

**9 September 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 14 September 2009

**Thames****Question No: 2287 / 2009**[Richard Tracey](#)

Will you be meeting with Thames Water to discuss the overflow of 20,000 tonnes of raw sewage into the Thames in July, which poses a health risk for river users including rowers and swimmers?

**Bus services****Question No: 2177 / 2009**[Jenny Jones](#)

KPMG recently suggested the following options for funding the bus subsidy in the event that government contributions are insufficient:

- Increasing fares;
- Reducing the coverage or volume of the network;
- Cancelling, deferring or re-scoping committed projects or infrastructure enhancement; and
- Reducing the network quality standard or the removal of one or more of the quality incentive regimes.

Which of these options are you considering?

**Bus Services****Question No: 2478 / 2009**[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Can Londoners be confident about your stewardship of their bus services?

**Inflation and fares****Question No: 2368 / 2009**[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

In the light of the July Retail Price Index showing a fall of 1.4%, will you make a statement about

your plans for public transport fares in London from January 2010?

## **A&E Closure**

**Question No: 2331 / 2009**

[James Cleverly](#)

Will the Mayor join me in deploring the closure of the Queen Mary's Sidcup A&E from 8pm to 8am every night?

## **Affordable Housing**

**Question No: 2479 / 2009**

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Are you aware of any boroughs whose housing policies could be counter-productive to achieving your 50,000 affordable housing target?

## **Spending**

**Question No: 2343 / 2009**

[Brian Coleman](#)

Can you reassure Londoners that you have the drive and determination to drive through the substantial spending cuts (especially in Transport for London) that are going to be required in order to fulfil future public sector spending targets?

## **Mayoral Direction**

**Question No: 2484 / 2009**

[Len Duvall](#)

You had to compel the board of the London Development Agency to provide funds for your educational academies program via a 'Mayoral Direction'. Why did you force the LDA to provide funding for academies against the Board's wishes?

## **462 Bus Service**

**Question No: 2336 / 2009**

[Roger Evans](#)

My constituents have expressed considerable concern about the poor reliability of the 462 bus service. What is TfL doing to ensure that the reliability of this route, which has been deficient for a very long time, is improved?

## **Amnesty for Illegal Immigrants**

**Question No: 2281 / 2009**

[Richard Barnbrook](#)

According to the Purchasing Managers Indices (PMI) across all regions, London saw the steepest rate of job cuts in July. The unemployment rate generally is becoming alarming. With this in mind will the Mayor now agree that to give amnesty to illegal immigrants would exacerbate London's growing unemployment problem by potentially bringing thousands more people onto a

job market of diminishing opportunities?

## **Equal Life Chances for All**

**Question No: 2481 / 2009**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

Equal Life Chances for All is based on the Mayor's Vision, and various bodies along the way are charged with interpreting this vision. However Londoners are rightly confused about the 'vision' as there are two very different messages coming from your office. These two visions were never more apparent than in the contradictory statements coming from your office about your decision not to enter the GLA in the Stonewall Equality index for 2010. Can you tell Londoners whether you think that:

- a) Index's such as the Stonewall's top 100 employers list are divisive; or whether
- b) In the words of your Deputy Mayor we must be "prepared to put our employment policies, equality policies and diversity policies up to the test to anybody. If we are not prepared to do that we are not setting the Gold Standard for London"<sup>1</sup>.

## **Air Quality**

**Question No: 2348 / 2009**

[Gareth Bacon](#)

What was discussed in your meeting with Jim Fitzpatrick MP on 3rd August, and has any additional support been proposed by the Government to help improve London's air quality?

## **Thames River Crossings**

**Question No: 2482 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Are you at all embarrassed that your review of river crossings has essentially recommended that a bridge be built at the alignment of the Thames Gateway Bridge which you scrapped?

## **GLA precept 2010-11**

**Question No: 2461 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

When you announced your 2009-10 Budget you said that "In this time of economic uncertainty, it is more important than ever to deliver value for money and to keep taxes as low as possible. When people are feeling the squeeze, the last thing politicians should do is hit them with tax increases". What are your plans for the GLA precept in 2010-11?

## **Northern Line Closures (1)**

**Question No: 2289 / 2009**

[Richard Tracey](#)

The Northern Line is the most heavily used tube line on the Underground network. Closing it at 10pm will cause massive disruption to tens of thousands of people. For how long is Tube Lines proposing to close the Northern Line from 10pm?

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/davehillblog/audio/2009/aug/05/dave-hill-richard-barnes-boris-johnson>

## **2012 Paralympic Games**

**Question No: 2367 / 2009**

[Dee Doocey](#)

When will the broadcasting contract for the London 2012 Paralympic Games be awarded?

## **Decent Homes Funding (1)**

**Question No: 2318 / 2009**

[Steve O'Connell](#)

Has any progress been made in your discussions with the Government over its raid on funds to upgrade over 100,000 of London's poorest quality social homes? What level of funding has been necessary to divert from other housing programmes in order to plug this gap, and what will be the effect on housing delivery in London?

## **Tests on Taxis**

**Question No: 2480 / 2009**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

As you do not want to re-instate the six monthly inspections on black cabs, what measures do you propose to implement in order to address the disparity between the pollution created by black cabs and Private Hire Vehicles?

## **Congestion Charge**

**Question No: 2307 / 2009**

[Andrew Boff](#)

What services are provided to payers of the Congestion Charge?

## **Directors of External Affairs and Marketing**

**Question No: 2621 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Are you satisfied that paying £127,000 salaries for a Director of External Affairs and a Director of Marketing as well as £82,000 for an Arts and Cultural Advisor who also oversees many of your campaigns and events constitutes good value for money for the London taxpayer, given that, by their own statements, so much of their work overlaps one another?

## **Blackout in Bexley (1)**

**Question No: 2324 / 2009**

[James Cleverly](#)

Since thousands of my constituents were left without electricity for up to three days, have you discussed the resilience and 'pinch points' of power networks with the energy companies supplying London?

## **Columbus tower**

**Question No: 2476 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Is there a danger that your comments to the Evening Standard about the Columbus Tower ("There is already a planning consent for a tall building on this site and the development itself would deliver a significant contribution to Crossrail" 28/08/09) have in effect prejudged the outcome of the representation hearing you are going to hold to hear arguments for and against the application before making a decision?

## **Rape Crisis Centres**

**Question No: 2323 / 2009**

[Steve O'Connell](#)

How frequently was the issue of Rape Crisis centres raised at the MPA during the period 2000 to 2008?

## **Fares**

**Question No: 2483 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

In light of the July RPI figure, and your previously stated policy, will you be reducing fares in 2010?

## **Cycling**

**Question No: 2316 / 2009**

[Victoria Borwick](#)

Given that the 'Tour of Britain' begins on Saturday, and concludes in the capital the following weekend, what preparation has the Mayor made for the tour? And more importantly, what preparations has he made to ensure the tour has a lasting benefit on London that will see more people active and cycling?

## **DSEi Arms Fair (1)**

**Question No: 2175 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

What is your view of London's hosting an international arms fair?

## **Health Inequalities**

**Question No: 2302 / 2009**

[Andrew Boff](#)

If the NHS is left open to Government cuts, what will be the impact on health inequalities in London?

## Questions for Written Answer

### Stop and Search

**Question No: 2165 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

In what circumstances is it appropriate for police officers to stop and search children, especially those under the age of criminal responsibility?

### East London Green Grid (1)

**Question No: 2166 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Can you give me an update on the project to deliver the East London Green Grid?

### Tube upgrade

**Question No: 2167 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

What are the implications of further delays to the tube upgrade programme?

### Thames estuary airport

**Question No: 2168 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

What progress have you made towards developing detailed plans for an airport in the Thames Gateway?

### Borough transport spending

**Question No: 2169 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Under your new funding system, will Transport for London be able to measure how much each borough is spending on each transport mode, particularly walking, cycling, and buses?

### Olympics sponsorship (2)

**Question No: 2170 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

I understand that Olympics sponsors have broad "areas of activation" that they have committed to supporting. Please state the areas of activation in the UK that Coca Cola will be supporting?

### Road safety cameras (2)

**Question No: 2171 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Transport for London has cut the money for the London Safety Camera Partnership from £6m to £3m this year. Can you provide the specifics of what the remaining £3m of Department for Transport funding has been spent on instead?

## **Homes retrofit (5)**

**Question No: 2172 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Will loft and cavity wall insulation be free to those receiving the state pension?

## **Retrofit Academy**

**Question No: 2173 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Please would you update me on the Home Retrofit Academy?

## **Cycling in outer London**

**Question No: 2174 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Cycle hubs in outer London have to inspire and facilitate almost five times the number of people to become new cyclists than either the cycle hire scheme, or cycle highways. Will Transport for London be setting up a special team of staff to deliver these hubs and will you be aiming for these hubs to have a project budget of several hundred million pounds as a central part of your Transport Strategy?

## **DESi Arms Fair (2)**

**Question No: 2176 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

What action have you taken to ensure that the Metropolitan Police Service recoups the full cost of policing the DESi arms fair at the ExCeL Centre?

## **Street Markets & London Plan**

**Question No: 2178 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

As part of the wider programme of research to inform the Examination into your replacement of the London Plan you agreed to commission work on street markets (MQT No:1429/2009). As part of this work will you look at the recommendations of the recent Communities and Local Government Committee report: 'Market Failure? Can the traditional market survive?'

## **Freight Unit (1)**

**Question No: 2179 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

What work have a) the Transport for London Freight Unit and b) the Metropolitan Police Service done in the last year to improve the safety of cyclists?

## **Freight Unit (2)**

**Question No: 2180 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

What plans are there to expand the Transport for London Freight Unit's work of engaging with companies to improve the safety of cyclists?

## **London graduate jobs site**

**Question No: 2181 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

How will you monitor and measure the success of your graduate jobs website?

## **CO2 reduction targets**

**Question No: 2182 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

In your new London Plan, will you follow the existing London Plan and national policy approach of setting staged (5yearly) targets towards your final goal of cutting London's CO2 emissions by 60% by 2025?

## **Waste management**

**Question No: 2183 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Will you meet, through the London Waste and Recycling Board, the London Plan targets of managing 75% of London's waste within London by 2010, rising to 80% by 2015 and 85% by 2020?

## **Public transport fares**

**Question No: 2184 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Will fares on London's public transport be frozen or reduced to reflect recent falls in inflation?

## **Public transport capacity**

**Question No: 2185 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

What increase in public transport capacity is needed in London up to 2031? Will your new London Plan include the policies needed to deliver the required increase, including consideration for the potential impact of travel demand management?

## **Extending the Green Grid**

**Question No: 2186 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

How does your policy of "extending the Green Grid principles from East London to a London wide project" differ from the existing London Plan policies to "encourage functional and physical linkages within the network of open spaces and to the wider public realm, improve accessibility for all throughout the network and create new links based on local and strategic need" and to "identify, promote and protect Green Corridors and Green Chains and include appropriate designations and policies for the protection of local open spaces that are of value, or have the potential to be of value, to local communities"?

## **East London Green Grid (2)**

**Question No: 2187 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

What East London Green Grid projects have been a) designed, b) funded, or c) delivered in 08/09 and in the first six months of 09/10?

## **Outer London Commission (1)**

**Question No: 2188 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

The interim conclusions of your Outer London Commission do not specifically mention farmers' markets. Given that around half of outer London boroughs do not have farmers' markets would you hope to see recommendations encouraging their use in the commission's final report?

## **Outer London Commission (2)**

**Question No: 2189 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

With the exception of a few outer London boroughs, street markets are poorly represented, or non-existent in London's suburbs. In the interests of retail diversity and consumer choice will you ask the Outer London Commission to look at encouraging street markets in outer London?

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

**Question No: 2190 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

You have so far announced £635,000 worth of investment in rape crisis centres up to 2011/2012. When will you announce how and where the remaining £765,000 will be spent to fulfil your current promise of £1.4m worth of investment in rape crisis centres over three years?

## **Rape Crisis Centres (2)**

**Question No: 2191 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

What progress have you made towards securing from boroughs and other partners the £832,000 worth of investment in rape crisis needed to deliver your manifesto commitment of £2,232,000 worth of investment in these centres over three years?

## **Affordable housing (1)**

**Question No: 2192 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

How many a) social and b) intermediate homes were completed in 2008/09?

## **Affordable housing (2)**

**Question No: 2193 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

How many a) social and b) intermediate homes were completed in the first six months of 2009/10?

## **2012 food**

**Question No: 2194 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Given that MacDonald's has an exclusive agreement with the International Olympic Committee to sell branded food products at Olympic venues during Olympic Games, what options does LOCOG have for also allowing branded food products from local London catering companies to be on sale at Olympics venues during the 2012 events?

## **Outer London bus services**

**Question No: 2195 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

What is the average waiting time for a bus in Outer London a) before 9am, b) between 9am and 9pm, and c) after 9pm?

