do not think it 'appropriate'. However, this question, and the other four on the same subject, are not about planning, but about meetings, and I am therefore asking it again - Have you, in any conversation or correspondence with the Leader or Senior Officers of Havering Council discussed or raised or responded to questions about possible prison locations in East London? If so, when did this happen and what was the detailed nature of the transaction(s)?

## **Benefits for low-income households**

**Question No: 2852 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

In your answer to my question 2516/2009 you declared that you will be doing work in the New Year to promote the take-up of benefits among the poorest in London, such is your concern that many are not claiming their full benefits. What initiatives have you considered so far? Will you invest any extra resources into promoting these to communities who are disproportionately

affected by poverty, such as the Bangladeshi, Black African and Pakistani communities and if yes, please can you detail how this will be carried out?

## **Housing schemes**

### **Question No: 2853 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Following the Ipsos-MORI survey highlighting that three quarters of Londoners are not aware of the conditions needed to qualify for housing schemes, how successful has your First Steps housing programme been in raising awareness? What tangible results can you demonstrate? Do you still intend to raise the joint income ceiling of applicants eligible to qualify from £60,000 to £75,000?

## **Mile End junction**

### **Question No: 2854 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

The last three years have seen a string of serious accidents and one fatality at the crossing outside Mile End station. My constituents frequently tell me that traffic light timings at the crossing render it unsafe. I have campaigned for changes to this crossing for years and finally secured a meeting with TfL back in April where they acknowledged that making this junction safer was a priority. They have committed to redesigning the junction however the earliest date promised, even for initial designs, is April 2010. In spite of TfL's claims that this is a priority, their actions to date do not suggest a huge amount of urgency. What reassurance can you give me and what is your proposed date for completion of this piece of work?

## **Blackwall Tunnel Contraflow**

### **Question No: 2855 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

When can we expect your decision on proposals to re-introduce peak-time contraflow in the Southbound tunnel, as promised in your answer to question 2518/2009? What other proposals were contained in the documents submitted to you by TfL?

## **Central London Cycle parking**

### **Question No: 2856 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

In your answer to question 2520/2009, you informed that you had requested TfL to work with the Central London boroughs and others to find cost effective ways to provide more cycle parking both on and off the public highway. What is your target number of cycle parking spaces and will you oblige each borough to install a minimum amount of these? What will be your course of action if the boroughs fail to comply?

## **Transparency of earning versus secrecy of tax status 2**

### **Question No: 2857 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

You neglected to properly respond to my question 2528/2009 which was not solely about earnings but about tax payments as well. Also in this question I sought your views on all public representatives and not just Assembly Members. Does it remain your opinion that public representatives should not be obliged to disclose whether or not they pay tax in the UK, and how do you respond to the argument that there is a genuine [public interest in full disclosure?

## **TfL review of river crossings in East London**

**Question No: 2858 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

This review identified the following three distinct issues that need to be addressed;

Congestion at existing crossings notably Blackwall

The need for more local connections for pedestrians and cyclists

Poor orbital connectivity east of the Royal Docks

You said that you were satisfied with this report and believed it to contain viable options to be taken forward for more detailed consideration. Can you detail what measures you plan to introduce to address the three distinct issues above?

## **TfL review of river crossings in East London 2**

**Question No: 2859 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

This review identified that a package of crossings will be needed to address the various congestion and connectivity needs of the Thames Gateway area and specified that improved crossings were needed in the Isle of Dogs, Silvertown, Wollwich and Gallions Reach areas, with a ferry at Gallions Reach being a viable option for the shorter term.

Please can you detail, for each identified area, how you will be following up on the report's recommendations and, if available, give a timescale for your planned activities?

## **Ending Rough Sleeping strategy**

**Question No: 2860 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

In your response to question 1876/2009, you informed that the London Delivery Board is working closely with government to encourage local authorities to improve the support they offer to non-priority homeless couples and individuals to prevent them becoming future rough sleepers. What progress has been made here?

## **Story of London Festival**

**Question No: 2861 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Has the evaluation of this been completed yet? I was told the expected date for completion was the first week of August.

## **Bus Pollution**

**Question No: 2862 / 2009**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Can you confirm whether the Millbrook test cycle is still used to produce bus fleet pollution figures? Would a better assessment be produced by assessing the fuel and diesel use by the bus operators?

## **18 Bendy Bus Route**

**Question No: 2863 / 2009**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

When will the 18 bendy bus route be replaced? Which bus garage will service the new buses on the route and what impact on service levels are you expecting?

## **Edgware Road on the Tube Map**

**Question No: 2864 / 2009**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Does your recent u-turn on the new map design mean that you have dropped connecting the two Edgware Road stations as well?

## **Paddington Station on the Tube Map**

**Question No: 2865 / 2009**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Does your recent u-turn on the new map design mean that you have dropped connecting the two Paddington stations as well?

## **Tube Map I**

**Question No: 2866 / 2009**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Now that you have done a u-turn on the Tube map, how do you intend to eliminate optical illusions on the map? e.g. the apparently lengthy distance shown between Bayswater & Queensway stations?

## **Tube Map II**

**Question No: 2867 / 2009**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

On the new Tube map you not only dropped the Thames but you also dropped the recent promotion of river transport on the Thames by losing the piers on the river, which looks like the various parts of TfL don't know what they're doing as a whole. Did LU have any discussion with other departments of TfL before making these changes?

## **All Stars boxing club**

**Question No: 2868 / 2009**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

During your election campaign you promised financial assistance to the All Stars boxing club along the Harrow Road. Can you confirm whether you have maintained that commitment and the extent of it annually and through what route the club is being funded, if at all?

## **Air Quality**

**Question No: 2869 / 2009**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

What's the disproportionate effect of poor air quality in London on London's many communities?

## **Rock & Roll Library**

**Question No: 2870 / 2009**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Given your attempt to capture the spirit of “ London calling” song by the Clash at the launch of London Fashion Week, what support will you lend to the initiative by Mick Jones ‘ “ Rock and Roll Public Library “ initiative, which well illustrates a bit of contemporary London history?

## **Academies**

**Question No: 2871 / 2009**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

In a new Report by the Westminster Education Commission (WEC), a case was made for councils to run failing academies. In light of this independent report will you be reassessing your position and investment in Academies?

## **ILEA**

**Question No: 2872 / 2009**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

In a recent report by Westminster Education Commission, a major recommendation to the failings of schools in the City was the reviving of the Inner London Education Authority in the guise of a collaborative Inner London Board. Would this strategic approach for the whole of central London not be better than your approach of backing a few academies around London?

## **Fatalities from Taxis**

**Question No: 2873 / 2009**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

How many people are killed as passengers or as a result of a collision with London’s black cabs each year? Please give figures for each of the last five years.

## **Fatalities from Private Hire Vehicles**

**Question No: 2874 / 2009**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

How many people are killed as passengers or as a result of a collision with London’s Private Hire Vehicles each year? Please give figures for each of the last five years.

## **Thames Estuary Airport**

**Question No: 2875 / 2009**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Press reports refer to the existence of a preliminary report on your Thames Estuary Airport. Does such a report exist and will you let me have a copy of it? When will the full report be published?

## **WEZ**

**Question No: 2876 / 2009**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

What is the earliest possible date the WEZ can legally be cancelled by you? Have you in fact

started the process by which it can be removed?

## **Cost of Protecting Pervez Musharraf**

**Question No: 2877 / 2009**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Can you confirm press reports that it is costing the Met £25,000 a day to provide police protection to former Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf? What is the loss to other areas of policing as a result of this?

## **Flooding in Maida Vale & Maida Hill**

**Question No: 2878 / 2009**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

What discussions have you had with Thames Water about flooding problems in Maida Vale & Maida Hill? Will you undertake to raise this issue with Thames Water and press them to take action to resolve the problems? Please let me know their response.

## **Al Quds Day Demonstration**

**Question No: 2879 / 2009**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

For the past 27 years the annual Al Quds Day demonstration has concluded with a rally in Trafalgar Square, despite the fact that for a number of years the organisers have not been able to obtain Public Liability Insurance. This year for the first time the organisers were denied the use of the square. Why was that?

## **Cycling Facilities**

**Question No: 2880 / 2009**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Lord Adonis has committed £14 million to improve cycling facilities at railway stations in London. What are you doing for stations other than Waterloo, Victoria and St Pancras?

## **Teleconferencing**

**Question No: 2881 / 2009**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Teleconferencing has an important part to play in reducing the need to travel by air. So why then did you endorse BA's anti-teleconferencing stance?

## **Camden Town Escalator**

**Question No: 2882 / 2009**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Given LU's concerns about the delays completing work on the Jubilee line by TUBelines, are there similar concerns on the Northern Line, for example regarding the escalator work at Camden Town Tube station? What assurances do you have that the refurbishment work to the down escalator at Camden Town will not over-run its advertised date of 13th October?