## **Low Carbon Zones**

**Question No: 2196 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

How many Low Carbon Zone applications were received from boroughs by the 31st July deadline?

## **Emissions reductions**

**Question No: 2197 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

In your environment programme, 'Leading to a Greener London', you commit to achieving half of the 60% emissions reductions through programmes "introduced and encouraged by the Mayor". Can you reassure me that your climate change mitigation strategy will set out clearly and precisely how this will be achieved, including interim reduction targets?

## **Spending in town centres**

**Question No: 2198 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Has any update been made of the 2004 Transport for London Town Centre Study carried out by Accent Marketing and Research Agency, which assessed how much people spent when shopping in local town centres, broken down by how they travelled there? If not will you update this study as part of your efforts to boost the outer London economy?

## **Outer London retail**

**Question No: 2199 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

What study has been made of the shopping patterns of those living in Outer London – in particular the mode of transport they most commonly use to access their local town centre?

## **Parking standards**

**Question No: 2200 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

How precisely do the parking standards for new developments in suburban areas of a) Paris and b) Berlin compare to the maximum standard of 1 space/100m<sup>2</sup> in outer London?

## **Town centre parking**

**Question No: 2201 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

How many car parking spaces are available in a) Wood Green town centre and b) Kingston town centre?

## **Thames Water**

**Question No: 2202 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

What representations have you made to OFWAT and /or Thames Water, regarding the future funding and delivery of Thames Water's investment programme?

## **Olympic parking**

**Question No: 2203 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

How many a) car parking spaces and b) cycle parking spaces are planned at each of the following: the Olympic media centre, the Olympic village, Stratford station, and Stratford shopping centre when the Olympic Zone is converted to legacy mode after the 2012 Games?

## **Urban heat island effect (1)**

**Question No: 2204 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Have you completed or commissioned any detailed scientific analysis of the impact of the urban heat island effect across London to identify the extent to which different areas are affected?

## **Urban heat island effect (2)**

**Question No: 2205 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Have any of your priority tree planting areas been selected in order to help those places most affected by the urban heat island effect adapt to high temperatures?

## **Tree loss**

**Question No: 2206 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

What specific policies do you have on preventing the loss of existing London trees?

## **2 million new trees by 2025**

**Question No: 2207 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Which organisations will be planting the 2 million new trees that you have said are needed in London? What is your contribution (financial and other) to the delivery of this goal?

## **Hydrogen Highway**

**Question No: 2208 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Following the announcement of your plan to put London on a 'Hydrogen Highway', can I assume that you have reversed your decision not to go ahead with a trial of 60 hydrogen cars and vans by Transport for London?

## **Outer London bus services**

**Question No: 2209 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Are you concerned that the cancellation of the N213 night bus and the removal of bus lanes in Wimbledon give the impression that you are rolling back the previous expansion of bus services in outer London? Can you list any plans to expand bus services, or bus lanes in outer London during the financial years 2010/11 and 2012/13?

## **Hounslow Skyride (1)**

**Question No: 2210 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

In order to ensure the ongoing success of local bike ride days, will you make sure that in future the routes are always planned in consultation with local residents?

## **Hounslow Skyride (2)**

**Question No: 2211 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

What measures were taken to ensure that the route of the Hounslow Skyride did not inconvenience vulnerable people or those with specific access needs?

## **Hounslow Skyride (3)**

**Question No: 2212 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

In order to continually improve such local bike ride events, what lessons have been taken from the Houslow Skyride and how will the benefits of the event be measured and compared to what was expected?

## **Hounslow Skyride (4)**

**Question No: 2213 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Did Transport for London consult with the London Cycling Campaign and the Cyclists' Touring Club on transport options for cyclists to get to the Hounslow Skyride in advance of the event?

## **Hounslow Skyride (5)**

**Question No: 2214 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Did Transport for London suggest that people attending the Hounslow Skyride could do so by driving to local rail stations?

## **Hounslow Skyride (6)**

**Question No: 2215 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Did the organisers of the Hounslow Skyride engage with public transport operators and cycling groups about coordinating transport options to get participants to the event?

## **Mayor's London bike ride day**

**Question No: 2216 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

What responses have you had from train operating companies to your request for support for cyclists attending the bike ride on 20 September?

## **Bikes on trains**

**Question No: 2217 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Can you tell me about cycle capacity and cycle policy on the London Overground's new trains, which are just being delivered from the factory?

## **Lower demand trains (1)**

**Question No: 2218 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

What investigation has TfL done into running shorter length trains at times or routes of very low demand?

## **Lower demand trains (2)**

**Question No: 2219 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Has TfL incorporated the ability to run shorter length trains at periods of low demand into the design of new trains and stations?

## **Cycle parking (1)**

**Question No: 2220 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Can you list the cycle parking planned for each of the Crossrail Stations? Is any provision being made for bicycles to be carried on Crossrail trains?

## **Cycle parking (2)**

**Question No: 2221 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

How much cycle parking and secure cycle parking is being included in the building of the following stations: Haggerstone; Hoxton, Shoreditch, Wapping, and Rotherhithe? What survey work has been conducted to test the likely demand for cycle parking at these stations and on what criteria is the final decision based?

## **Cycling safety**

**Question No: 2222 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Can you list the additional projects, including their budgets, which are in place this financial year to enable London to reach its target of reducing the number of cyclists killed and seriously injured by 50% by 2010?

## **Non-motorised user audit**

**Question No: 2223 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Is the non-motorised user audit, developed by Transport for London in response to the death of a cyclist at Blackfriars bridge, now being used on a regular basis by Transport for London and local authority engineers? Can you please list highway schemes in the last six months where it has been used?

## **Cycle scheme consultation**

**Question No: 2224 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

All the schemes approved as part of the London Cycle Network + have gone through a detailed process of consultation with cyclists and engineers working along side each other to find solutions to hazards on routes frequently used by cyclists. Will the cycle highways use a similar process of engagement with local cyclists who use these roads on a regular basis?

## **Cycle hire scheme (1)**

**Question No: 2225 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

In answer to question 0927/2009 you stated that in the year to March 2010 £52m would be invested in to delivering a cycle hire scheme. Has the expected spend in this financial year changed in any way and if so why?

## **Cycle hire scheme (2)**

**Question No: 2226 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

What is the total amount that you expect to spend in the delivery of phase one of a London cycle hire scheme?

## **Cycle highways (1)**

**Question No: 2227 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Do you agree that pre-signals for cyclists might improve safety at some points of the proposed cycle highways? Is Transport for London in discussion with the Department for transport about this idea?

## **Cycle highways (2)**

**Question No: 2228 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Do you agree that there should be a branch of the east London cycling highway which goes to Canary Wharf?

## **Epping Forest**

**Question No: 2229 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

As part of your work to encourage cycling in outer London, will you support reducing the speed limit to 30mph on all roads going through Epping Forest?

## **Bus stop accessibility**

**Question No: 2231 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Has Transport for London received any legal advice regarding the need to ensure that all bus stops are accessible in order to meet disability legislation?

## **Water fountains (1)**

**Question No: 2232 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Last summer you announced plans to provide water drinking fountains in public spaces across London. What progress have you made on this project?

## **Water fountains (2)**

**Question No: 2233 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Do you have any specific plans to install water drinking fountains in London Parks?

## **Water fountains (3)**

**Question No: 2234 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Will any of the successful 'Help a London Park scheme' parks include the installation of water drinking fountains?

## **Underground energy (1)**

**Question No: 2235 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

What improved carbon reduction and/or energy efficiency incentives are being included in London Underground's proposed restated terms for the Tube Lines Periodic Review?

## **Underground energy (2)**

**Question No: 2236 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

What progress has been made with building carbon reduction and/or energy efficiency targets into new signaling contracts and maximizing the carbon reduction and/or energy efficiency potential of intelligent Automatic Train Regulation? Are there any examples of this being done with recent contracts?

## **Underground energy (3)**

**Question No: 2237 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

What progress has been made with assessing and developing low carbon technologies for stations and depots? What specific technologies and innovations are being looked at?

## **Zero carbon development**

**Question No: 2238 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Please can you update me on the progress of the zero carbon development at Gallions Reach? Given that this was intended to be a demonstration project to test technical and financial feasibility of zero carbon developments, has the LDA published a report of the lessons learned from the project?

## **Lights at night in City Hall**

**Question No: 2239 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

In your environment election manifesto 'protecting our local environment' you stated 'it seems strange that while the current Mayor evangelises about energy efficiency, the lights at City Hall are left to burn all night'. Are there less lights on at City Hall during the night since you have been elected?

## **Homes retrofit (1)**

**Question No: 2240 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

The Homes Retrofit Programme report to the LDA states that the project aims to achieve CO2 savings of 1.25m tonnes per annum by 2015 and 3.9m tonnes per annum by 2025. Please can you explain how the additional CO2 savings of 2.65m tonnes between 2015 and 2025 will be achieved, as this is not clear from the report?

## **Homes retrofit (2)**

**Question No: 2241 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

The Homes Retrofit Programme report to the LDA states that project will deliver 200 jobs (sustained employment) to 2015. How has this figure been calculated?

## **Homes retrofit (3)**

**Question No: 2242 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

The retrofit programme aims to reach 1.8m homes by 2015. What assumptions have been about how many of these homes will receive the "10 easy measures" and how many will receive roof and/or cavity wall insulation?

## **Homes Retrofit (4)**

**Question No: 2243 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Can the target reduction in CO2 emissions of 1.25m tonnes per annum be achieved by providing "10 easy measures" to 1.8m homes alone, without installing any loft or cavity wall insulation?

## **Homes retrofit (6)**

**Question No: 2244 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

How will eligibility for free insulation be decided?

## **Olympics and London Living Wage**

**Question No: 2245 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Thank you for your answer to 1824/2009 stating that 7% of the workforce on Olympics construction projects is not being paid the London Living Wage. Which contractors are failing to pay the London Living Wage? Which contractors are not providing information on whether the Living Wage is being paid?

## **Pedestrian crossings**

**Question No: 2246 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

As a result of your review of pedestrian crossing and traffic light phasing, please list the crossings where rephasing has lead, or will lead, to:

- a) a longer gap between green man phases
- b) a shorter gap between green man phases
- c) pedestrians having less time (on green man phase) to cross
- d) pedestrians having more time (on green man phase) to cross.

## **Road safety cameras (1)**

**Question No: 2247 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

The Transport for London business plan states that the 800 cameras on London's roads are contributing to more than 500 fewer people being killed or seriously injured each year. How many of these sites are on the Transport for London Road Network, and how many are on borough managed roads?

## **Road safety cameras (3)**

**Question No: 2248 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

How much money has the London Safety Camera Partnership spent in the first five months of this financial year? What was the staffing complement for 2008/09 and how many staff are currently employed at the Partnership?

## **Road safety cameras (4)**

**Question No: 2249 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

What percentage of offences detected by safety cameras in London were successfully converted into fines paid during 2007/08 and 2008/09?

## **Road safety cameras (5)**

**Question No: 2250 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

During the last four years, has there been a reduction in the average speeds of people breaking the speed limit where there are cameras present? Can you provide figures for the proportion of people caught breaking the speed limit who go faster than 36mph, 40mph and 50mph in a 30mph area, during each of the last four years?

## **Olympics sponsorship (1)**

**Question No: 2251 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

What is the total amount that Coca Cola (as international Olympics Partner Programme sponsor) is committed to provide in sponsorship in relation to the Olympics? Where are the obligations of Coca Cola and the Olympics authorities set out?

## **Olympics sponsorship (3)**

**Question No: 2252 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Please state the specific projects in the UK that Coca Cola will sponsor, including the level of spending by Coca Cola on each project. If this information is not yet available when is it expected to be publicly available?

## **Road casualty reduction targets (1)**

**Question No: 2253 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Do you agree that it will be a huge success if London achieves its main targets of reducing the number of killed and seriously injured on our roads by 50% by 2010 and reducing the number of children killed and seriously injured by 60%?

## **Road casualty reduction targets (2)**

**Question No: 2254 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Given that London has reduced the number of people killed and seriously injured on our roads by around 4% a year over the last decade, do you feel that your target of a further 13% reduction by 2017/18 is ambitious? Will you commit to keeping up the existing pace of reductions in the number of people killed and seriously injured on London's roads and draw up a new road safety action plan?

## **Illegal drivers**

**Question No: 2255 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Can you provide a breakdown by borough operational command unit of the number of illegal vehicles that have been seized in the first six months of 2009?

## **Uninsured vehicles**

**Question No: 2256 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Have any borough police officers been told to postpone operations against uninsured vehicles due to a lack of space in car pounds?

## **Low emission vehicles**

**Question No: 2257 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

How many buses will be upgraded to hybrids in the current Transport for London Business Plan period?

## **Bus replacement programme**

**Question No: 2258 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Your Environment Adviser appeared to reassure journalists on the 30th July that all London buses will be at least hybrids within twelve years of 2012. This is quicker than the 16 years anticipated at the current rate of 500 vehicles being replaced every year. Does this mean that there will be a new annual target set for Transport for London's current bus replacement programme?