## **LEZ's Impact on Emissions**

**Question No: 2883 / 2009**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

What contribution to date has LEZ made in reducing NO<sub>x</sub>, CO and PM<sub>10</sub>? And what is the estimated contribution in the third phase of LEZ to make?

## **WEZ's Impact on Emissions**

**Question No: 2884 / 2009**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

What contribution to date has WEZ made in reducing NO<sub>x</sub>, CO and PM<sub>10</sub>?

## **Pollution from Taxis & PHVs**

**Question No: 2885 / 2009**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

What percentage of London's pollution comes from black cabs and Private Hire Vehicles (PHVs)?

## **Water Strategy**

**Question No: 2887 / 2009**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

To what extent have you been working with Thames Water on your recently published water strategy?

## **River Crossings**

**Question No: 2889 / 2009**

[Len Duvall](#)

In your Transport Manifesto, you promised to "put the commuter first" by "reinstating tidal flow at the Blackwall Tunnel", despite concerns about the safety of this proposal. Given that you have thus far failed to re-introduce tidal-flow, have you now acknowledged that this proposal is unworkable and, therefore, accept that additional capacity can only be achieved at the tunnel via a third bore or bridge crossing at the site?

## **Regional Development Agencies**

**Question No: 2890 / 2009**

[Len Duvall](#)

Given the inconsistent stance of the current parliamentary opposition, your political party, on the issue of Regional Development Agencies, would you please clarify your view on this matter with particular reference to the future of the London Development Agency.

## **A205**

**Question No: 2891 / 2009**

[Len Duvall](#)

If your upcoming review of potential river crossings sanction a crossing at Silvertown, what is the minimum timescale within which the residents of southeast London can expect to see it ready for use?

## **Forensic Audit Panel**

**Question No: 2892 / 2009**

[Len Duvall](#)

You spent £50,000 on a report by a “forensic audit panel” led by Patience Wheatcroft. There are thirty-four mentions of the Olympics, two of which pertain to land acquisition, yet the report failed to highlight any concerns about budget deficits or the potential for them. Why did this report, which was supported by Pricewaterhouse Coopers and produced by a panel hand-picked by you to investigate “the way money is managed controlled in the LDA”, fail to identify any problems?

## **Olympic Black Hole**

**Question No: 2893 / 2009**

[Len Duvall](#)

Andrew Travers told the committee on 14 July 2009: “in authorising a payment I noticed that the supporting paperwork indicated that the commitment was in excess of the budget available....In recognising that fact I instituted an immediate review of the load budgets which was then swiftly followed by the appointment of KPMG to investigate further.”

However, this view appears to be contradicted by the comments of the Director of Law & Governance in Andrew Travers’ report to the LDA Board for the 16 September 2009, which states:

“In November and December 2008, the legal team raised some initial queries relating to the sufficiency of the budget for managing compensation claims associated with acquiring the Olympic Park land” (paragraph 10.1, agenda item 2.1)

There would appear to be two contradictory statements about how the black hole was discovered. Can you confirm which is correct?

## **Olympic Delivery Committee**

**Question No: 2894 / 2009**

[Len Duvall](#)

The new LDA/Mayoral team reportedly abolished the Olympic Delivery Committee. Is this correct and, if so, why was it abolished, by whom and when?

## **Annual Governance Statements**

**Question No: 2895 / 2009**

[Len Duvall](#)

In Andrew Travers’ reports, agenda item 2.3 for the 16 September LDA Board meeting, paragraph 5.2 states that internal financial controls are ensured by “annual stewardship statements signed by each group director and by the annual governance statement signed by the Chair and Chief Executive of the LDA. Since becoming Mayor, have Harvey McGrath and Sir Peter Rogers signed an annual governance statement and, if so, when?

## **LDA Due Diligence**

**Question No: 2896 / 2009**

[Len Duvall](#)

In relation to the Olympics, what due diligence work has taken place since your election and the subsequent appointment of the new LDA board?

## **Olympic land acquisition**

**Question No: 2897 / 2009**

[Len Duvall](#)

Do you think that there were any options for dealing with the overspend on Olympic land acquisition? Were you consulted on what the options were and, if so, what was your position?

## **Shortfall Time Line**

**Question No: 2898 / 2009**

[Len Duvall](#)

When the shortfall in the Olympic land acquisition budget came to light what action did you take?

## **Shortfall Time Line 2**

**Question No: 2899 / 2009**

[Len Duvall](#)

How long after the shortfall in the Olympic land acquisition budget was identified were you informed?

## **LDA Investment Strategy**

**Question No: 2901 / 2009**

[Len Duvall](#)

Are you worried by the heated debate at the 16 September meeting of the LDA Board, in which your latest appointment, Anthony Browne, described the work 'GLA Economics' in producing the LDA's 2010-2014 Investment and Financial Strategy as "completely and utterly flawed"? He went on to say that the strategy "massively understates business support and international promotion; massively overstates climate change and that no reliance should be placed on it at all". Do you concur with this view?

## **LDA Board**

**Question No: 2902 / 2009**

[Len Duvall](#)

At the 16 September meeting of the LDA Board, Edmund Lazarus stated that "we have had various representatives from the Mayor's Office addressing meetings and they have put forward diametrically opposite views of the Mayor's priorities". Do you agree with this assertion and, if not, please state on grounds you disagree with it.

## **Introduction of Voluntary Museum Charges**

**Question No: 2903 / 2009**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

How does your recent call for voluntary museum charges help the many Londoners who do not feel they can visit London's museums and galleries?

## **Rape Crisis Centres (1)**

**Question No: 2905 / 2009**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

During the Health and Public Service Committee meeting in June, your Deputy mayor for Policing said that "three new rape crisis centres would be up and running in the next few months". Can you be more specific about the deadline for delivering these centres?

## **Rape Crisis (2)**

**Question No: 2906 / 2009**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

Will you provide me with a breakdown of the £1.4m you allocated for rape crisis funding?

## **Rape Crisis (3)**

**Question No: 2907 / 2009**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

Could you give me details on how talks with Ealing Council are proceeding regarding the new Rape Crisis Centre that you have pledged funding for?

## **Rape Crisis (4)**

**Question No: 2908 / 2009**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

Has a location been identified within the Ealing borough for a new Rape Crisis centre?

## **Rape Crisis (5)**

**Question No: 2909 / 2009**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

What steps are you taking to help Ealing council bring this project to fruition at the earliest possible time?

## **New Tube Map**

**Question No: 2910 / 2009**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

Why did TfL not consult London Travel Watch about the most recent changes to the Underground map?

## **Noise pollution from the A12, E9 (1)**

**Question No: 2911 / 2009**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

My constituents around Edmeston Close in Homerton have been suffering from high levels of noise pollution caused by traffic on the A12. Will you encourage TfL to erect a noise barrier along this specific section of the A12?

## **Hall Farm Curve**

**Question No: 2912 / 2009**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

In your answer to question 1897/200, you stated that lack of funding is certainly one of the greatest barriers to the instatement of the Hall Farm Curve. Are you aware that the S106 agreement for Stratford City includes a financial contribution of £4m towards the construction of the Hall Farm Curve? Can you confirm what action TfL will be taking to ensure that the necessary approvals for this scheme will be put in place and that funding for the whole cost of the scheme is secured by the 1st of January 2010?

## **Overcrowding at Leyton Underground station**

**Question No: 2913 / 2009**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

At the 2012 Games and Beyond meeting last June at the Walthamstow Assembly Hall, you promised the audience that you would have your people look at the difficulties caused by severe overcrowding at Leyton Underground station. Have they looked at it and if so, what actions will be taken?

## **Orion Juniors Athletics Club**

**Question No: 2914 / 2009**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

At the 2012 Games and Beyond meeting last June at the Walthamstow Assembly Hall, you promised the manager of the Orion Juniors Athletics Club that, if she would contact City Hall, Kate Hoey would see what could be done to help the 250 members when they loose their training facilities. Has there been any contact between the club and Kate Hoey and if so, what was the outcome of this meeting?

## **Dog-Damage to Urban Trees**

**Question No: 2915 / 2009**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

Are you aware that your plans for increased canopy-cover with the current planting of 10,000 trees could be quite costly due to the number of trees that are being damaged by dogs. Will you agree to show some leadership in highlighting what is a growing London-wide problem and take the lead through appropriately co-ordinated action?

## **ESOL**

**Question No: 2916 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

As the London Skills Council undergoes the transition to become the national Skills Funding Agency, how will you ensure that the case for London is put forward effectively, as clearly the capital has more complex needs in terms of ESOL provision than the rest of the UK?

## **ESOL 2**

**Question No: 2917 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

In your response to question 2522/2009, you said that the annual national Learning & Skills Council budget for ESOL is over £300 million per annum. Please can you give a breakdown of

how much of this in 2008/09 was spent on community-based ESOL and how much was spent on levels 1, 2 and 3 ESOL? What is the breakdown for 2009/10 following the Learning & Skills Council's new guidelines stipulating that priority should be given to skills courses that equip people for jobs rather than community-based courses?

## **Localis**

**Question No: 2918 / 2009**

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Can you please provide me with a list of the names of your advisors / GLA staff that have met with representatives of the Think Tank Localis? Please provide dates and minutes of meetings.

## **Stephen Greenhalgh**

**Question No: 2919 / 2009**

[Nicky Gavron](#)

When you last met Stephen Greenhalgh did you discuss housing? What did you discuss?

## **Outer London**

**Question No: 2920 / 2009**

[Nicky Gavron](#)

What is your vision for outer London?

## **City Hall Café**

**Question No: 2921 / 2009**

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Are the new caterers still serving Fair-Trade coffee?

## **London Design Guide**

**Question No: 2922 / 2009**

[Nicky Gavron](#)

What percentage of residential new-build properties in the capital will be covered by the new London Design Guide?

## **Affordable Housing Targets**

**Question No: 2923 / 2009**

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Have you finished negotiating with all London's boroughs on their affordable homes targets?

## **Brent Cross Cricklewood - Energy Emissions**

**Question No: 2924 / 2009**

[Navin Shah](#)

Has the mayor received a firm commitment that BXC developers will exceed building regulations through energy efficiency measures and that the site wide network and back up energy strategy is secured within the section 106 Agreement.

## **10:10 campaign**

**Question No: 2926 / 2009**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Will you support the 10:10 campaign and commit the GLA to cutting its carbon emissions by 10% in 2010? Will you also encourage the other GLA Group bodies to join the campaign?

## **LFEPA Appliances**

**Question No: 2927 / 2009**

[Navin Shah](#)

Can the Mayor confirm there are no plans to reduce the capacity of London's Fire Brigade by reducing the number of appliances at any fire station in London?

## **Women's People's Question Time**

**Question No: 2928 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

At the People's Question Time event held in Bethnal Green in March this year, you pledged to dedicate the next People's Question Time, to be held in July, to women. Whatever happened to this? When do you propose this to take place?

## **Conservative Party Conference**

**Question No: 2929 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Did the Tory Party Conference provide an opportunity for you to project the work and priorities of your administration?

## **A Decade Wait For Legacy**

**Question No: 2930 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Are you happy with the suggestion that Olympic Legacy regeneration benefits will not be apparent to Londoners for another decade? Will your success as Mayor be reasonably judged by your success in bringing forward this date?

## **Convention Centre**

**Question No: 2931 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Can I congratulate you on the excellent decision that Excel be viewed as London's International Convention Centre? Does this mean that you will not support alternative proposals for a convention centre elsewhere in London? What steps will you be taking to change the perception that Canning Town is poorly located compared to other European Convention Centres?

## **16+ Oyster Cards**

**Question No: 2933 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

From 1st October thousands of 16-18 year olds in higher education were forced to pay full price travel fares having not received their replacement 16+Oyster card on time due to postal strikes.

Although it is accepted that the postal strikes were not the fault of TfL, given that advance notice was given of these and that they were ongoing for a number of weeks, could TfL not have taken urgent steps earlier to prevent this situation arising? Why was it not feasible for TfL to put back the expiry date of existing 16+ travel cards?

## **TfL revenues**

**Question No: 2934 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Without referring me to TfL's business plan, please publish in reply to this question the latest financial forecasts by TfL for;

A/revenue from Tube fares for the financial years 2010/11 and 2011/12

B/revenue from bus fares for the financial years 2010/11 and 2011/12

C/revenue from London Rail fares for the financial years 2010/11 and 2011/12

D/revenue from Congestion Charging income for the financial years 2010/11 and 2011/12

E/revenue from Tram fares for the financial years 2010/11 and 2011/12

## **Police numbers**

**Question No: 2935 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Do you commit to there being no reduction in the number of police officers on London's streets as a result of the efficiency savings from the Met Police Service you are seeking for the financial years 2010/11 and 2011/12?

## **Marketing, Communications and Press Officers**

**Question No: 2936 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Compared between October 1st 2008 and October 1st 2009 how many marketing officers, communications officers, press officers and promotional officers are there at present in each of the functional bodies, the GLA and the Mayor's Office? Please list these figures broken down by job title and by organisation?

## **Bonuses**

**Question No: 2937 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Please provide me with the number of employees awarded performance bonuses, and the value of these bonuses by the LDA and TfL, in the last 2 financial years, and the total paid out by each organisation.

## **Academies**

**Question No: 2938 / 2009**

[Dee Doocey](#)

What effect has the Government decision to remove the requirement for Academy sponsors to contribute £2 million had on your Academy Programme?

## **Regional welfare to work budgets**

**Question No: 2940 / 2009**

[Dee Doocey](#)

At the July 2008 meeting of the London Skills and Employment Board it was agreed that the Director of Jobcentre Plus London, Patrick Hughes, would meet the Mayor's Adviser, Alex Crowley to discuss the scope for welfare to work budgets regionally. When did this meeting take place and what was the outcome of the discussions?

## **The future of financial services in London**

**Question No: 2941 / 2009**

[Dee Doocey](#)

At the January 2009 meeting of the London Skills and Employment Board, the LDA were reported to be considering scenarios for the future of financial services in the capital. Will the Mayor publish these scenarios?

## **Lord Freud**

**Question No: 2942 / 2009**

[Dee Doocey](#)

How many times and on what dates has Lord Freud held meetings with the Mayor or his advisers since his appointment as adviser on welfare to work in April 2009?

## **Welfare to work steering group - minutes**

**Question No: 2943 / 2009**

[Dee Doocey](#)

How many times has the Welfare to Work steering group met since April 2009, and will you publish the minutes of these meetings and place them on the GLA website?

## **Welfare to work steering group - membership**

**Question No: 2944 / 2009**

[Dee Doocey](#)

What is the current membership of the Welfare to Work steering group?

## **London – host city for the 2012 Games**

**Question No: 2945 / 2009**

[Dee Doocey](#)

Due to sponsorship agreements, it is currently not possible to advertise the fact that London is hosting the 2012 Games to incoming visitors to London, except in Heathrow Terminal 5. Will you work with LOCOG to find a solution to this, to enable signage to be erected in every gateway to London?

## **Metropolitan Police – consultants**

**Question No: 2946 / 2009**

[Dee Doocey](#)

Thank you for your answer 2350/2009, and for asking the MPS to provide me with details of the numbers of consultants they have employed on an annual basis for the last 5 financial years.

As of October 4th. I have not received this information – As Chair of the MPA will you please instruct the MPS to provide this immediately?

## **MPS victim interaction**

**Question No: 2947 / 2009**

[Dee Doocey](#)

The MPS have a target to update 89% of victims of crime about any progress made within 28 days. Your answer 2354/2009 shows that only 7 boroughs have met this target in each of the last six months that were reported. Six boroughs did not meet this target in any of the six months reported. What action are you taking to improve the MPS's rate of interaction with victims of crime?

## **London Legacy Plan for Sport**

**Question No: 2948 / 2009**

[Dee Doocey](#)

When you launched your Legacy Plan for Sport in April, you said you were confident of securing match-funding of £15.5 million over three years. Can you update me on the progress made so far with details of the bodies providing the funding?

## **2012 London Cultural Skills Fund**

**Question No: 2949 / 2009**

[Dee Doocey](#)

Can you please provide the following information in answer to this question, broken down by borough:

How many organisations registered to pre-qualify for round 2 of the 2012 London Cultural Skills Fund?

How many organisations completed full application forms for round 2 of the 2012 London Cultural Skills Fund?

How many applications were successful?

How much was each grant worth for round 2 of the 2012 London Cultural Skills Fund?

## **Local council weekly "newspapers"**

**Question No: 2950 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

What can you do to ensure that there remains a vibrant independent local press in London, given the rise of several Council sponsored weekly or fortnightly newspapers?

## **Academies programme**

**Question No: 2951 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Further to MQ2459/2009, how will you be distinguishing your adult skills academies, from those 10 that the LDA will be funding for young people? What are the timescales for the launch of the Retrofitting and Tunnelling schemes?

## **GLA Consultants & Temporary Agency Staff**

**Question No: 2952 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

At the time of submitting questions, I have not received the answer to my previous questions (MQ2463/2009 and 2464/2009) which asked how much the GLA has spent on consultants and temporary agency staff since May 2008. Please make this information available.

## **Promote London Council - attendance**

**Question No: 2953 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

How many Members of the Promote London Council attended the meeting on 10 September? How many other observers, and executives also attended?

## **Practical measures to promote London**

**Question No: 2954 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Your press release announcing the establishment of the Promote London Council [11-06-09, 303] also stated that "Ian Livingston, Chief Executive of BT, and Richard Sharp, Chairman of the Royal Academy, are working with consultants Booz & Company' to suggest practical measures the Mayor can make to position London as commercial capital of the world. The report, with input from a large number of leaders from London industry, will be published in September." When can we expect to see that report and will you ensure it is published on the GLA's website?

## **Promote London Council – findings and recommendations**

**Question No: 2955 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

When can we expect any findings and recommendations of the Promote London Council to be made public?