## **Transport emissions**

**Question No: 2259 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

You currently have no timetable for achieving either your pledge to see 100,000 electric vehicles in London, nor a date by when all London buses will be hybrids. Can you guarantee that a timetable for achieving these outcomes will be included in your Transport Strategy, along with the estimated CO2 savings of each measure?

## **Cycling safety (1)**

**Question No: 2260 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

How does the removal of a cycle lane and associated barrier on Blackfriars Bridge during road works fit with the Mayor's desire to make London a cycling friendly city?

## **Cycling safety (2)**

**Question No: 2261 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Have you considered what Highway Code guidance would be needed if the trial of motorbikes being allowed to use bus lanes were made permanent?

## **Cycling safety (3)**

**Question No: 2262 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Is any monitoring is being done of either near-collisions or dangerous practices that happen during your trial to allow motorbikes to use bus lanes?

## **Greenwich Park (1)**

**Question No: 2263 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

If the Olympic Delivery Authority goes beyond its budget, and has to ask for more than is available in contingency funds to complete the building of the venues (including Greenwich), can you guarantee that there is no financial risk to London?

## **Greenwich Park (2)**

**Question No: 2264 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Can you provide the latest cost estimates for the hosting of equestrian events in Greenwich Park?

## **Lights at stations (1)**

**Question No: 2265 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Is it correct that neither the station manager at Stratford Station, nor Transport for London, is able to switch off the lights at the station during the day?

## **Lights at stations (2)**

**Question No: 2266 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Can you name all the stations in London that are fitted with lights that cannot be switched off?

## **Lights at stations (3)**

**Question No: 2267 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Can you assure me that all of the new stations built on the DLR or East London Line extensions will be fitted with lights that can be switched off?

## **Cycling super highways**

**Question No: 2268 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Why was Park Royal chosen as a cycle highway as opposed to the Uxbridge Road? The Ealing Cycling Campaign believes that far more cyclists use the Uxbridge Road as a commuter route.

## **Air pollution**

**Question No: 2269 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Will you commission a study into infant death rates by electoral ward around any industrial source of PM2.5 emissions, to establish if infant death rates vary by wind direction?

## **Ashmount School, Islington**

**Question No: 2270 / 2009**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Will you keep your commitment to preserving open space at the forefront of your mind when considering Islington's application to move Ashmount School from its current site to a new site on Metropolitan Open Land at Crouch Hill Recreation Ground?

## **New Malden station**

**Question No: 2271 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

I understand that following the installation of new Oyster gates at New Malden station the south exit will be closed and passengers who now access the bus stops right outside this exit will have to take a convoluted route to access them. As the Oyster gates are being funded by Transport for London and not South West Trains, will you agree to review these plans to ensure the south exit remains open?

## **Paddington cycle parking**

**Question No: 2272 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Are you concerned about the poor provision of cycle parking facilities at Paddington Station and will you lobby for their improvement?

## **Dog fouling**

**Question No: 2273 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Are you doing any work with boroughs (such as a new Capital Standards programme) to reduce incidences of dog fouling in London?

## **Anfal and Halabja massacre**

**Question No: 2274 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Will you support proposals for the establishment of a monument to the victims of the Anfal and Halabja massacre to be erected in London? This monument would serve not only as a testament to the spirit of the Kurdish people, but as a memorial to all those, across the world, who have suffered in genocides throughout history

## **Bus design**

**Question No: 2275 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Are you giving any consideration to changes in bus design to reduce or mitigate pedestrian injuries from collisions with buses?

## **Snow Day Pay (1)**

**Question No: 2276 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

With reference to your response to question 1789/2009. You state that 442 staff chose to take annual leave. It is my understanding that staff had no choice but to either lose pay or lose leave. Do you agree that your answer was misleading?

## **Snow Day Pay (2)**

**Question No: 2277 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

With reference to your response to question 1789/2009. Do you agree that in special circumstances such as this London Underground management should grant special leave to staff who are genuinely unable to attend rather than deduct a day's leave or pay from staff?

## **Snow Day Pay (3)**

**Question No: 2278 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

With reference to your response to question 1789/2009. You state that 'where staff could not get to their usual place of work they were encouraged to get to their local station to help with providing customer information'. It is my understanding that this information was not available until the afternoon of 2 February and therefore unavailable to the vast majority of staff affected. Do you agree that your answer was misleading?

## **Snow Day Pay (4)**

**Question No: 2279 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

With reference to your response to question 1789/2009. You state that "managers were encouraged to use their discretion to ensure that those with legitimate reasons for not being able to report for work were not penalised". I understand that when one group station manager did exercise his discretion by awarding paid special leave to staff, the manager was over ruled by a more senior manager and forced to dock his employees' pay or leave instead. Do you agree with this approach?

## **Ultra Light Rail**

**Question No: 2280 / 2009**

[Darren Johnson](#)

What consideration is being given to the potential for Ultra Light Rail in London during the drafting of your transport strategy?

## **Possible Future Power Shortages**

**Question No: 2282 / 2009**

[Richard Barnbrook](#)

The Government's future energy strategy is patchy at best, and some energy companies (including those that serve London) fear Britain (including London) could face possible power outages as early as 2012. Does the Mayor share the concerns of the energy companies and can he allay the fears of Londoners that this will not be the case?

## **Cycling in London**

**Question No: 2283 / 2009**

[Richard Barnbrook](#)

The Mayor has very bullish ideas on increasing bicycle usage amongst Londoners. However, bicycle theft in central London has risen 75% in four months as criminals exploit the growing popularity of cycling. Has the Mayor any provision to tackle this, bearing in mind if cyclists can expect their bike's to be stolen on a regular basis cycling popularity will soon be in reverse due to the cost of buying replacement cycles!

## **Gun Crime**

**Question No: 2284 / 2009**

[Richard Barnbrook](#)

It is reported that more and more young teenagers are being maimed by guns in the capital city, whilst we have seen initiatives on knife crime, is the Mayor aware of this growing nasty trend in gun crime and what action is being taken?

## **2010-11 budget**

**Question No: 2285 / 2009**

[Richard Tracey](#)

In the budget guidance, the Mayor's office is set at £118.9m, a welcome reduction from the £126.6m in 2009-10, and a clear commitment to reducing the burden of City Hall on the taxpayer. However, the plan for 2010-11 listed in the 2009-10 consolidated budget set the figure at £118.6m, an additional £300,000 saved. Can you advise on the reasons for the

difference?

## **MPS travel**

**Question No: 2286 / 2009**

[Richard Tracey](#)

The Evening Standard has reported that the MPS have spent £12m on 1st and business class flights in 3 years, supposedly because of operational demands. What will you be doing to ensure that the MPS sticks to an appropriate use of resources when travelling?

## **E-Petitions**

**Question No: 2288 / 2009**

[Richard Tracey](#)

Will the Mayor set up an e-petition facility on the GLA website?

## **Northern Line Closures (2)**

**Question No: 2290 / 2009**

[Richard Tracey](#)

What lessons do you think London can learn from the speed and efficiency with which Paris is upgrading its Metro?

## **Northern Line Closures (3)**

**Question No: 2291 / 2009**

[Richard Tracey](#)

When the Victoria Line was closing at 10pm every night this caused massive disruption over a long period of time. What guarantee do Londoners have that if the Northern Line closes at 10pm this will be a short-term measure?

## **Northern Line Closures (4)**

**Question No: 2292 / 2009**

[Richard Tracey](#)

What guarantees do Londoners have that any closures of the Northern Line will focus on one specific section at a time rather than closing the line in its entirety?

## **Street Trees**

**Question No: 2293 / 2009**

[Richard Tracey](#)

There is considerable enthusiasm in Wandsworth for increasing the number of street trees. One option that a number of my constituents favour is the introduction of street trees down the middle of the very wide Balham High Road. A number of European cities such as Barcelona already do this; will the Mayor investigate making this happen in London?

## **Cycle Hire Scheme**

**Question No: 2294 / 2009**

[Richard Tracey](#)

Wandsworth has one of the youngest populations of any London Borough and cycling is extremely popular amongst my constituents. What can Wandsworth do to ensure that it is first in the queue as soon as the Cycle Hire Scheme is extended?

## **South London Line (1)**

**Question No: 2295 / 2009**

[Richard Tracey](#)

With regard to your answer to question 2008/2009, do you believe there is any chance that Harriet Harman and Tessa Jowell are unaware that you have no formal responsibility for the South London Line?

## **South London Line (2)**

**Question No: 2296 / 2009**

[Richard Tracey](#)

I believe there is cross-party support at City Hall for the Department for Transport to introduce the Victoria to Bellingham Line. Does the Mayor have any advice on how Assembly Members can play a constructive part in trying to persuade the DfT to reverse their decision and introduce this line?

## **PAYG Oyster on Mainline Rail**

**Question No: 2297 / 2009**

[Richard Tracey](#)

Please update the Assembly on the progress with the introduction of PAYG Oyster on Mainline Rail?

## **ORN**

**Question No: 2298 / 2009**

[Richard Tracey](#)

Hugh Sumner, the ODA Transport Director, has recently said of the Olympic Route Network "It will largely be a case of putting in a few 'no left turn' signs here or tweaking a few traffic lights there." Are you prepared to guarantee Londoners that those who have to continue working as normal during the Olympics will not be inconvenienced by the ORN?

## **Station Lighting**

**Question No: 2299 / 2009**

[Richard Tracey](#)

Does the Mayor accept that more must be done to ensure that London Underground Stations are not wasting money and energy by leaving electric lights on throughout the day?

## **TfL Salaries (1)**

**Question No: 2300 / 2009**

[Richard Tracey](#)

What criteria are used to determine salary levels within TfL?

## **TfL Salaries (2)**

**Question No: 2301 / 2009**

[Richard Tracey](#)

Is there any evidence to support the argument that the current level of salaries within Transport for London is necessary to attract the best candidates?

## **Living wall of Islington**

**Question No: 2303 / 2009**

[Andrew Boff](#)

The Evening Standard recently reported on how unsuccessful this project had been at the cost of £100,000 to the taxpayer. Can you assure me that the GLA or its Functional Bodies are not funding any unproven technology or wasting public money in such fashion?

## **Brick Lane – Illegal Bike Market**

**Question No: 2304 / 2009**

[Andrew Boff](#)

What is the Mayor doing to tackle the trading of stolen bikes at the Sunday market on Brick Lane?

## **Section 47**

**Question No: 2305 / 2009**

[Andrew Boff](#)

What reference has been made to the Police from the Treasury regarding section 47 of the 1986 financial services act since June 2008?

## **Terminal Control North**

**Question No: 2306 / 2009**

[Andrew Boff](#)

What principals will the Mayor be adopting in his representation to the Terminal Control North airspace change proposal?

## **Constituency Search Facility**

**Question No: 2309 / 2009**

[Victoria Borwick](#)

Would it be helpful for the Greater London Authority's website to have a search facility that allows Londoners to search for their London Assembly constituency? Given that a similar tool is available for residents to determine their parliamentary constituencies will the Mayor consider introducing one?

## **Apprenticeships (1)**

**Question No: 2310 / 2009**

[Victoria Borwick](#)

While Alan Sugar has criticised the Government's record on apprenticeships, Londoners will have undoubtedly welcomed your announcement of 5,000 apprenticeships and the help that you are offering young people during the recession. Could you please give me a breakdown of how these apprenticeships will be provided and what progress has been made in reaching the apprenticeships target?

## **Apprenticeships (2)**

**Question No: 2311 / 2009**

[Victoria Borwick](#)

Some small business people in London feel that because of the Government's obsession with red tape and bureaucracy, hiring an apprentice will be too troublesome. Is this view justified, and what, if anything, can be done to alleviate the difficulties of faced by small businesses?

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

**Question No: 2312 / 2009**

[Steve O'Connell](#)

Can the Mayor confirm how many rape crisis centres were in operation in London during the period May 2000 to May 2008.

## **Rape Crisis Centres (2)**

**Question No: 2313 / 2009**

[Steve O'Connell](#)

Can the Mayor please confirm how many times the issue of rape crisis centres was raised by the Assembly at MQT during the period May 2000 to May 2008.

## **Prostitution cards (1)**

**Question No: 2314 / 2009**

[Victoria Borwick](#)

Following recent announcements about a crackdown on prostitution cards in the lead up to 2012, can the Mayor outline his plans to tackle the problem?

## **Prostitution cards (2)**

**Question No: 2315 / 2009**

[Victoria Borwick](#)

Can the Mayor explain whether the campaign to tackle cards advertising prostitution in London will focus on reducing organised criminal prostitution, shutting down mobile phone networks or on removing cards from phone boxes and other locations within the capital's communities?