## **Promote London Council - tendering**

**Question No: 2956 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Your press release announcing the establishment of the Promote London Council [11-06-09, 303] also stated that "In the coming weeks the Mayor through the Promote London Council will be tendering for agencies to present their ideas for rebranding the capital". Has an agency been appointed, and when are they expected to complete their work by?

## **New York**

**Question No: 2957 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Please provide a full breakdown of how many GLA staff travelled to New York in September 2009 and all costs to the GLA associated with your, and their, trip.

## **War Veterans Free Travel**

**Question No: 2958 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

What has been the annual cost of giving free travel in London to qualifying war veterans under the Veterans' Concessionary Travel Scheme, and how many Veterans have taken-up the concession?

## **Stakeholders' lunch**

**Question No: 2959 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Your latest Mayor's Report states "I hosted a lunch to discuss current issues in London with stakeholders on 18 September." Please list who attended the lunch, what organisations they represented and what was discussed?

## **Green space on Christchurch Road and Streatham Hill**

**Question No: 2960 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

The green open space at the corner of Christchurch Road and Streatham Hill continues to be badly managed and overgrown. Six months ago, following the rejection of TfL's planning appeal for the second time, you indicated that TfL were seeking a high level meeting with Lambeth Council about the future of the site (MQ 261/2009). Has such a meeting taken place and is it now time for TfL to accept the view of the Council, backed up by two Planning Inspectors, that this should be retained as Green Open Space and properly maintained and managed?

## **Draft London Plan**

**Question No: 2961 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Where does London need to be in 2031, and how are you going to achieve that vision?

## **Intensification areas**

**Question No: 2962 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

What response did you have to your canvassing for new Intensification Areas in the London Plan?

## **Town Centres**

**Question No: 2963 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

What steps will you take in your new London Plan to promote and improve London's network of town centres?

## **Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA)**

**Question No: 2964 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

When can we expect the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) and what impact will it have on your new housing targets for boroughs?

## **Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) (2)**

**Question No: 2965 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

How many sites have TfL brought forward as potentially suitable for residential development, and how many units could those sites accommodate?

## **Outer London Commission**

**Question No: 2966 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

What policies have you added to or changed in the London Plan further to the interim report from the Outer London Commission, and when can we expect their final report?

## **Taking over planning applications**

**Question No: 2967 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

What strategic priorities may motivate you to use your powers to take over planning applications?

## **Representation Hearing**

**Question No: 2968 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

What, if any, improvements will you make to the procedures for holding representation hearings further to the hearing on 7 October?

## **Industrial Land**

**Question No: 2969 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Will your London Plan allow Councils to safeguard their light-industrial land, rather than allowing it to be redeveloped for housing (as is happening in Goldhawk Road, LB Hammersmith & Fulham)?

## **Delegation contracts**

**Question No: 2970 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

How do you envisage taking forward the aspiration to give boroughs who agree to housing targets more autonomy in housing delivery in their area, along the lines of the French delegation model, and how will you ensure value for money?

## **Housing Supplementary Planning Guidance**

**Question No: 2971 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

When can we expect the Housing SPG, which is listed in the Housing Strategy as “draft published...May 2009”?

## **50,000 affordable housing target**

**Question No: 2972 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Further to MQ 2469/2009 can you clarify whether, as stated in your draft Housing Strategy, you are going to be using Memorandums of Understanding with each borough to agree affordable housing targets or whether you are going to use another means? If you are no longer using MoUs, when can we expect alternative agreements to be completed?

## **Seaside and Country Homes**

**Question No: 2973 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Further to MQ 2138/2009, and reported discussions at the HCA London Board, can you provide an update on how many of your 50,000 affordable homes target “will be delivered outside borough boundaries, for example through an expansion of the Seaside and Country Homes Scheme” (Housing Strategy, p.24)

## **RecycleBank pilots**

**Question No: 2974 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Your Environment Programme stated that you “are working actively with interested boroughs to develop a number of RecycleBank pilots in 2010, covering approximately 20,000 homes per borough”. How many boroughs are you working with, how many pilots will there be and when in 2010 will they be launched?

## **Reward Card**

**Question No: 2975 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Linked to the idea of RecycleBank your Environment Programme raises the idea of “looking at possible pan-London recycling incentives that could be put in place”. In view of the success of schemes such as the NU card and the Wedge Card, will you consider taking forward a sustainable reward card which goes beyond recycling (see MQ2010/2007;1039/2007)?

## **Sewage discharge warning system**

**Question No: 2976 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

I have been contacted by a kayaker who would like Thames Water or the Environment Agency to institute a system of alerts for river users when sewage is discharged into the Thames after heavy rain (especially given that the introduction of a warning system was one of the key steps to be taken following the Health Protection Agency’s study published in 2007). Would you support an alert system?

## **Air Quality Strategy – premature deaths**

**Question No: 2978 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

When preparing your Air Quality Strategy, what central estimate did your Strategy use for the number of premature deaths in London in 2005 (or other specified year) due to exposure to PM10?

## **Air Quality Strategy – precautionary principle for premature deaths**

**Question No: 2979 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

When preparing your Air Quality Strategy, what estimate – assuming the Precautionary Principle – did your Strategy use for the number of premature deaths in London in 2005 (or other specified year) due to exposure to PM10?

## **Air Quality - EU limit values**

**Question No: 2980 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

In which calendar years from 2010 to 2020 inclusive do you estimate that European Union limit values for PM10 and/or NO2 will be breached within Greater London if new measures specified in your Air Quality Strategy are not implemented?

## **Air Quality - EU limit values (2)**

**Question No: 2981 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

In which calendar years from 2010 to 2020 inclusive do you estimate that European Union limit values for PM10 and/or NO2 will be breached within Greater London assuming your Air Quality Strategy is implemented in full and on time?

## **Air Quality - EU limit values (3)**

**Question No: 2982 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

In which calendar years from 2010 to 2020 inclusive do you estimate that clause 3 of Article 22 of the new European Union directive on ambient air quality and cleaner air for Europe (i.e. limit value plus maximum margin of tolerance) will be breached for PM10 and/or NO2 within Greater London assuming your Air Quality Strategy is implemented in full and on time?

## **Newspaper recycling on London Underground**

**Question No: 2983 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

When can we expect the results of the trial of newspaper recycling on LU stations?

## **Waste left on London Underground**

**Question No: 2984 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Further to MQ 1150/2009 have there been any significant changes in the tonnage of waste collected from trains and stations following London Underground's advertising campaign to encourage commuters to take their newspapers with them to recycle?

## **Newspaper on the go recycling bins**

**Question No: 2985 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Given the announcement that the Evening Standard is going to increase distribution from about 250,000 to 600,000 copies a day, will you be talking to them about contributing to increasing the distribution of recycling bins in London?

## **The Hawk**

**Question No: 2986 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Do you agree that more cost-effective ways must be found to control pigeon numbers in Trafalgar Square, as the hawk currently used costs the taxpayer more than £50,000 a year?

## **CO2 emissions reduction**

**Question No: 2987 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

In your Climate Change Mitigation and Energy Strategy will you commit to clearly setting out how the target of a 60% cut in CO2 emissions by 2025 will be met, and indicate the quantity of CO2 reduction expected from each of your initiatives and across what timescale – as well as what actions are needed at a national level?

## **Car and van scrappage scheme**

**Question No: 2988 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Given the announcement that the Government's scrappage scheme is to continue, will your officials continue to discuss ways that this scheme could benefit London's air quality and encourage the retrofitting of older, more polluting vans and minibuses in London?

## **Copenhagen 2009**

**Question No: 2989 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Will you be attending the Copenhagen Climate Summit for Mayors in December 2009, and will you be able to demonstrate that there is agreement pan-London, including all the boroughs about the best ways to tackle climate change by then?

## **Climate change mitigation and adaptation in the developing world**

**Question No: 2990 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Do you agree that rich countries should be contributing to the cost of climate change mitigation and adaptation in the developing world? If so, what can London offer?

## **10:10**

**Question No: 2991 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Do you support the 10:10 campaign, and if so will you lead Londoners in personally signing up and encouraging the GLA family to cut their carbon emissions by 10% in 2010?

## **Climate Change reports**

**Question No: 2992 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

How will your environment strategies take forward key messages from the London Climate Change Partnership's recent report on the role public procurement can play in adapting to climate change?

## **Local public houses**

**Question No: 2993 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Will you include in your London Plan policies which are supportive of small leased public houses? Small pubs are often important to local communities, providing social infrastructure, and many are faced with closure.

## **Fire Safety in London**

**Question No: 2994 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What steps can you as the Mayor, and LFEPA take to promote fire safety awareness in London's high-rise blocks?

## **Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order**

**Question No: 2995 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Are you satisfied with the way LFEPA has enforced the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 as it relates to high-rise residential blocks owned by London Borough Councils.

## **LFEPA Enforcement action in Lambeth**

**Question No: 2996 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Do you now expect LFEPA to take enforcement action against Lambeth Council following the exposure of long-standing unresolved serious fire safety risks at Brittany Point, Kennington by the BBC TV news report on 28 September 2009?

## **DLR extension to Charing Cross**

**Question No: 2998 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

In the medium to long term, extending the DLR Bank branch to Charing Cross would be both desirable and cost-effective. Can you ensure that the construction work for Crossrail is done in such a way that it does not permanently prevent this DLR extension being built?

## **Cycle Friday [1]**

**Question No: 2999 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

On each of the 'Cycle Friday' events that you launched on 7 August, starting on Friday 14 August and continuing until Friday 2 October, how many people, (excluding the Mayor, TfL staff, press officers, marshals, and journalists) left each of the following start points on each event day: Brixton, Finsbury Park, Greenwich, Mile End, Ravenscourt Park, Swiss Cottage ? Please publish a table.

## **Cycle Friday [2]**

**Question No: 3000 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Please itemise the methods used to promote public awareness of your 'Cycle Friday' events and to encourage participation from the start until the finish.

## **Cycle Friday [3]**

**Question No: 3001 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What was the total cost of putting on your 'Cycle Friday' events?

## **Cycle Friday [4]**

**Question No: 3002 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

How many participants were entered in the draw advertised in TfL's PN 263 Press Release on 15 September because they took part in the Cycle Friday ride on 18 September?

## **Freedom Pass usage before 9.00am**

**Question No: 3003 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Given that it was a manifesto pledge of yours in the 2008 to extend the Freedom Pass so it could be used 24 hours a day, did you monitor, and if so please supply, figures showing how many passengers used the Freedom Pass between 6.00am and 9.00am on each weekday during the months of April, May, June and July 2009?

## **Freedom Pass usage after 9.00am**

**Question No: 3004 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Given that it was a manifesto pledge of yours in the 2008 to extend the Freedom Pass so it could be used 24 hours a day, did you monitor, and if so please supply, figures showing how many passengers used the Freedom Pass between 9.00am and noon on each weekday during the months of April, May, June and July 2009?

## **Air quality evaluation: Gospel Oak-Barking line**

**Question No: 3005 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What evaluation, if any, has TfL, undertaken on the possible improvements to air quality that would result from the electrification of the Gospel Oak to Barking rail line?

## **Oyster Pay-As-You-Go on rail**

**Question No: 3006 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

How close are you to concluding a deal with each of the train operating companies on permitting Oyster Pay-As-You-Go to be used on national rail services, and when can passengers expect to use this facility?

## **Waterloo and City Line performance**

**Question No: 3007 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

The Annual PPP Report states that performance on the Waterloo and City Line is 219% worse than benchmark. As Chair of Transport for London, what do you intend to do to improve this situation?

## **Sale of Eurostar platforms, Waterloo Station**

**Question No: 3008 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Network Rail have warned that BRB (Residuary) Ltd have not yet ruled out the option of selling off the former Eurostar platforms and land at Waterloo Station for commercial development. What steps will you take to help ensure that the platforms are retained to enhance rail capacity for commuters and other passengers?

## **One-way gyratory systems**

**Question No: 3009 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Do you agree that London's out-of-date one-way systems are making life a misery for residents, pedestrians and cyclists, and lead to stop-start traffic? Following the successful removal of gyratories at Shoreditch and Aldgate, will the Mayor set out plans for the rest of London's one-way systems?

## **Area-wide 20 mph limits**

**Question No: 3010 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Following the success of area-wide or even city-wide 20mph limits across England, does the Mayor agree that area-wide 20mph limits are more successful in creating a change of driving culture that benefits residents, pedestrians and cyclists because they make 20mph the norm rather than the exception?

## **Tottenham Hale bus station (1)**

**Question No: 3011 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Please explain why the Tottenham Hale bus station has become too unsafe for the 123 and 230 bus routes to use?

## **Tottenham Hale bus station (2)**

**Question No: 3012 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

How many accidents were recorded by TfL at the Tottenham Hale bus station between 1 July 2008 and 1 July 2009?

## **Tottenham Hale bus station (3)**

**Question No: 3013 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Now that the 123 and 230 bus routes do not stop at Tottenham Hale bus station, how many metres do passengers have to walk from the nearest bus stop served by these routes in order to reach the entrance of the Tottenham Hale rail station?

## **Tottenham Hale bus station (4)**

**Question No: 3014 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What consultation took place with passengers about TfL's decision that the 123 and 230 bus routes would not stop at Tottenham Hale bus station prior to this decision being posted on TfL's website, and what were the results of such consultation?

## **Sale of Private Hire Vehicles**

**Question No: 3015 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

You responded to Question 2980/2008 by announcing that you would institute an enquiry at the Public Carriage Office into the practice of private hire vehicles being sold at auction with PCO badges still attached. What was the outcome of your enquiry?

## **PCO: mental health issues**

**Question No: 3016 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Following the very damaging public furore that arose from an individual with a serious criminal

record and history of mental health issues being granted a private hire licence and being permitted to study for the Knowledge, will you institute an independent public inquiry into the management processes that led to such a failure of judgement?

## **Pedestrian crossings access to disabled people (1)**

**Question No: 3017 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Please publish a table as an answer to this question showing for each London borough TfL-maintained pedestrian crossings at signalled junctions and stand alone junctions which do have either audible signals or tactile cones to assist the safe crossing by blind and visually impaired people.

## **Pedestrian crossings access to disabled people (2)**

**Question No: 3018 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Please publish a table as an answer to this question showing for each London borough which of the 1,379 pedestrian crossing facilities on the Transport for London Road Network do not fully meet Department for Transport's 'Guidance on Inclusive Mobility'. Please itemise for each crossing in what respect the crossing facilities specifically fail this guidance.

## **Bus route 4 (Archway Station-Waterloo) [1]**

**Question No: 3019 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Will you support residents in the Tufnell Park area who are calling for a more frequent service on the number 4 bus route and improvement to the reliability of the service?

## **Bus route 4 (Archway Station-Waterloo) [2]**

**Question No: 3020 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Will you investigate installing real-time information displays along the number 4 route between the Nags Head and Archway?

## **Archway regeneration**

**Question No: 3021 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

How do you justify Transport for London's decision to close Archway Tube station every weekend in the crucially important period for traders up to Christmas in an area you claim to want to see regenerated? Were local businesses and traders consulted about this decision?

## **Madras Place/Holloway Road/Fieldway Crescent junction**

**Question No: 3022 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Can you explain what progress there has been on making this Islington junction safer for pedestrians and cyclists following the tragic death of a cyclist one year ago and another recent traffic accident nearby?

## **Plans for river services [1]**

**Question No: 3023 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

The press claim you are considering “adapting the Tube logo” to help river passengers distinguish between tourist boats and faster commuter services. What does this mean? What will this do to improve river boat service provision for passengers?

## **Plans for river services [2]**

**Question No: 3024 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Given the rapidly increasing demand for commuter river boat services, what are your plans to expand these services and to enable passengers to use Pay-As-You-Go Oystercards?

## **Underground to Streatham**

**Question No: 3025 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Can you confirm whether London Underground is currently considering any proposals to extend the Tube system to Streatham and whether funding is available from the Government for any such proposal?

## **343 bus service**

**Question No: 3026 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

In March 2009 you instructed TfL to improve the performance of the 343 bus route “immediately”. Since passengers still complain of erratic scheduling, overloading and poor service standards, can you explain what is your personal definition of “immediately” and indicate when effective action will be taken?

## **Student hardship: discounted PAYG travel**

**Question No: 3027 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Students aged 18+ in the capital are facing increasingly difficult circumstances with a freeze in the student maintenance loan as well as a weak market for part-time work. Given the fact that a significant number of students do not buy Travelcards and rely on Oyster PAYG, would you be willing to consider the introduction of discounted PAYG travel for 18+ students in London?

## **Crossrail design Issues**

**Question No: 3028 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

The Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment (CABE) recently criticised the proposed design for the Farringdon Crossrail Station as ‘pedestrian’ and disappointing, while prominent architects have also expressed concern that the design and architecture of Crossrail will fall below the high standards set by the Jubilee Line Extension. Given the vital importance of Crossrail to the capital, will you assure Londoners that the mistakes of the Victoria Line in the 1960’s where cutbacks were made on both quality and design will not be repeated with

Crossrail?

### **Bus noise route 63/N63.**

**Question No: 3030 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

While passengers on the 63 and N63 bus route welcome a more frequent service, this route passes through residential streets, particularly Acton Street, which is part of the gyratory network between King's Cross Road and Gray's Inn Road. Will you ask TfL to investigate the impact of noise and vibration from buses along this section, which is causing disturbance and distress to residents?

### **US Embassy congestion charge debt**

**Question No: 3031 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Did you discuss the failure of US diplomats to pay their Congestion Charges when you had an introductory meeting with His Excellency Louis Susman the Ambassador of the United States on 3 September?