## **Assessing Intermediate Housing**

**Question No: 2317 / 2009**

[Steve O'Connell](#)

Further to the report "Assessing Intermediate Housing", published by the GLA on 12th August,

what further measures are needed in London to build on the Mayor's support for first-time buyers? Does the Mayor agree that the report confirms that there is substantial demand for intermediate housing in London?

## **Decent Homes Funding (2)**

**Question No: 2319 / 2009**

[Steve O'Connell](#)

Following his pledge to direct the London Homes & Communities Agency to release funds in order to achieve 'decent homes standard' for ALMOs that can achieve the Audit Commissions 2 star status; what message would the Mayor give to tenants of the Sutton Housing Partnership who have been betrayed by the housing Minister and who have suffered years of under-investment?

## **Parking**

**Question No: 2320 / 2009**

[Steve O'Connell](#)

What progress has Transport for London made on addressing the confusing parking bay signage situated on the stretch of London Road between Senhouse Road and Malden Road, along the TFL red route at the junction in North Cheam? Local residents have described this particular area as a Venus flytrap.

## **Trees**

**Question No: 2321 / 2009**

[Steve O'Connell](#)

Given the Mayor's welcome manifesto pledge to plant 10,000 new trees across London, will he step in to plant trees in Sutton after the council re-planted only 19.5% of felled trees in the period of 2004-2006 and their current record of 24.4% in the period 2008-2009?

## **Sale of Land**

**Question No: 2322 / 2009**

[Steve O'Connell](#)

Will the Mayor persuade the Sutton & Merton Primary Care Trust to give its fullest attention to conclude the sale of part of the land at Orchard Hill, Carshalton; thus enabling Sutton to start work on relocating Stanley Park High School which will help continue the excellent improvement in standards achieved at the school and will reduce the need for children with moderate ASD to have long journeys out of the Borough to receive an appropriate education?

## **Blackout in Bexley (2)**

**Question No: 2325 / 2009**

[James Cleverly](#)

What is being done to prevent vandalism of power lines in London?

## **Transport for London**

**Question No: 2326 / 2009**

[James Cleverly](#)

What resilience plans do TfL have to cope with blackouts that prevent all traffic lights in an area

from operating?

## **Resilience of Utility Supplies**

**Question No: 2327 / 2009**

[James Cleverly](#)

How much planning has been undertaken to ensure the resilience of the energy and utility networks that will supply the Olympic site?

## **Traffic Operational Command Unit**

**Question No: 2329 / 2009**

[James Cleverly](#)

Please provide a breakdown of the man hours spent in each London Borough by the Traffic OCU.

## **Police Abstractions**

**Question No: 2330 / 2009**

[James Cleverly](#)

How much police operational time has been lost by each London Borough due to abstractions to the centre over the last year?

## **London Permit Scheme**

**Question No: 2332 / 2009**

[Roger Evans](#)

Do you have any authority to enforce the scheme or does it remain voluntary, is there any scope for making it compulsory and could a levy be charged of utility operators who want to dig up streets with little notice or within a short timeframe of other utilities digging up the same street?

## **Comprehensive Spending Review**

**Question No: 2333 / 2009**

[Roger Evans](#)

What would be the impact upon budgets in the future if the next CSR comes back with a cash freeze in the government grant or even a 1.5% reduction? Could the GLA Group ever cover the loss of income?

## **Government economic policies**

**Question No: 2334 / 2009**

[Roger Evans](#)

How valuable do you feel the Government's economic policies for combating the recession in London have been when a recent PricewaterhouseCoopers survey on one policy, the reduction in VAT, found that 93% of respondents either said that it had made no difference at all or that they did not know that there had been a cut?

## **District Line Signalling**

**Question No: 2335 / 2009**

[Roger Evans](#)

Can the update the Assembly on what is being done to ensure that the failure of three District Line trains to stop at red lights is properly addressed?

## **New Malden Station**

**Question No: 2337 / 2009**

[Tony Arbour](#)

Will the Mayor support the campaign against South West Trains' plans to close the south entrance to New Malden Station, which would cause enormous inconvenience particularly since all the bus stops are near the south entrance?

## **Airtrack**

**Question No: 2338 / 2009**

[Tony Arbour](#)

Will the Mayor offer my constituents an assurance that he will oppose Airtrack so long as its introduction will mean any increase in the downtime at the four level crossing barriers in my constituency?

## **Football Violence**

**Question No: 2339 / 2009**

[Brian Coleman](#)

Will the Mayor, in the interests of public safety, take action to prevent further football matches taking place between West Ham and Millwall and ensure that the policing costs arising from the recent violence are borne fully by the two football clubs concerned?

## **Olympic Boxing**

**Question No: 2340 / 2009**

[Brian Coleman](#)

Does the Mayor not think that the inclusion of women's boxing in the London Olympics is somewhat distasteful?

## **Cycle Hire Station**

**Question No: 2341 / 2009**

[Brian Coleman](#)

Would the Mayor instruct Transport for London to urgently review the proposed siting of a cycle hire station at Marchmont Street South, and ensure that the views of local residents are fully taken into account?

## **Car Travel**

**Question No: 2342 / 2009**

[Brian Coleman](#)

If all road users are equal in London will you now be instructing Transport for London to organise car convoys into Central London to help nervous car drivers?

## **Olympic Road Cycling**

**Question No: 2344 / 2009**

[Brian Coleman](#)

Following reports that the International Cycling Union is reviewing the route for the London Olympics road cycling race, which includes Hampstead Lane, Spaniards Road, Haverstock Hill, Kentish Town and Highgate Road, will the Mayor reassure my constituents that he will reject any proposals to move this route away from Barnet and Camden?

## **Eco-Innovation Fund**

**Question No: 2345 / 2009**

[Gareth Bacon](#)

How will the Mayor's new eco-innovation fund be managed and on what basis will money be awarded for new projects? When considering funding for new waste technology initiatives, will this work be co-ordinated with the London Waste and Recycling Board?

## **Housing Retrofit Scheme**

**Question No: 2346 / 2009**

[Gareth Bacon](#)

What has been learnt from the mistakes of the Green Homes scheme, under the previous Mayor, which experienced poor levels of take-up and spent the vast majority of its funds on publicity, and how will this be reflected in the Mayor's new housing retrofit scheme? Under the new scheme, will there be an effort to tackle hard-to-reach areas such as blocks of flats? How many homes does the Mayor envisage will benefit from the retrofit scheme?

## **Carbon Emissions Reduction Target (1)**

**Question No: 2347 / 2009**

[Gareth Bacon](#)

What more could be done in London to improve energy efficiency and tackle fuel poverty if London was to receive its fair share of funding from the Carbon Emissions Reduction Target (CERT)?

## **Carbon Emissions Reduction Target (2)**

**Question No: 2349 / 2009**

[Gareth Bacon](#)

What level of funding does London currently receive from the Carbon Emissions Reduction Target (CERT), and how is this calculated? What level of funding does the Mayor feel that London should receive, and how should this be calculated? What is the total level of CERT funding available for the whole of the UK?

## **Metropolitan Police - consultants**

**Question No: 2350 / 2009**

[Dee Doocey](#)

How many consultants have the MPA/MPS employed in each of the last 5 financial years, and at what cost?

## **Metropolitan Police – external reports**

**Question No: 2351 / 2009**

[Dee Doocey](#)

How many reports have been commissioned by the MPS/MPA using outside bodies such as HMIC in each of the last five financial years? What was the cost of each report?

## **GLA apprenticeships**

**Question No: 2352 / 2009**

[Dee Doocey](#)

The GLA group is committed to providing at least 1,000 apprenticeships a year for the next three years". Can you provide me with a breakdown (by functional body) of how many apprenticeships are currently in place to date and the timetable for the remainder of the 3 years in order to make this promise a reality?

## **Victim interaction**

**Question No: 2354 / 2009**

[Dee Doocey](#)

For each borough can you tell me the percentage of victims of crime that were informed about progress within 28 days, for each of the last 6 months of available data?

## **Congestion charge avoidance**

**Question No: 2355 / 2009**

[Dee Doocey](#)

The theft of number-plates is widespread in order to avoid the congestion charge. Will you ask Transport for London to investigate alternative methods of electronically recognising cars that cannot be stolen, such as a marking within or behind the windscreen?

## **Sale of tickets for 2012 events**

**Question No: 2356 / 2009**

[Dee Doocey](#)

Ticketmaster has been announced as a Tier 3 Sponsor to provide ticketing services for 2012. Will a service charge be added to the cost of the event ticket and will it be fixed to ensure that visitors to Olympic and Paralympic events are not subjected to paying exorbitant 'extras'?

## **Sale of tickets for 2012 events**

**Question No: 2357 / 2009**

[Dee Doocey](#)

Does the contract agreed with Ticketmaster to sell tickets for Olympic & Paralympic events as a Tier 3 Sponsor also include the 'Partners' listed on their website? (These are currently listed as Echo, GET ME IN!, iLike, iTunes, LiveDaily and TicketWeb)

## **Sale of tickets for 2012 events**

**Question No: 2358 / 2009**

[Dee Doocey](#)

Ticketmaster has a facility on their website to 'Sell your tickets'. Will those who have bought

Olympic and/or Paralympic event tickets be able to sell them through Ticketmaster? If so, will the resale price be capped at the purchase value?

### **Blue Light Museum - timescales**

**Question No: 2359 / 2009**

[Dee Doocey](#)

What timescale do you have planned for the opening of a 'Blue Light Museum', as referred to in your answer 2092/2009?

### **Blue Light Museum - budget**

**Question No: 2360 / 2009**

[Dee Doocey](#)

Given that the MPA/MPS are currently forecasting a budget gap of over £200 million for 2011/12, where do you expect funding for the 'Blue Light Museum' to come from?

### **Translating services for the GLA and TFL**

**Question No: 2361 / 2009**

[Dee Doocey](#)

Further to my question 2094/2009 please can you provide a breakdown of the £128,907 and £9539.05 that TFL and the GLA spent respectively on translation services in the last financial year?

### **Disability recruitment by LOCOG (1)**

**Question No: 2362 / 2009**

[Dee Doocey](#)

In order to enable us to properly monitor disability recruitment, can you give me a breakdown of the number of people expected to be employed by LOCOG in each of the financial years leading up to the Games in 2012? How many of these (expressed numerically rather than as a percentage) are due to be people with disabilities?

### **Disability recruitment by LOCOG (2)**

**Question No: 2363 / 2009**

[Dee Doocey](#)

How many people do LOCOG currently employ, and how many of these (expressed numerically rather than as a percentage) are people with disabilities?

### **Disability recruitment by the ODA**

**Question No: 2364 / 2009**

[Dee Doocey](#)

How many people with disabilities do the ODA currently employ (expressed numerically rather than as a percentage)?

## **Media parking for the 2012 Games**

**Question No: 2365 / 2009**

[Dee Doocey](#)

Further to my question 2100/2009 can you answer the following specific question – will journalists be banned from parking their private vehicles, or any vehicle allocated for their sole use, in the Media Centre multi-storey car park during the 2012 Games?

## **Story of London**

**Question No: 2366 / 2009**

[Dee Doocey](#)

Who is carrying out the market research to evaluate the Story of London, and at what cost? Will you make the final research report publicly available?

## **Greenwich Foot Tunnel: defending cyclists**

**Question No: 2369 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Your Answers to my Questions 1105/2009, 1106/2009, 1107/2009, effectively washing your hands of making proper provision for cyclists affected by the 18-month closure of the Greenwich Foot Tunnel, fit very poorly with your self-portrayal as “the cycling Mayor”. Will you re-consider and work actively with the Leader of Greenwich Council to champion those cyclists and find a workable solution while the necessary renovation work is carried out?

## **Greenwich Foot Tunnel: discretionary funding**

**Question No: 2370 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

While the provision and funding of alternative arrangements during the closure of the Greenwich Foot Tunnel is currently a matter for the London Borough of Greenwich, can you not consider contributing discretionary funding for additional ferry services to carry cyclists and their bikes between Cutty Sark and Masthouse Terrace in view of this cross-river cycle route being a strategic transport infrastructure link between several boroughs?

## **Responsibility for Greenwich Foot Tunnel**

**Question No: 2371 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Since the Greenwich Foot Tunnel is, for cyclists, a strategic transport infrastructure link between several boroughs, should not arrangements now be made for the responsibility for its condition and maintenance to transfer to Transport for London?

## **Hanging Baskets**

**Question No: 2372 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Some of the hanging baskets along the Holloway Road and Seven Sisters Road have been removed on the orders of Transport for London because they fail a ‘deflection test’. (a) What is a deflection test, and (b) are you happy that these ten hanging baskets have had to be removed or do you see this as a health and safety gone mad?

## **Citybikeshire scheme**

**Question No: 2373 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Please provide a progress report on planning permission sought and/or granted for, and details of the public consultation being undertaken on the CityBike scheme, broken down by borough and by site.