### **Short running on 320 bus route**

**Question No: 3032 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Biggin Hill residents complain that the operator of the 320 bus route is rather too often terminating buses at the roundabout by the Airport business estate instead of completing the journey to the main part of the town. Can TfL ensure that this does not happen unless absolutely necessary?

### **320 route: possible extension to Catford**

**Question No: 3033 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Does TfL have any plans to extend the 320 bus route to Catford, and if so, will this compromise the route's reliability in view of congestion on the road to Catford?

### **464 route: interchange at New Addington**

**Question No: 3034 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Is it possible to arrange for the 464 bus operation to be co-ordinated with the tram service at New Addington so that the bus does not leave just as the tram is arriving?

### **464 route New Addington: bus shelter issue**

**Question No: 3035 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

The bus stop for the 464 at New Addington has been moved to the other side of the road without a shelter. Could this change be reversed or a shelter provided at the new stop?

## **New Metropolitan Line depot at Harrow on the Hill**

**Question No: 3036 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Can you explain why London Underground are opening a new depot at Harrow-on-the-Hill, using a building owned by TFL but leased to another company - which means they are having to leaseback the floors they want to use but already own – with all the costs attendant on bringing the accommodation up to the required standard, when the accommodation for Metropolitan Line managers at Wembley Park was only updated 18 months ago at considerable cost?

## **Proposals for additional Crossrail stations**

**Question No: 3037 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Do you support the proposal of Councillor Merrick Cockell, Leader of Kensington and Chelsea Council, for an additional Crossrail station at Kensal Green, and the proposal of Councillor Stephen Greenhalgh, Leader of Hammersmith and Fulham Council, for an additional Crossrail station in the Old Oak area; and are these proposals realistic given the difficulty of securing funding for the Crossrail project as currently envisaged?

## **Footbridges across the A12 at Leyton and Leytonstone**

**Question No: 3038 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Can you ask TfL to liaise with Waltham Forest Council to ensure that the woeful state of the footbridges across the A12 road at Leyton and Leytonstone is addressed urgently, as these bridges have been extensively vandalised in recent years and are now a magnet for anti-social behaviour and crime?

## **Skyride event**

**Question No: 3039 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

You were happy at the recent Skyride event to “reclaim the streets” for cyclists. Will you now organise an event at which you reclaim the streets for pedestrian

## **New Routemaster: passenger consultation**

**Question No: 3040 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

In view of the very adverse reaction of passengers to the interior layout of new buses operating on the 507 and 521 bus routes (only 21 seats and a “cattle truck” standing section): what arrangements have you made to consult bus passengers about the interior layout and seating arrangements for your new Routemaster bus?

## **Thames estuary airport report**

**Question No: 3041 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Doug Oakervee’s report to you on the feasibility of a Thames estuary airport should reportedly have been delivered during the summer? Has it yet arrived, and if so, when do you plan to publish it?

## **Pedestrian crossing in Croydon Road**

**Question No: 3042 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

With reference to your answer to Question 1573/ 2009: Pedestrian Crossing in Croydon Road, it appears that residents have yet to be consulted about plans to install a pedestrian crossing at this location, although you stated that the public consultation would take place 'in the summer'. Can you please indicate when the consultation will take place, and who will be consulted?

## **Work at Willesden Green Station**

**Question No: 3043 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

In 2006 remedial work was carried out on the disused Metropolitan line platforms at Willesden Green to allow trains to stop on a temporary basis. This involved the installation of 'nosing' stones along the length of the platform edge, patching-up pot holes, replacing some paving stones and improving lighting. The cost of this work was approximately £500,000. Please provide a detailed breakdown of this expenditure.

## **Ibus Countdown**

**Question No: 3044 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What criteria will be used by TfL to determine where the new real-time information displays will be installed, and which areas of London will be given priority in this programme?

## **Extension of 261 bus route**

**Question No: 3045 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Bromley residents wishing to enjoy a day out in Greenwich find the lack of a through bus route difficult, especially with young children. Can you ask TfL to investigate the possibility of extending the 261 bus route (Bromley-Lewisham) onto the Cutty Sark area in Greenwich town?

## **Funding transport improvements: Lambeth and Wandsworth**

**Question No: 3046 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

You have consistently expressed support for localism within London and equal partnership between the London Boroughs and the Greater London Authority. Will you therefore be willing to clarify whether Section 106 and Community Infrastructure Levy revenues from Bondway Tower in Vauxhall and the re-development of the Battersea and Nine Elms area will go towards Crossrail or towards funding vital local improvement projects in Lambeth and Wandsworth such as the Northern Line extension from Kennington to Battersea via Vauxhall?

## **Tiger's Head junction, Bromley Road, Lewisham**

**Question No: 3047 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Following the serious road accident that took place on the 8th September 2009 at the Tiger's Head junction where Bromley Road meets White foot Lane and Southend Lane, and further also

to the long standing promises made by TfL to improve this junction, especially for pedestrians as you stated in replies provided to Question Numbers 0098/2006, 2459/2008 and 0656/2009, together with your most recent claim that TfL is now working on a revised scheme as stated in answer to Question Number 1144/2009, will you now finally provide a clear assurance to Lewisham residents that improvements will at long last take place at this highly dangerous junction?

### **Lewisham crossings**

**Question No: 3048 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Considering the extensive and long standing representations you have received over the continued refusal by TfL to install pedestrian crossings at Tiger's Head junction where Bromley Road meets White foot Lane and Southend Lane, and also at the junction of Courthill Road and Lewisham High Street will you agree to visit these junctions with me yourself to see the problems at this location?

### **Dial-a-Ride (1)**

**Question No: 3049 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

In answer to this question please publish a table showing for each London borough the number of requests for trips, the number of refused trips, the number of completed trips and the refusal rate as a percentage of the total number of requests made, with the information provided separately for July 2009 and August 2009.

### **Dial-a-Ride (2)**

**Question No: 3050 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Please list how many people were registered as members of Dial-a-Ride for each year since 2004/05.

### **Dial-a-Ride (3)**

**Question No: 3051 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Please publish a table showing how many Dial-a-Ride members have not used the service in the last (a) 3 months, (b) 6 months, and (c) 12 months.

### **Dial-a-Ride (4)**

**Question No: 3052 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Further to your answer to my question 2443/2009 about the refused trips by Dial-a-Ride differing from the predictions set out in the 2007 Transport for London Investment Programme, can you clarify whether Transport for London have any remaining targets for lowering the number of refusals? If such targets do still remain what are they?

## **Dial-a-Ride (5)**

**Question No: 3053 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Further to your answer to my question 2133/2008 about the number of trips provided by Dial-a-Ride for each year since 2004/05, can you confirm that the total number of trips actually provided by Dial-a-Ride in 2008/09 was lower than the forecast figure provided in your answer and that the actual level of trips provided in 2008/09 has still not returned to the level of trips provided by Transport for London in 2004/05 or 2005/06?

## **Mayoral answers (1)**

**Question No: 3054 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

In September I asked you a question (2404/2009) about a Bus route proposal for Wightman Road Haringey . In reply you told me that you had asked TfL to look into this matter and respond directly to me. As of October 4th, TfL have not done so despite my office chasing. As you are also Chair of TfL will you by way of answering this question tell me what TfL's investigations in to this route proposal has found?

## **Mayoral Answers (2)**

**Question No: 3055 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

In September I asked you a question (2418/2009) about what consideration TfL had given to providing a pedestrian facilities over the North Circular Road at Brentfield Road. In answer you told me you had asked TfL to contact me so that the safety concerns I referred to could be investigated. As of October 4th, TfL have not done so despite my office chasing. As you are also Chair of TfL will you by way of answering this question tell me when TfL will be contacting me to discuss this important road safety issue?

## **Mayoral Answers (3)**

**Question No: 3056 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

In September I asked you a question (2419/2009) about what progress has been made in progressing the proposed orbital bus route Fastbus. In reply you told me TfL has been working actively with the Boroughs and the Park Royal Partnership to discuss ways of taking forward enhancements in Park Royal, and that TfL will contact me shortly to provide a more detailed briefing. As of October 4th, TfL have not done so despite my office chasing. As you are also Chair of TfL will you by way of answering this question tell me when I will be receiving a more detailed briefing?

## **Mayoral Answers (4)**

**Question No: 3057 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

In September I asked you a question (2421/2009) about pedestrian crossings at junctions which currently do not meet 2005 Department for Transport safety guidance over the minimum time for pedestrians to cross. In reply you told me that a list of the 418 junctions that require updating and which will be upgraded over the next three years will be published by TfL will shortly. As of October 4th, TfL have not done so despite my office chasing. As you are also Chair of TfL will you by way of answering this question publish this list?

## **Rape crisis centres**

**Question No: 3058 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

On 3rd August this year you announced £260,000 for Croydon rape crisis centre, as part of the 1.4m over three years for rape crisis centres in London. Can you confirm how much the GLA has given to the Croydon rape crisis centre since your announcement?