## **Hillmarton Road N7**

**Question No: 2374 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Why, despite Transport for London's Network Management Group acknowledging that there is an accident problem on Hillmarton Road, do TfL continue to refuse permission for a pedestrian crossing? Will you work with me and local councillors to try and resolve this situation?

## **Archway Station**

**Question No: 2375 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Would you be happy to see Archway Station renamed?

## **Renaming Tube stations**

**Question No: 2376 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

If Archway Station is indeed to be re-named after Dick Whittington, can we look forward to more Tube stations being named after Mayors of London?

## **Islington and the Business Rates Supplement [1]**

**Question No: 2377 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What advance information did businesses in Islington receive about the Business Rates Supplement to fund Crossrail?

## **Islington and the Business Rates Supplement [2]**

**Question No: 2378 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

How many businesses in Islington do you expect to be eligible to pay the BRS, and how many will be exempted?

## **Islington and the Business Rates Supplement [3]**

**Question No: 2379 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

How much in total do you expect businesses in Islington to contribute towards the Crossrail project?

## **Cray Avenue, Orpington**

**Question No: 2380 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

I understand that Bromley Council has asked Transport for London for a change in the hours of operation of the bus lane along Cray Avenue, Orpington. When is a decision expected to be made on this?

## **Chislehurst Road railway bridge**

**Question No: 2381 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Local residents have been told that funding to repair the Chislehurst Road railway bridge in Orpington may take up to three years to work its way through the system. Given the number of buses that are being diverted because of current width restrictions on the bridge and the disruption to residents as a result, can you intervene to speed up the process and ensure funding is provided so that the bridge may be repaired as soon as possible?

## **Heat audits on London Underground**

**Question No: 2382 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Do London Underground carry out 'heat audits' at Tube stations (on the model of Safety or Environmental Audits) to include a review of the heat output of all equipment in a station? If not, could such audits be considered?

## **Staffing on London Overground**

**Question No: 2383 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Does TfL intends to convert stations along the East London Line Phase 2B extension (Surrey Quays to Clapham Junction) so they can be staffed during the hours trains are running by the time LOROL takes over services?

## **Out-of-station interchange on London Overground**

**Question No: 2384 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Will London Overground stations along the East London Line Phase 2B extension (Surrey Quays to Clapham Junction) close to Tube stations qualify for out-of-station interchange – so that passengers do not have to buy an additional ticket?

## **Coffee bar at Whitton Station**

**Question No: 2385 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Could you use the excellent relations you have with South West Trains to encourage them to retain the popular coffee bar on Platform 1 at Whitton Station, which passengers are alarmed to find is faced with closure?

## **Stopping trains at Willesden Green and Neasden [1]**

**Question No: 2386 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

During the 7-car upgrade of the Jubilee Line in 2005/06, (a) what work was carried out, and (b) at what cost, to enable Metropolitan Line trains to stop at emergency platforms at Willesden Green and Neasden stations?

## **Stopping trains at Willesden Green and Neasden [2]**

**Question No: 2387 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

In view of the increasing number of Jubilee Line closures, will you re-consider asking London Underground to stop Metropolitan Line trains at emergency platforms at Willesden Green and Neasden stations?

## **Subway at South Woodford Station**

**Question No: 2388 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

In view of other welcome improvements and upgrades in and around South Woodford Station, can TfL consider upgrading the subway linking the two sections of George Lane, as the ceilings are very dirty, paint peeling, and there is graffiti and broken glass?

## **Outcome of Surrey Canal Road Station study**

**Question No: 2389 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What were the results of the study carried out by TfL to assess the case for a new station at Surrey Canal Road referred to in your Answer to Question 1769/2000?

## **Withdrawal of the N213 bus service**

**Question No: 2390 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What progress has TfL made, since meeting stakeholders, with assessing alternative provision of a bus service (perhaps involving the 154 or X26) in the early hours between Croydon, Carshalton and Sutton?

## **N213 bus usage figures**

**Question No: 2391 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

How did TfL arrive at the bus usage figures for the N123 which were used in their decision to withdraw the service: on what dates were these surveys carried out?

## **Electric black cabs**

**Question No: 2392 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Given that Manganese Bronze, manufacturers of the iconic London black cab, announced on 23 April 2008 that they were working with Smith Electric Vehicles to develop the TX4E electric

black cab with a view to putting it on sale in 2009, can you update us on what progress has been made with this project and when we may expect to see electric black cabs on London streets?

## **Hall Farm Curve**

**Question No: 2393 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

In your Answer to Question 1895/2009, you stated that TfL and Waltham Forest Council were both undertaking work to assess whether there is a case to take forward the Hall Farm Curve. Now that two months have passed, has that work been completed and if so, what is the outcome?

## **Blackwall Tunnel tidal flow**

**Question No: 2394 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

In your Answer to Question 1986/2009, you hoped "to be able to confirm the position very soon" on your election promise to restore the Blackwall Tunnel tidal flow? Two months on, can you now tell us what the position is?

## **Answers to Questions**

**Question No: 2395 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Can you please share with the rest of us the Answers to Questions 2031/2009 and 2032/2009 that you promised TfL would disclose to Kit Malthouse?

## **A316 Lower Richmond Road**

**Question No: 2396 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Your Answer to my Question 2063/2009 does not answer the question I asked. What was (a) the cost of the original work carried out by TfL at this location and (b) what was the cost of putting their error right?

## **Lighting columns on TfL roads [1]**

**Question No: 2397 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Further to my Question 2162/2009, please provide a table listing the locations of the 42 lighting columns for which EDF has requested disconnection.

## **Lighting columns on TfL roads [2]**

**Question No: 2398 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Further to my Question 2162/2009, can you provide a timetable for how long EDF proposes to take over decommissioning each of the 42 lighting columns for which they have requested disconnection?

## **Congestion charging: Olympic fleet**

**Question No: 2399 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What has been the outcome of the ongoing discussions between LOCOG, ODA and TfL about cars in the Olympic fleet being exempted (or not) from the Congestion Charge?

(Your Answer to my Question 1531/2009)

## **Passengers with mobility problems: bus ramps**

**Question No: 2400 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Further to your Answer to my Question 1533/2009, please provide an update on TfL's review of the situation over the use of the bus wheelchair ramp for passengers with walking frames following their discussions with users.

## **Long-term solution for Metronet**

**Question No: 2401 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

In June this year you indicated that you hoped "in the near future" to discuss the recommendations of the Joint Steering Group for a longer term solution for Metronet with Secretary of State for Transport Lord Adonis. What was the outcome of your discussions?

## **Resignalling Gospel Oak-Barking line [1]**

**Question No: 2402 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Please could you use your good offices to establish from Network Rail whether late running resignalling work between Wanstead Park and Upper Holloway is proceeding in accordance with the revised schedule and will be complete by late September, allowing the constant weekend closures of the Barking-Gospel Oak route for engineering work to cease after 25 October as currently advertised?

## **Resignalling Gospel Oak-Barking line [2]**

**Question No: 2403 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Please can you confirm that Transport for London Rail will be able to honour its long standing commitment to the Barking-Gospel Oak Line User Group to introduce a 15-minute frequency passenger service between Barking and Gospel Oak this September?

## **Bus route proposal for Wightman Road, Haringey**

**Question No: 2404 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Can you ask TfL to re-examine the case for the provision of a bus route (or the diversion of an existing route) along B138 Wightman Road in Haringey as many people who are not physically fit find it very demanding to get home after using services along Green Lanes – several stretches of Wightman Road can only be reached from Green Lanes along roads that involve a very steep climb?

## **E2 bus route: reduction in frequency [1]**

**Question No: 2405 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Passengers have noted with dismay the decision to reduce the frequency of the E2 bus service (Brentford-Ealing-Greenford) from 10 per hour to 8 per hour, and the substitution of unsuitable double-decker buses on the route. How much money each year will be saved by TfL on this contract by this service reduction?

## **E2 bus route: reduction in frequency [2]**

**Question No: 2406 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

In view of the many complaints received from passengers about the decision to reduce the frequency of the E2 bus service, can you explain what consultation took place before the decision was made, and how many responses were received? Will you now review the service in the light of public reaction?

## **Savings on Metronet contracts re-tendered**

**Question No: 2407 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

London Underground assert that by re-tendering for the Metronet contracts for the re-signalling programme for the Circle, District, Hammersmith & City and Metropolitan lines (Sub-Surface lines) they "have saved London's fare and taxpayers millions of pounds". Please state precisely how much has been saved through this re-tendering.

## **Delays to air-conditioned Tube trains**

**Question No: 2408 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Please explain why, when London Underground needs to be able to introduce air-conditioned Tube trains on the Metropolitan, Hammersmith & City, Circle and District lines by 2012, TfL have managed to submit such a "crude" design for the necessary electricity substation near Edgware Road, that Westminster City Council have refused permission for it.

## **TfL cleaning traffic lights**

**Question No: 2409 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Do TfL's maintenance contracts allow for cleaning the push-buttons or signal heads on traffic light installations when they have become fouled by bird infestation, and, if so, how often is this cleaning carried out?

## **Replacement buses on 507 route [1]**

**Question No: 2410 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

The 12-metre single-decker Mercedes Citaro buses you have introduced on the 507 have a huge area for standing passengers and only 21 seats, all but one of which are reached by quite a high step posing a problem for passengers with mobility problems. Are these "cattle-truck" buses your cunning plan to solve the bendy-bus issue, and do you really think Londoners will thank you for making them travel in these conditions?

## **Replacement buses on 507 route [2]**

**Question No: 2411 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

How do you respond to press reports that your replacement single-decker non-bendy buses on the 507 commuter route [Waterloo-Victoria] have been seriously overcrowded in the morning peak?

## **Replacement buses on 507 route [3]**

**Question No: 2412 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

How many journeys each day are made by buses currently operating the 507 route and how many journeys each day on the 507 route were made by 'bendy buses'?

## **Emissions from buses [1]**

**Question No: 2413 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What are the g/km CO2 emissions of the 12-metre Mercedes Citaro single-decker bus operated on services in central London?

## **Emissions from buses [2]**

**Question No: 2414 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What are the g/km CO2 emissions of the 18-metre Mercedes Citaro 'bendy bus' still operating on 10 routes in London?

## **Biomethane propulsion**

**Question No: 2415 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What work has been carried out by TfL to investigate powering buses in London by bio-gas fuels as is done in Stockholm and Lille?

## **Concessionary fares grant**

**Question No: 2416 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What steps have you taken to resist a possible transfer of £50 million a year grant for concessionary fares by the DfT from borough councils in London to local authorities elsewhere in the country?

## **Attacks at Buddhist Temple, Kingsbury Road**

**Question No: 2417 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Further to the reply you provided to question number 1555/2009 are you satisfied that the local police, and especially the Safer Neighbourhood Team, were properly consulted in the preparation of your reply and do you still stand by the decision of Transport for London to

refuse to move the stop and shelter?

## **Pedestrian facilities on North Circular**

**Question No: 2418 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What consideration has Transport for London given to the provision of a pedestrian footbridge at the junction of the North Circular Road with Brentfield Road, where a child died in a fatal accident earlier this year, and which is a location widely recognised as a dangerous junction for pedestrians to cross?

## **Fastbus (1)**

**Question No: 2419 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Following your meeting on the 6th April 2009 with a delegation which included myself and representatives from the Park Royal Partnership and the boroughs of Brent and Ealing what progress has been made in progressing the proposed orbital bus route Fastbus?

## **Fastbus (2)**

**Question No: 2420 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Will you publish the full details of the modelling that Transport for London have undertaken into the proposed usage and economic viability of the proposed Fastbus orbital bus route between Wembley Park and Park Royal?

## **Non-compliant pedestrian crossings (1)**

**Question No: 2421 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

In a letter dated the 13th July 2009 (your ref: MGLA270509-9778) you stated that there were currently 439 pedestrian crossings at junctions which currently do not meet 2005 Department for Transport safety guidance over the minimum time for pedestrians to cross. Could you please publish a table, broken down by each London borough, showing which junctions currently do not meet the 2005 guidance and the dates as to which Transport for London expect each junction to meet the safety guidance.

## **Non-compliant pedestrian crossings (2)**

**Question No: 2422 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

In a letter dated the 13th July 2009 (your ref: MGLA270509 - 9778) you stated that "I believe the programme we have in place is a realistic one, as the crossings are indeed safe and I will not be bringing forward the TfL improvement programme at the current time." In your letter you also stated that the non-compliant pedestrian crossings complied with the Department for Transport guidelines that were available at the time they were installed, and the DfT has been unequivocal that the guidelines published prior to 2005 are not unsafe." Please will you (a) publish detailed evidence to prove that these junctions are safe and (b) publish these "unequivocal" statements made by the DfT that the pedestrian crossings are "not unsafe".