## **Diversity Officers (1)**

**Question No: 3059 / 2009**

[Brian Coleman](#)

In the light of your article in The Telegraph on 21 September, why did the GLA's Organising for Delivery restructure involve the creation of 3 Diversity and Social Policy Project Officers, 7 Diversity and Social Policy Senior Project Officers and 1 Diversity and Social Policy Manager?

## **Outreach Workers**

**Question No: 3061 / 2009**

[Brian Coleman](#)

How many outreach workers are employed by the GLA, TfL, LFEPA, the MPA and the LDA?

## **Pedicabs**

**Question No: 3062 / 2009**

[Brian Coleman](#)

Now that Transport for London has apparently abandoned its scheme for compulsory regulation of pedicabs, would the Mayor now take into account the concerns of groups such as the Covent Garden Area Trust, and support a complete ban on pedicabs?

## **Blackfriars Bridge**

**Question No: 3063 / 2009**

[Brian Coleman](#)

What progress is being made by Transport for London in its major road works at the junction of New Bridge Street and Blackfriars Bridgehead, which have been causing a great deal of disruption, and when can we expect these works to be completed?

## **Oxford Street Bus Diversions**

**Question No: 3064 / 2009**

[Brian Coleman](#)

As a result of Transport for London's street works for Crossrail in Oxford Street, TfL have proposed to divert six bus routes, including up to 800 buses per day, through local roads around Newman Street, Goadge Street and Chenies Street from January 2010 for up to 12 months, causing great concern amongst my constituents in Fitzrovia. Will the Mayor instruct TfL to consider alternative solutions, such as a staged approach to the works to minimise disruption or terminating some services at Centre Point and Oxford Circus?

## **Hampstead Heath Station**

**Question No: 3065 / 2009**

[Brian Coleman](#)

What progress has been made by TfL London Rail, since our initial correspondence in November 2007, in considering a suggestion, by my constituent, that a laminated copy of an old postcard of Hampstead Heath Station be displayed in the new station together with some historical notes?

## **Houses over £1m**

**Question No: 3066 / 2009**

[Brian Coleman](#)

How many houses over £1million does that Mayor estimate are in greater London?

## **Congestion Charge**

**Question No: 3067 / 2009**

[Brian Coleman](#)

In your answer to question 0349/2009 on Congestion Charge exemptions for cancer patients visiting hospitals for treatment you stated that "a concession should be available to all individuals undertaking such treatment, regardless of the hospital they attend." Will you update the Assembly on what progress has been made in ensuring that this is the case?

## **Living Christmas Tree**

**Question No: 3068 / 2009**

[Victoria Borwick](#)

Will the Mayor have a living Christmas tree for the GLA this year so that yet another tree is not cut down? A living tree can be delivered to City Hall for the festive season, and then returned again to continue growing for another year.

## **PCO (1)**

**Question No: 3069 / 2009**

[Victoria Borwick](#)

With the change of testing procedures for London Taxis, who ensures that the standard of checks that were previously carried out by the PCO and have now been outsourced around London are consistent?

## **PCO (2)**

**Question No: 3070 / 2009**

[Victoria Borwick](#)

The testing equipment at the Public Carriage Office is still in place. Can you tell me what is happening to it, since presumably having unused testing bays is a waste of money?

## **Taxi Checks**

**Question No: 3071 / 2009**

[Victoria Borwick](#)

If a taxi is in a traffic accident what checks are undertaken before the vehicle goes back on the

road and who makes these checks?

## **Traffic Smoothing**

**Question No: 3073 / 2009**

[Victoria Borwick](#)

Can the Mayor provide an update as to how he will measure success in getting London moving?

## **Dangerous Dogs (1)**

**Question No: 3074 / 2009**

[Richard Tracey](#)

What progress has been made by the Metropolitan Police Dangerous Dogs Unit since its launch?

## **Dangerous Dogs (2)**

**Question No: 3075 / 2009**

[Richard Tracey](#)

What partnership working has been done by the Metropolitan Police Dangerous Dogs Unit, particularly in relation to Local Authorities?

## **Eurostar Platforms (2)**

**Question No: 3077 / 2009**

[Richard Tracey](#)

In your discussions with the DfT has anyone been able to give you a reasonable answer as to why the Eurostar platforms at Waterloo will not be ready for use by South West Trains until 2013/14?

## **Imperial Wharf**

**Question No: 3078 / 2009**

[Richard Tracey](#)

Will you congratulate all parties involved in ensuring the opening of Imperial Wharf?

## **New Stations (1)**

**Question No: 3079 / 2009**

[Richard Tracey](#)

Are there any plans to open further new stations on existing train lines in London, as has been successfully done at Imperial Wharf and Shepherd's Bush Stations as well as at Mitcham Eastfields in my constituency?

## **New Stations (2)**

**Question No: 3080 / 2009**

[Richard Tracey](#)

What can other London Boroughs learn from Kensington and Chelsea, Hammersmith and Fulham and Merton in working in partnership with TfL and private companies to help open new stations in their Boroughs?

## **Eurostar to Stratford International**

**Question No: 3081 / 2009**

[Richard Tracey](#)

Would the Mayor agree that direct Eurostar services to Stratford International station after the Olympics are essential to support local regeneration and growth?

## **Roadworks Permitting**

**Question No: 3082 / 2009**

[Richard Tracey](#)

Can the Mayor confirm when the roadworks permitting scheme will go live in London?

## **Smoothing Traffic Flow (1)**

**Question No: 3083 / 2009**

[Richard Tracey](#)

Can the Mayor confirm that the TfL areas critical to smoothing traffic flows will not have their budgets reduced as part of the operational costs review?

## **Smoothing Traffic Flow (2)**

**Question No: 3084 / 2009**

[Richard Tracey](#)

As 'white vans' complete over 4 times more mileage in central London than buses, can the Mayor outline any steps that he has taken to explore consolidating these trips as part of his efforts to smooth traffic?

## **Business Rates (1)**

**Question No: 3085 / 2009**

[Tony Arbour](#)

How will the Government's revaluation of business rates affect London businesses?

## **Business Rates (2)**

**Question No: 3086 / 2009**

[Tony Arbour](#)

What action will you be calling for from the Government to mitigate the impact of the reassessment of business rates?

## **Airtrack**

**Question No: 3087 / 2009**

[Tony Arbour](#)

What are TfL's preliminary results from their analysis of the impact of Airtrack on traffic flows?

## **Help a London Park (1)**

**Question No: 3088 / 2009**

[Tony Arbour](#)

Who monitors how the winning parks spend the money allocated through the 'Help a London Park' scheme?

## **Help a London Park (2)**

**Question No: 3089 / 2009**

[Tony Arbour](#)

Within what timeframe would you expect improvements to be implemented in the parks that won your 'Help a London Park' scheme?

## **Olympic Route Network**

**Question No: 3091 / 2009**

[Andrew Boff](#)

Does the Mayor believe that athletes will be able to travel to Olympic venues within the travel times specified in the bid book without the Olympic Route Network?

## **Temporary Venues**

**Question No: 3092 / 2009**

[Andrew Boff](#)

What potential savings has the Mayor identified in changing the temporary venues for London 2012?

## **OPLC (1)**

**Question No: 3093 / 2009**

[Andrew Boff](#)

What progress has been made on the transfer of assets and debt associated with Olympic land to the Olympic Park Legacy Company?

## **OPLC (2)**

**Question No: 3094 / 2009**

[Andrew Boff](#)

To whom will the Olympic Park Legacy Company be accountable?

## **Olympic site**

**Question No: 3095 / 2009**

[Andrew Boff](#)

What is the remit of the study being carried out by PA Consulting into a future educational facility on the Olympic site?

## **LOCOG procurement**

**Question No: 3096 / 2009**

[Andrew Boff](#)

Will you encourage LOCOG to publish the percentage of their suppliers who are i) based in an Olympic host borough; ii) based in London; iii) based in the UK; iv) small and medium sized businesses?

## **Sports Participation**

**Question No: 3097 / 2009**

[Andrew Boff](#)

How will your plans to increase sports participation be affected by the LDA postponing £2.5m of investment from 2009/10 to 2011/12?

## **Taxi Procedures**

**Question No: 3098 / 2009**

[Andrew Boff](#)

I welcome the good news that the medication-dependent paranoid schizophrenic wishing to take the Knowledge despite having a previous conviction for manslaughter, will no longer be allowed to proceed. Can the Mayor outline what procedures are now in place to prevent a similar scenario happening in the future?

## **East London Mosque**

**Question No: 3099 / 2009**

[Andrew Boff](#)

Will the Mayor ask Transport for London to review the £450,000 of section 106 funding it has asked the East London Mosque to provide, considering the mosque is a charitable organisation that provides services, in partnership with the GLA, to east London communities that are in line with the Mayor's priorities?

## **Pedicabs**

**Question No: 3101 / 2009**

[Kit Malthouse](#)

Why did you decide not to pursue a framework of legislation to formalise the operation of pedicabs in London?