## **Cycle Friday participation [1]**

**Question No: 2423 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

How many people took part in the 'Cycle Friday' events on (a) Friday 14 August (b) Friday 21 August (c) Friday 28 August (d) Friday 4 September

## **Cycle Friday participation [2]**

**Question No: 2424 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

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

## **Cycle Friday participation [3]**

**Question No: 2425 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

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

## **Cycle Friday access**

**Question No: 2426 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

While the idea behind your Cycle Rides programme seems attractive, can you explain how nervous cyclists are supposed to reach the advertised cycle meeting points, and what arrangements if any were made to allow these cyclists to take their bikes on public transport?

## **Integrated public transport**

**Question No: 2427 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Although Liberal Democrats proposed a bike hire scheme to the Mayor in 2001, and TfL worked on it under the previous Mayor, TfL have announced (16 August) that "the London Cycle Hire Scheme will not be Oyster card compatible at first" and that they "do not have a date" for it to become compatible. How do you account for this dismal failure and how does it fit with your pledge for integrated transport in London?

## **Decision not to pursue embassies for Congestion Charge**

**Question No: 2428 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

It was reported in the Daily Telegraph on the 10th August 2009 that Transport for London decided in February to abandon any attempts to force foreign embassies to pay unpaid congestion charge, parking fines and Penalty Charge Notices. What is your justification for making this decision?

## **Failure to disclose decision on recovering unpaid Congestion Charge**

**Question No: 2429 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

I wrote to you on 3 March on the issue of embassies not paying the Congestion Charge and

tabled a Written Question 2078/2009 on the issue. Neither your Written Answer nor your letter disclosed that you had decided that you would no longer pursue the embassies for the £28 million of unpaid charges. Can you explain this omission?

## **FCO involvement in recovering unpaid Congestion Charge**

**Question No: 2430 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What confidence do you have in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office being able to recover the £28 million of Congestion Charge so far unpaid by embassies in London? Why are they more likely to be successful than you were?

## **“Chaps” in TfL’s Control Centre**

**Question No: 2431 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

You are quoted in TfL’s Press Release 240 [19 August] as saying “The chaps in TfL’s control centre have a monster of a job”. Are there no women employed in the Control Centre? Please supply a breakdown of the gender balance at the Centre.

## **Sideman Rise**

**Question No: 2432 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What changes are Transport for London planning to make to the foot of Sydenham Rise Forest Hill SE23 at its junction with London Road (A205 South Circular Route) following their investigations into the traffic accident here on Sunday afternoon 29 March 2009 which resulted in the death of a pedestrian?

## **Congestion around Horniman Museum**

**Question No: 2433 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Given the significant increase in visitors to the Horniman Museum and Gardens, London Road (A205), Forest Hill SE23, (for example 23,000 recorded visitors on Sunday 9 August 2009), will you ask TfL to commit funding to (a) measure the impact of Horniman Museum related traffic on the local road network, and (b) examine the need for additional public transport options linking Forest Hill to other areas of London?

## **Green Travel Plans: Horniman Museum**

**Question No: 2434 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Has TfL been in touch with the management of the Horniman Museum to suggest that they draw up a “Green Travel Plan” with a view to reducing car use to and from the Museum, and if not, could they be asked to do so?

## **206 bus route**

**Question No: 2435 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Can you and TfL please consider increasing the frequency of the 206 bus route to improve links

from Brentfield Road with the Brent Park shopping area that do not involve pedestrians having to cross the North Circular Road?

## **Junction of Cavendish Road with Clapham Common Southside**

**Question No: 2436 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

In view of the pressing need of local residents for a 'green man' crossing at the junction of Cavendish Road with Clapham Common Southside, to give pedestrians priority during the cycle of the traffic light system, will you join me and local residents to visit the location and to witness the difficulty they have crossing the road safely?

## **Courthill Road and Lewisham High Street junction (1)**

**Question No: 2438 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

In response to the petition that I presented at Mayor's Question Time on the 17 June 2009 urging the provision of a pedestrian crossing at the junction of Courthill Road and Lewisham High Street you stated in a letter (your ref: MGLA180609 - 2411) that TfL is "continuing further detailed investigation to identify whether there are more complex or radical alterations that can be made to improve the operation of the junction". Following this pledge and in view of the strong support for a safer junction, especially following the serious pedestrian accident at this junction on Tuesday 28 April, will you clarify when TfL will complete these further investigations into steps that could possibly be taken to improve the safety of this junction?

## **Courthill Road and Lewisham High Street junction (2)**

**Question No: 2439 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

In response to the petition that I presented at Mayor's Question Time on the 17 June 2009 urging the provision of a pedestrian crossing at the junction of Courthill Road and Lewisham High Street you stated in a letter (your ref: MGLA180609 - 2411) that "If TfL were to install pedestrian signals at Courthill Road, this would necessitate the reallocation of green signal time from general traffic, which would significantly increase the level of congestion in the area." Are there any circumstances where TfL would consider that a possible rise in congestion was less important than fatal accidents or a situation where most residents were fearful of trying to cross the road?

## **Courthill Road and Lewisham High Street junction (3)**

**Question No: 2440 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

In response to the petition that I presented at Mayor's Question Time on the 17 June 2009, do you consider TfL's refusal to provide a safe pedestrian crossing on grounds that it would cause disruption to general traffic an affront to local residents who witnessed a severe pedestrian accident at this junction on the 28 April 2009?

## **Courthill Road and Lewisham High Street junction (4)**

**Question No: 2441 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

The Courthill Road and Lewisham High Street junction is located in Lewisham Central Ward where at the last census 49.6% of households reported having no car or van and in the

neighbouring ward of Rushey Green 46.6% of households reported having no car or van. In view of this, is it not time to give priority to pedestrians rather than traffic flow?

## **Green Bus Fund**

**Question No: 2442 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Will TfL be applying for funding from the Government's new £30M Green Bus Fund which has been created to encourage bus operators to buy or lease 'low carbon buses': i.e. 'very low and zero-emission vehicles' and for which TfL is specifically identified as eligible under the terms of the Fund?

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

**Question No: 2443 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

The 2007 Transport for London Investment Programme states 'The Investment Programme includes the implementation of a scheduling and booking system. This is planned to be live at all Dial-a-Ride depots by December 2007, enabling the current refusal rate of 99,000 to be halved...'

( [http://www.tfl.gov.uk/assets/downloads/corporate/01\\_Summary\(1\).pdf](http://www.tfl.gov.uk/assets/downloads/corporate/01_Summary(1).pdf) ) In view of the fact that between the 1st April 2008 to 31st March 2009 the number of refused trips to dial-a-ride users was 154,460 do you accept that past promises of an improved service to disabled people have not been fulfilled and that fundamental problems exist with the Dial-a-Ride service?

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

**Question No: 2444 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Please state what has been the number of full time equivalent (FTE) drivers for Dial-a-Ride for each year since 2006.

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

**Question No: 2445 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Please can you let me have a table on the performance of the Dial-a-Ride service providing information for each London borough and showing for each month since June 2009 (a) the number of trips made, (b) the number of requested trips that were refused, (c) the number of cancelled trips.

## **Pier near Vauxhall Station**

**Question No: 2446 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

The London Development Agency (LDA) in the River Thames Pier Plan has indicated that a pier near Vauxhall Station as part of the St. George's Wharf development would bring significant advantages to the local area in terms of integrated transport & interchange opportunities while simultaneously reducing pressure on local bus, rail and Underground services. Can you disclose (a) what progress, if any, has been made on facilitating the eventual construction of a pier at Vauxhall, and (b) whether discussions between TfL River Services, the LDA, the London Borough of Lambeth and the developers of St. George's Wharf have taken place over this

proposal?

## **Website to report environmental problems on transport lands**

**Question No: 2447 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

In relation to problems that exist on pavements there is already an excellent website [www.fixmystreet.co.uk](http://www.fixmystreet.co.uk) which enables people to report easily problems like broken paving slabs and fly-tipping to local councils. Could TfL host a website or web pages so that Londoners can report any problems – such as graffiti, litter and vandalism – that exist on any transport or railway land or structure?

## **Traffic light phasing: A2043 Central Road, Worcester Park**

**Question No: 2448 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

You stated in your Answer to my Question 1532/2009 that a site within the A2043 Central Road, Worcester Park was projected to have modernisation completed during August 2009. Has this work now been completed, and by what date do you expect the phasing of traffic lights on this road to have been linked as requested?

## **Recycling and newspaper waste**

**Question No: 2449 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Further to MQ 1604/2009 what discussions have TfL had with Network Rail to see what improvements can be made in recycling waste left on trains and in stations?

## **Thames water**

**Question No: 2450 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Have you had, or will you have, discussions with Thames Water to encourage them not to cut back on vital mains replacement work following Ofwat's draft decision to limit investment to 2015 to £4.6bn rather than £5.5bn, especially given Thames Water's record profits last year?

## **Air pollution – protective devices**

**Question No: 2451 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

What advice and/or protective devices do each of the GLA functional bodies give direct and sub-contracted employees who are required to work for long periods in public spaces where ambient air pollution exceeds European Union limit values?

## **Thames Tideway Tunnel (1)**

**Question No: 2452 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Have you or officers met with Hammersmith and Fulham to ensure that the construction of the Thames Tideway Tunnel is not delayed; given that so far this year the Combined Sewer Overflows (CSO) at Hammersmith, Lots Road, Western and Abbey Mills have discharged more than 10 million cubic meters of storm sewage – enough to fill over 4000 Olympic swimming

pools.

## **Thames Tideway Tunnel (2)**

**Question No: 2453 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Will you be forwarding a copy of your Water Strategy to Hammersmith and Fulham Council and asking the Leader to drop his ill-informed opposition to the Thames Tideway Tunnel?

## **Environment Programme – energy efficiency**

**Question No: 2454 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Could you please quantify and clarify your aim in Leading to a Greener London to “Dramatically improve the energy efficiency of London’s homes and buildings”. Please provide intermediate targets for your “ambition...to retrofit over half of London’s three million homes by 2025”?

## **Environment Programme – tree cover**

**Question No: 2455 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Can you estimate how much it will cost to deliver your aim to increase the tree cover across London from 20% to 25% by 2025 or around 2m trees, given that 10,000 trees have cost £4m? Where would this funding come?

## **Environment Programme – Low Carbon Taskforce**

**Question No: 2456 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

When are you planning to set up the Low Carbon Taskforce and what will its aims and deliverables be?

## **Environment Programme – London Green Fund**

**Question No: 2457 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Further to your announcement of £4m to start the London Green Fund, has the feasibility analysis of the fund mentioned in Leading to Greener London been carried out? Who will manage the fund and by when do you expect to get the £100-200m of funding from external sources to invest in new projects?

## **London Sustainable Development Commission – Quality of Life Indicators**

**Question No: 2458 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

How will the findings of the London Sustainable Development Commission’s Quality of Life Indicators 2008-9 Report feed into and affect your strategies?

## **The Mayor's Academies Programme**

**Question No: 2459 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Further to your direction to the LDA (MD379) to fund up to 10 Academies at the cost of up to £8m, can you clarify what age groups this funding will be targeted at and whether these 10 Academies include the previously announced Retrofitting and Tunnelling academies?

## **London Hydrogen Board**

**Question No: 2460 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Why have you chosen Kit Malthouse to chair this Board rather than your environment or transport advisers, and what experience is Kit bringing to the Board?

## **Payments over £1000 lists**

**Question No: 2462 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Please define the difference between 'Temporary Agency Staff Costs', 'Consultancy Fees' and 'Capital Expenditure – Consultancy' which are listed in the payments over £1000 lists.

## **GLA consultants**

**Question No: 2463 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

How many consultants (excluding Temporary Agency Staff) have been employed by the GLA since May 2008? How long have each been employed for? Please provide a breakdown of how much each were paid.

## **Temporary Agency Staff Costs**

**Question No: 2464 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

How many temporary agency staff have the GLA employed per month since May 2008, and at what cost per month?

## **Limelight Projects Ltd**

**Question No: 2465 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

What 'Other Supplies & Services' did Limelight Projects Ltd deliver for the GLA at the cost of £309,652.38, as recorded in the July list for payments over £1000?

## **Play Sport London**

**Question No: 2466 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

How many grants were provided by Play Sport London for events from 1 July – 30 September 2009? How many people have visited the Play Sport website? How many new participants have attended events funded by Play Sport so far?

## **Concessionary fares**

**Question No: 2467 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Given that you limited the JSA/ESA concession to 1 year initially, what are your future plans for such concessionary fares?

## **Bus and tram discount for JSA and ESA take-up**

**Question No: 2468 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Could you please provide updated figures for how many people have taken up the concession in total and by borough, per month, and how many Londoners are now eligible for it?

## **Borough Housing Targets**

**Question No: 2469 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

How many memorandums of understanding have been signed with London boroughs with regards to individual borough housing targets?

## **Action plan on greater tenure mix**

**Question No: 2470 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Can you provide more detail of the action in your draft Housing Strategy to “develop proposals to improve tenure mix in neighbourhoods dominated by a single tenure”?