## **Bakerloo Line**

**Question No: 3102 / 2009**

[Kit Malthouse](#)

Why are TfL continuing to allow the intolerable screeching of cars on the Bakerloo Line, which is significantly affecting quality of service for passengers and the working environment for the tube drivers?

## **District Line**

**Question No: 3103 / 2009**

[Kit Malthouse](#)

What improvements have been made in the consistency of intervals between trains on the Wimbledon branch of the district line since you became Mayor?

## **Minicabs (1)**

**Question No: 3104 / 2009**

[Steve O'Connell](#)

Do any minicabs have the right to use the M4 bus lane?

## **Minicabs (2)**

**Question No: 3105 / 2009**

[Steve O'Connell](#)

Who should my constituents contact if they wish to report a minicab which is illegally using the M4 bus lane?

## **Back Gardens**

**Question No: 3107 / 2009**

[Steve O'Connell](#)

What progress has been made on the supplementary planning guidance to protect back gardens from inappropriate developments?

## **Decent Homes**

**Question No: 3108 / 2009**

[Steve O'Connell](#)

Would the Mayor provide an update on the progress made on the Decent Homes programme, including a borough level breakdown?

## **Infrastructure Planning Commission**

**Question No: 3109 / 2009**

[Steve O'Connell](#)

Will the Government's creation of the Infrastructure Planning Commission impinge on the Mayor's planning powers or his ability to let planning decisions be made by local people at borough level?

## **International Convention Centre (1)**

**Question No: 3110 / 2009**

[Steve O'Connell](#)

Does the Mayor agree that the lack of a world class conference centre in the capital has been a huge missed opportunity, and London's 19th position in the International Congress and Conventions Association city rankings is unacceptable and needs to be rectified?

## **International Convention Centre (2)**

**Question No: 3111 / 2009**

[Steve O'Connell](#)

The Mayor is reported to be backing the expansion of the ExCel conference centre in Canning Town, what financial and technical support is he offering the development?

## **International Convention Centre (3)**

**Question No: 3112 / 2009**

[Steve O'Connell](#)

What is the Mayor's estimated increase revenue generated for the capital when the when the London's International Convention Centre is completed?

## **Homes Energy Efficiency Programme**

**Question No: 3114 / 2009**

[Gareth Bacon](#)

Further to question 2346/2009, how will the Mayor's Homes Energy Efficiency Programme complement existing schemes within London, and what deficiencies will it seek to address?

## **Gants Hill**

**Question No: 3117 / 2009**

[Roger Evans](#)

The roadworks at Gants Hill and the diversion signs pointing traffic towards Blenheim Avenue have turned Blenheim Avenue into a rat run. Will you instruct TfL to take measures to ensure that the rat running stops?

## **District Line Closures**

**Question No: 3118 / 2009**

[Roger Evans](#)

On Sunday 4th October, the District Line from Barking to Upminster and the C2C Liverpool Street to Shenfield service were not running. Given that West Ham had a home game this was a huge inconvenience to a great many of my constituents. Could you instruct TfL to liaise with C2C and give me a full list of closures – including joint closures – so that my constituents can more easily make alternate arrangements?

## **Woolwich Ferry**

**Question No: 3120 / 2009**

[James Cleverly](#)

Since TfL state that the vessels and landing stages for the Woolwich Ferry are coming to the end of their life, how much would it cost for more modern replacements that would increase the capacity of this service?

## **Childhood Obesity**

**Question No: 3121 / 2009**

[James Cleverly](#)

The Chartered Society of Physiotherapy's has found that 36% of London's 10 and 11 year olds

are overweight or obese. In order to meet the health inequalities strategy, what plans does the Mayor have to help reduce childhood obesity?

## **London Health Commission**

**Question No: 3122 / 2009**

[James Cleverly](#)

What will be achieved by the London Health Commission's 'Health as Cross Cutting Theme in London ESF' project?

## **Burglary**

**Question No: 3123 / 2009**

[James Cleverly](#)

What action is being taken to combat the rise in burglary in London over the last year?

## **TfL stations (1)**

**Question No: 3124 / 2009**

[James Cleverly](#)

When will TfL take over the management of Crystal Palace, Penge West and Anerley stations?

## **TfL stations (2)**

**Question No: 3125 / 2009**

[James Cleverly](#)

Will TfL taking over stations on the East London Line speed up the introduction of Oyster PAYG on National Rail services?

## **Catalyst**

**Question No: 3126 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Why did you allow the LDA to cease funding for Catalyst? What purpose is no longer supported and how does this relate to an 'altered vision' for London's development? How will this project be affected by the ending of LDA support?

## **Olympic Projects reduced LDA spending**

**Question No: 3127 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

A number of LDA Olympics related projects have been axed or cut back, including Olympic Skills, Five Host Borough Skills and Employment, Hospitality/Retail supporting customer service work\*, Sport Accord\* Cultural Legacy Programme, LEST Engagement and Comms, Official Sports London, Supporting Disabled People into Olympic Jobs, Olympics Forecasting Function\*, Olympic Legacy Impact Evaluation Study, Sports Legacy Plan – Mayoral Directive. Those starred have been cut completely in 09/10. Meanwhile the Olympic legacy Company is advising us that we will need to wait at least a decade for benefits to flow from the games to the area. Is it not reasonable for observers to conclude that you have thrown in the towel on the vision to use the Olympic Games to catalyse regeneration in East London?

## **Columbus Tower**

**Question No: 3128 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Can you describe the form that your 'site visit' to the Columbus Tower took? Who attended? How was the event structured? Did you meet any individuals with an interest in the application and if so who? Were you guided by good practice rules or formal structured guidance in order to protect your role and if so can you provide copies of these?

## **Columbus Tower 2**

**Question No: 3129 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

How did you ensure, as Chair or TfL, as Mayor and as a clear supporter of Crossrail that you cannot be accused of selling permission for the tower in return for a contribution towards Crossrail?

## **Columbus Tower 3**

**Question No: 3130 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Has your work on Columbus Tower altered in any way your thinking about a) Tall buildings or b) The appropriate roles of Boroughs as against yourself on planning applications? If so, how?

## **Columbus Tower 4**

**Question No: 3131 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Can you give an account of the thinking that led to your decision to take over the determination of the application? What reports were received? What formal meeting took place and when? Was a note of the meeting produced? Can you provide a schedule of the advice and reports received and notes taken? How much of this, if any, will be or has been published and what are the reasons for withholding any of this information?

## **Outer London Commission**

**Question No: 3132 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

In determining the terms of reference for the OLC what thought did you give to the importance of considering matters other than economic development? Do you anticipate that the final report will be narrowly based upon its terms of reference? Would you welcome a more expansive report, considering also matters such as environmental and residential quality, residential supply, major projects and other matters?

## **War Memorials**

**Question No: 3135 / 2009**

[Richard Barnbrook](#)

In light of the recent report on the demise of various war memorials in London due to new buildings and vandalism etc has the Mayor formulated a strategy for preserving remaining memorials in London in memory of those people whose sacrifices yesterday allow our liberties of today?

## **Airport Security Checks**

**Question No: 3136 / 2009**

[Richard Barnbrook](#)

Is the Mayor alarmed at the lack of checks of visa applicants for high-risk countries? It is reported that very few visa applicants from areas of high risk are interviewed. Bearing in mind the potential security risks to London would the Mayor, in his capacity as Chair of the MPA, press the Border Agency to substantially increase the numbers interviewed?

## **Form 696**

**Question No: 3137 / 2009**

[Richard Barnbrook](#)

In light of the recent shootings at music venues in London, does the Mayor believe Londoners' safety has been compromised once again in the interests of minority groups now that the Metropolitan Police have been forced to change form 696 for the second time in a year or does the Mayor agree with this change?

## **Lack of Trained CID Officers**

**Question No: 3138 / 2009**

[Richard Barnbrook](#)

Is the Mayor aware of the reported shortage of 2000 trained CID officers in the Metropolitan Police and the dangers this has caused the public? What is the strategy to plug this shortfall?

## **Proposed Prison in Barking and Dagenham**

**Question No: 3139 / 2009**

[Richard Barnbrook](#)

In light of the Prime Minister's decision to downgrade Titan prisons, will the Mayor agree with Barking and Dagenham Council that the proposed prison on Dagenham and Rainham marshes be scrapped in favour of a general hospital which is the preferred option not only of the local council and the local MP, but more importantly the Barking and Dagenham public? The importance of this is further enhanced bearing in mind the massive increase of housing that will take place in the area in accordance with the London Plan and Thames Gateway blueprints?

## **Rape**

**Question No: 3140 / 2009**

[Richard Barnbrook](#)

Could you advise us, Mayor, as Chairman of the Metropolitan Police Authority why the horrific rape and robbery of a woman 7 months pregnant in her home by 3 youths was kept from the public for 18 months, when it is surely imperative that the public should be made aware that a very dangerous gang are on the loose on the streets of London and the public especially in the Finsbury Park/north London area can maintain a heightened vigilance?