## **Questions from the Minister for Housing and Planning**

**Question No: 2471 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

How have you responded to John Healy’s letter of 23 July which asked you “how you plan to use the considerable powers at your disposal, including...the process for agreeing and delivering Borough-level targets, the use of local authority land, and local planning powers, to help deliver as many as possible of the high quality and affordable homes that Londoners need”?

## **Community Land Trust Delivery Board**

**Question No: 2473 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Who is on your “Community Land Trust Delivery Board”, how often has the board met and how many pilot CLTs will there be in London by 2011?

## **Potential Empty Homes**

**Question No: 2474 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Will your audit of empty homes also include vacant commercial property which could be utilised as short-term housing?

## **North Circular empty properties**

**Question No: 2475 / 2009**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Can you provide an update on what progress you have made with Transport for London, HCA and LB Enfield to bring an end to the currently unacceptable situation of the 79 empty houses owned by TfL along the North Circular in Enfield?

## **CCTV on buses**

**Question No: 2477 / 2009**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Will you please ask TfL to review how long they and bus operators hold CCTV records? At present it is policy to only hold records for one week, and this may not be long enough for it to be recognised that there be a need to look at footage following incidents on buses.

## **Chicken Feed**

**Question No: 2485 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

How can the Mayor justify his claim that the additional £250,000 p.a. he receives for his work for the Telegraph is "chicken feed" when many London residents are living on less than one tenth of that figure, and not for an article they throw together each Sunday morning? How many more times are you going to insult Londoners with such badly chosen words?

## **TfL Board**

**Question No: 2486 / 2009**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

As Chair, are you aware of any instances on which a TfL Board member has failed to act appropriately in relation to a prejudicial interest?

## **LDA Hospitality**

**Question No: 2487 / 2009**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Are you happy that according to the Daily Mirror 'The London Development Agency spent £44,201 on an evening reception, where 320 guests downed £8,887 worth of "free" drinks'? Do you think that is an appropriate use of tax-payers money?

## **Bus Services in London**

**Question No: 2488 / 2009**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Do you support KPMG's view that "there is no compelling evidence, at this time, that a net cost model would deliver financial benefits"?

## **Meeting with the Save the South London Line Campaign.**

**Question No: 2489 / 2009**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

My letter to you of 30th June specifically requests a meeting with you. Your reply dated 24th

July makes no response to this meeting request. Will you please meet a cross party deputation of the MPS, Councillors, hospitals and community groups who are trying to save the South London Line service?

## **Thames River Crossings**

**Question No: 2490 / 2009**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Which crossing will be completed by May 2012? If none, which will be the most advanced and at what stage do you expect it to be at?

## **Thames Crossings**

**Question No: 2491 / 2009**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Please give a priority order for your preferred projects to provide cross - Thames transport links.

## **Orbital Transport.**

**Question No: 2492 / 2009**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Which new orbital transport projects and service do you expect to have developed and have in operation by May 2012? Which existing orbital transport services will you have removed by this date?

## **New Malden "Pearly" Gates**

**Question No: 2493 / 2009**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

What action are you taking to you fight for rail commuters in New Malden and help the Kingston Area Travellers Association campaign to stop South West Trains closing the High Street/Twin Towers entrance to the station?

## **Traffic Lights**

**Question No: 2494 / 2009**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Why were traffic lights at Sloane Square out for over a week in early July so that pedestrians complained about feeling unsafe?

## **London Cycle Hire Scheme Planning Applications (1)**

**Question No: 2495 / 2009**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

I have letter from a well known community member in Kennington he says ' I wish to stress that, having seen Paris's Cycle Hire Docking Stations in operation on numerous occasions in the past two or three years, I am a strong supporter of the London scheme. But I think the way TfL has informed local people, failed to ensure consultation opportunities and 'jumped the gun' in arranging power supply to the proposed docking station sites before planning decisions have been made is not acceptable.' What is your reaction to this criticism of TfL's process of installing the Cycle Hire scheme?

## **London Cycle Hire Scheme Planning Applications (2)**

**Question No: 2496 / 2009**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Why do you think TfL are experiencing problems with Cycle Hire Planning Applications in Westminster and Camden?

## **Oyster on London Cycle Hire Scheme**

**Question No: 2497 / 2009**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

In answer to my question in March (0881/2009) you assured me that "Registered users will be able to use their oyster cards to use the London Cycle Hire scheme", but now we are told that the scheme will not be compatible when it goes live and that TfL can give no date for when it will be compatible. Why is this?

## **Just Deli**

**Question No: 2498 / 2009**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

One of my constituents wants to know whether the new cafeteria at City Hall serves free-range eggs and products made from free-range eggs? He believes (and I agree) that City Hall should set a good example in animal welfare

## **Shared Space Schemes 1**

**Question No: 2499 / 2009**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Have you met the Guide Dogs for the Blind organisations as promised at MQT on 17th June?

## **Shared space schemes 2**

**Question No: 2500 / 2009**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Can you give a clear and consistent statement of your policy on Shared Space in relation to the Exhibition Road scheme which is currently causing concern amongst a wide range of disability organisations? Are you satisfied that the scheme agreed by K&C will be safe for disabled people with communication problems?

## **507 Bus**

**Question No: 2501 / 2009**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Have you asked TfL to carry out a capacity study or passenger survey to check whether this service now provides adequate capacity to meet passenger demand?

## **G1 Bus (1)**

**Question No: 2502 / 2009**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

The Streatham Vale Property Owners Association are extremely disappointed that TfL have refused to meet their request for a short extension to this service to make local access to shops

and health services more convenient. In light of your commitment to listen to the public and local Councils and allow them more say on commissioning bus services will you ask Lambeth and Croydon Councils whether they too support this request for a short extension of this suburban orbital bus route?

## **G1 Bus (2)**

**Question No: 2503 / 2009**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Why has TfL taken no account of the strong views of the Lambeth Primary Care Trust regarding the route of the G1 bus in Streatham?

## **Bexley-Clapham orbital transport links**

**Question No: 2504 / 2009**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

When is this journey going to get better?

## **Fare evasion**

**Question No: 2505 / 2009**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Is the Mayor going to increase the number of fare evasion teams to cope with the increased number of non-bendy buses - there are now single deckers which allow passengers to get on at both doors!

## **Bike theft epidemic**

**Question No: 2506 / 2009**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Will you be planning to integrate projects to develop secure cycle parking places into the Crossrail project? Could you make use of empty railway arches and underground empty spaces for secure cycle parking?

## **London Living Wage**

**Question No: 2507 / 2009**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

At MQT in June you reported that there were 50 cleaners who were not in receipt of the London Living Wage but that had now been resolved satisfactorily. However I am advised that cleaners working for ISS on the Tube Lines contract are not paid the London Living Wage. Neither do staff under the new contract agreed by Tube Lines for tile floor cleaning. Can you please confirm in writing that TfL intends that ISS should be paying LLW under the terms of their agreement with TfL/LUL?

## **Treatment of staff unable to work due to snow**

**Question No: 2508 / 2009**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Monday 2 February was a difficult day for London Underground staff. Those who did make it to work should be rewarded for their efforts in keeping London running, and, as you said in the Evening Standard, staff who could not make it for reasons beyond their control should not be

penalised. However London Underground management have since confirmed to RMT that of the 573 staff unable to get to work on 2 Feb, fewer than 10% (57 staff) were given paid special leave. The remainder has had pay or leave deducted. Will you intervene as Chair of TfL to correct this injustice?

## **Blue Light Museum**

**Question No: 2509 / 2009**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

What steps have you or the functional Bodies taken to progress your proposals for the creation of a 'Blue Light' museum?

## **Bus Destination Blinds**

**Question No: 2510 / 2009**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

How much money did Transport for London spend on bus destination blinds last year?

## **Fare Zoning Shoreditch station**

**Question No: 2511 / 2009**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

When the East London Line service commences I understand that Shoreditch station is to be rezoned from 2 to 1 to reduce the loss of potential income to TfL. However passengers passing through the station to continue on to Highbury, which is zone 2 will effectively be paying for a zone 1 ticket for getting off at a zone 2 station. Can you please make sure that the zone one fare only applies to passengers alighting at Shoreditch?

## **West London Line**

**Question No: 2512 / 2009**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

What are the prospects for increasing the frequency of the hourly East Croydon to Watford Milton Keynes train service (via Clapham junction) - what are the obstacles to doing this ?

## **Coulsdon South, Riddlesdown, Sandersted in Croydon**

**Question No: 2513 / 2009**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Why are these important local commuter stations which sit inside the GLA boundary classed as 'outside London' by rail planners - whereas Chipstead, Caterham, Sevenoaks are planned within the London network? Do you think this needs bringing up to date?

## **Junction of Mitcham Lane and Ambleside Avenue**

**Question No: 2514 / 2009**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

One of my constituents asks "there are children, including a disabled child who uses a wheelchair users who are putting their lives at risk daily, because of one dangerous junction where the crossing time is too short and drivers including bus drivers routinely drive through the green pedestrian light. Why is the Mayor not ensuring as a priority, that these children are able to walk safely to their school in Streatham, when it is simply a case of lengthening the

pedestrian crossing time and installing a camera at the junction?

## **Tax Increment Finance Proposal**

**Question No: 2515 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

You have apparently supported a proposal, outlined in a bid to the Treasury for Accelerated Development Zone status, to extend the Northern Line to Battersea Power Station via Nine Elms. Where does this proposal sit in your hierarchy of proposals for investment, and, given that it does not feature in either the current transport strategy or 'Way to Go', does this mean that in future schemes may be supported for which there is no or limited policy justification?

## **Benefits for high Income Households**

**Question No: 2516 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Do you agree with your policy director that non-means-tested benefits and possibly other benefits for high income households should be stopped?

## **Travel Safe Officers**

**Question No: 2517 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

What are they and what value will they add?

## **Blackwall Tunnel Contraflow**

**Question No: 2518 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Can you provide a summary answer followed by a detailed brief on your progress with proposals to re-introduce peak-time contraflow in the Southbound tunnel? If this would require large vehicles to be diverted elsewhere what plans do you have for their diversion? Has (or will) any assessment of alternative routes for larger commercial vehicles included an assessment of the economic cost of diversion?

## **Re-phasing traffic lights**

**Question No: 2519 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

You published a Manifesto priority to re-phase lights at 1,000 busy junctions to ease congestion. This has been presented as a policy friendly to motorists. At the same time, TfL are on course, in a range of locations, to make safer a number of crossings by allowing more time for pedestrians rather than less, as a result of deaths or injuries and the increased fears and complaints from the public. In what way is your policy coherent?

## **Central London Cycle Parking**

**Question No: 2520 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Will you stay true to your promise and stand up to central London councils who resist cycle parking provision on the grounds that this is at the expense of car parking provision and revenue? In particular will you remind them that controlled parking is a tool to serve the public

and not a racket to raise money?

## **Gender Pay Gap**

**Question No: 2521 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

What is your reaction to the latest reported figures showing that the gender pay gap is widening and what measures are you taking to reverse this trend?

## **ESOL Funding**

**Question No: 2522 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Given the recent termination of LSC (and its successor, the SFA) funding for ESOL teaching, and the recognised problems this is causing in London, where basic skills including language teaching must continue to be a priority, what leadership are you giving to address this funding problem? What representations have you made? What alternative sources of funding have you sought?

## **McDonalds & Olympics**

**Question No: 2523 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

What are you doing to ensure that McDonalds status as the branded food retailer will not prevent Olympic visitors from experiencing a wider range of London's food offerings?

## **Olympic Stadium Legacy Use**

**Question No: 2524 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Do you have a serious proposal to use the Olympic Stadium for rugby (media reports 29th July) or was that just a throwaway soundbite? Do you agree with the Tory shadow sports minister that the stadium should be used for cricket (media 27th July)? Or is your party's policy to use this major public venue as a prop for whatever you last thought of?

## **Olympic Ticket Costs**

**Question No: 2525 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Will you be standing up for Londoners to ensure they get affordable ticket prices for the Olympic Games?

## **US Citizenship**

**Question No: 2526 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Have you renounced your US citizenship, as declared in the Spectator in August 2006? The reason I ask is that this might give a measure of your commitment to London.

## **Donation of Tamiflu**

**Question No: 2527 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

In deciding to donate the GLA store of Tamiflu, what consideration did you give to the previous policy basis for holding it? In particular, what if any safeguards did you secure for key workers in the GLA family for whom mass vaccination might have been an option?

## **Transparency of earnings versus secrecy of tax status**

**Question No: 2528 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Is there any conflict between your growing assertion that public representatives should reveal all of their earnings and your repeated insistence that whether they, or those who fund them, pay tax in the UK is purely between them and the taxman? If not, why not?

## **Air conditioning on the DLR**

**Question No: 2529 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Do you have any plans to introduce air conditioning on the DLR like you have promised it on the Underground?

## **Air Conditioning on Crossrail**

**Question No: 2530 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

You recently answered that Crossrail trains will be air-conditioned. Given that tunnel overheating is a well-versed problem on the tube, and is a reason for not being able to install air-conditioning on tube as against sub-surface Underground trains, and given that the additional costs of providing cooling was a reason why RER trains in Paris (their equivalent of Crossrail) are not air-conditioned, can you explain how this will be facilitated on Crossrail and what additional tunnel or station cooling costs are involved?

## **Olympic Slums**

**Question No: 2531 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Do you agree with your colleague that the Olympic Delivery Authority are building 'slums of the future' at Stratford, and a 'tenanted ghetto', and if so what are you doing to stop this from happening?

## **Central London Cycle Parking 1**

**Question No: 2532 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

How many cycle stands will you install, with a breakdown for each borough, and what is your deadline?

## **Hedge Funds**

**Question No: 2533 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Has the threat of European regulation now been fully lifted? If not, what further steps are needed?

## **Tall buildings in Barking**

**Question No: 2534 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

What visits have you made to Barking to uniform your view on the appropriateness of the development at Vicarage Fields? Please give the date, and summarise the detailed questions you asked. Given that your views overrode officer recommendations, what steps did you take to inform your view other than by visiting the site?

## **Thames Gateway Bridge 1**

**Question No: 2535 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Are you satisfied with the recommendations made in TfL's report identifying the need for at least 2 river crossings in East London and do you believe that the alternatives suggested, including ferries, cable cars and footbridges, are a viable option for motorists?

## **Thames Gateway Bridge 2**

**Question No: 2536 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Under TfL's proposals which you have accepted, what reassurance would you give to, say, a family in Thamesmead who currently face a detour of 40 minutes via the Woolwich ferry, or an even longer detour via the Blackwell tunnel, to visit relatives in Barking, that the new crossing you authorize will ease their car journey?

## **Thames Gateway Bridge 3**

**Question No: 2537 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Given that there are 18 road bridges between Richmond and the Tower of London and given that the same length of river to the East of the Tower has just four road crossings, do you still insist that East London is not in need of a road river crossing? Will you live to regret your decision to cancel the Thames Gateway Bridge?

## **KICC 1**

**Question No: 2538 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Have you, or any of your advisers from City Hall, or officers from the LDA since May 2008, met with representatives from the Kingsway International Christian Centre? If so, can you give details and dates of your appointments including attendees and any agreements made?

## **KICC 2**

**Question No: 2539 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Would a place of worship (church or other) be an appropriate land use in the Olympic Legacy lands?

## **KICC 3**

**Question No: 2540 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

If the planning appeal at Rainham succeeds, are you and the LDA legally or otherwise committed to disposing of the Beam Reach site to the church?

## **KICC 4**

**Question No: 2541 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Have you, or the LDA, explored the possibility of finding further alternative sites for the Church, including within the legacy Olympic Park if the planning appeal for the site at Rainham does not succeed?

## **Jobseekers Travel Card Concession**

**Question No: 2542 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Following the Budget Committee's findings that only 20% of those claiming Jobseekers Allowance that qualify for your Travel Discount Card have signed up to the scheme, how do you intend to promote this further to benefit more low-income Londoners?

## **Travel Discount Card**

**Question No: 2543 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Do you intend to extend the Discount Card to other forms of transport other than the bus and tram?

## **Foot Tunnel Closures**

**Question No: 2544 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Given the impending closure of the Greenwich and Woolwich foot tunnels, what support are you offering to Greenwich Council in providing an alternative river crossing for the several hundred inconvenienced pedestrians and cyclists who use the tunnel every day?

## **Greenwich & Woolwich Foot Tunnel Closures**

**Question No: 2545 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Will you allow a relaxation of the DLR's no-bicycle policy during the period the tunnels remain closed?

## **Jobs for young people**

**Question No: 2546 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

There seems to be nothing too revolutionary about your recently-launched website for graduates – the services offered are a job searching function, tips on writing cvs and performing well at interview. Can you explain in what way it is different to existing job websites?

## **Reducing Olympic HGVs**

**Question No: 2547 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

What is your reaction to Lord Berkeley's, Chair of the Rail Freight Group, report that 800,000 truck movements could be saved around the Olympic site by using rail freight to deliver steel, precast concrete and prefabricated building elements, all of which were transported by rail for the construction of Heathrow Terminal 5? What consideration have you given to alternatives to HGV's in the construction of the Olympic stadium and other facilities?

## **Skyride**

**Question No: 2548 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Further to the Skyride cycling event hosted in Hounslow this August, do you have dates confirmed for similar large-scale events to promote cycling in other outer London boroughs?

## **Childcare Affordability Programme**

**Question No: 2549 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

I welcome this proposal to help low income families with childcare costs and access to work but I notice that the scheme is confined to 10 London boroughs. Given that Tower Hamlets and Newham are in the top four boroughs for households receiving out-of-work benefits, have you considered or will you consider introducing the programme in these boroughs?

## **City Airport 1**

**Question No: 2550 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

You recently reversed your decision on this to give your support to the 50% expansion. What transport improvements do you propose to make in the area to accommodate for the large increases in passenger numbers travelling to and from the airport?

## **City Airport 2**

**Question No: 2551 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

What will be your position if the airport proposes an expansion beyond 120,000 flights per year? Would you accept that the current envelope is beginning to stretch local residents patience and to affect their quality of life and right to quiet enjoyment in their homes?

### **City Airport 3**

**Question No: 2552 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

It is predicted that, of the extra passengers travelling to and from the airport, 44% will use the DLR. By what capacity will DLR trains increase after the implementation of the 3 carriage trains and will this be enough to cope with the existing problem of overcrowding as well as this latest factor of an increase in passenger numbers from City airport.

### **Mayor's Media Team**

**Question No: 2553 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Thank you for your part response to my question 1871/2009 where you clarify that there are currently 13 filled posts in the Mayor's media team but fail to identify how many unfilled posts exist. Please could you have another stab at answering how many unfilled posts there currently are?

### **Dagenham Prison 1**

**Question No: 2554 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

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: 2555 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

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: 2556 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

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: 2557 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

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: 2558 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

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)?

## **Crossrail Savings**

**Question No: 2559 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Does the current climate in the construction industry provide an opportunity to save on the costs of Crossrail without reducing its functionality?

## **Surrey Canal Road Station**

**Question No: 2560 / 2009**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Reduced construction costs mean that Transport for London will only need to invest £3million to pay for a new station at Surrey Canal Road during construction of the new East London Line - much cheaper than returning to the project at a later date and a relatively small sum in transport infrastructure terms. Why don't you think the community around Surrey Canal Road are worth, or deserve, this relatively small investment?

## **Top Ups at Station Ticket Offices**

**Question No: 2561 / 2009**

[Navin Shah](#)

I understand TfL are currently trialing a minimum £5 top up at station ticket offices.

- Will this rule apply to children, as given the level of discount, £5 can be a good deal of money for a top up?
- Will station ticket offices correct incorrect tickets issued by shops and other Oyster vendors?
- Will there be a minimum cash amount for refund transactions at ticket offices?

## **'Super Hubs'**

**Question No: 2562 / 2009**

[Navin Shah](#)

I welcome the Outer London Commission's recognition 'super-hubs' would have detrimental effects on neighbouring town centres. How do you propose to protect numerous centres in North West London from the proposed expansion of Brent Cross?

## **Transparency**

**Question No: 2563 / 2009**

[Navin Shah](#)

In your planning decision on Edgware Town FC (PDU/2197/02) you state that "the Leader of Harrow Council has written to the Mayor requesting that he reconsider his decision" (to refuse). Would the Mayor agree transparency should surround planning decisions? Why must my request for a copy of this letter be treated as a Freedom of Information request?

## **Planning Law**

**Question No: 2564 / 2009**

[Navin Shah](#)

Are you aware of regulations surrounding listed buildings, or any planning law at all?

## **Cycle Fridays**

**Question No: 2565 / 2009**

[Navin Shah](#)

Do you have any plans to extend the Cycle Fridays network further into the suburbs, particularly in North West London?

## **Demonstrations**

**Question No: 2566 / 2009**

[Navin Shah](#)

Will the Mayor join me in condemning demonstrations by right wing groups spurred on by the myth Sharia Law will soon be practiced in Harrow?

## **Chiltern Railways**

**Question No: 2567 / 2009**

[Navin Shah](#)

According to casework and a petition presented to Chiltern railways, there is considerable demand for increased frequencies through Sudbury & Harrow Road station following reductions in December 2004. Will the Mayor and TfL lobby Chiltern to increase frequencies on this fast and valuable line serving hard to reach parts of my constituency with a link to Marylebone?

## **Fortis Green Allotments**

**Question No: 2568 / 2009**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Thames Water is planning to sell its allotments in Fortis Green, Haringey. In advertising literature, it is suggesting development opportunities for the site. The local council, local residents, allotment holders and myself are dismayed at the threatened loss of these valuable allotments. Will you join with me in making representations to Thames Water urging them to retain this land as allotments?

## **Allotments**

**Question No: 2569 / 2009**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

What plans do you have to protect allotment sites in London from development?

## **Cricket Facilities in East London**

**Question No: 2570 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

In MQ 450/2009 I asked you if you would consider the huge demand for cricket facilities in East London in studies for the use of the Olympic Park after the Games. You responded by stating

that you remained “open to exploring additional ideas for maximising sporting usage of the main stadium and the Olympic Park. Can you update me as to what ideas have been explored to date?

## **Stratford Super Surgery**

**Question No: 2571 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

In March this year I referred to MQ 143/2009 in which I had asked you what steps you were taking to ensure the commitment to a Super Surgery at Stratford was being kept and within what timescale and I asked for an update on the discussions between the ODA, Newham PCT and the Dept of Health. You responded that discussions were continuing. Six months down the line, are you now able to give me any information on the outcome of these discussions.

## **Manufacturing Advisory Service**

**Question No: 2572 / 2009**

[Len Duvall](#)

One of the proposals in your Economic Recovery Action Plan of December 2008 was to re-launch the ‘Manufacturing Advisory Service’, which had been in existence since before you were elected Mayor. However, despite the fact that this scheme did not need to be devised from first principles, it has taken you seven months set it up. Why?

## **Economic Recovery Investment Fund**

**Question No: 2573 / 2009**

[Len Duvall](#)

In your December 2008 ERAP, you promised to “launch a new £10 million Economic Recovery Investment Fund to help SMEs access loans to weather the current economic conditions. In your July 2009 update you acknowledge your failure to achieve this, stating that ‘the target launch date is early 2010’ for the Equity Finance programme element of the program. This clearly an unacceptable amount of time to take, failing utterly to meet the needs of SMEs throughout the current economic crisis. You strongly imply that the European Regional Development Fund is to blame for your failure to deliver this program due to their “requirements regarding procurement of the fund management contract”. If I were to contact the ERDF, would they share this view or are you using them as a scapegoat for your own failings?

## **Gateway to Investment Programme**

**Question No: 2574 / 2009**

[Len Duvall](#)

To date, how much of the £1.5 million ‘Gateway to Investment program’ budget has been spent? More or less than the £410,000 it has helped companies raise?

## **Lobbying**

**Question No: 2575 / 2009**

[Len Duvall](#)

In December 2008 you promised to “lobby public sector partners, central government, public agencies and large businesses in London to promote positive approaches to ensuring contracts are genuinely open to SMEs and reductions in the standard payment periods for SMEs”. Which ministers, public agencies and large businesses have you lobbied and when?

## **Academy Proposals**

**Question No: 2576 / 2009**

[Len Duvall](#)

On what grounds did the LDA board initially refuse to provide funding for your academy proposals before being forced to do so via a 'Mayoral Direction'?

## **Value for Money**

**Question No: 2577 / 2009**

[Len Duvall](#)

In the interests of transparency, will you commit to instruct LDA to conduct a 'value for money' exercise of your academy proposals before committing funds to their provision?

## **Mayor's Academies**

**Question No: 2578 / 2009**

[Len Duvall](#)

Will the academies funded by the GLA be called 'Mayor's Academies'?

## **Research**

**Question No: 2579 / 2009**

[Len Duvall](#)

What research, if any, was carried out to ensure that funds earmarked for your academies program could not be better spent elsewhere; on providing a more comprehensive package of skills training to London's 16-24 year old NEETs (Not in Employment Education or Training), for example?

## **Winter Tourism Campaign**

**Question No: 2580 / 2009**

[Len Duvall](#)

In your July 2009 ERAP update you state that your £150k winter tourism campaign generated £1.75. How did you arrive at this figure?

## **European Winter Campaign**

**Question No: 2582 / 2009**

[Len Duvall](#)

In your July 2009 ERAP update you state that the European Winter campaign has so far returned economic benefit of £9.2 million. How did you arrive at this figure?

## **Promote London Council**

**Question No: 2583 / 2009**

[Len Duvall](#)

In June 2009 you launch the 'Promote London Council' to help "maximise the impact of the capital's marketing expenditure". How much does this group cost to run and how will it develop a "comprehensive approach to promoting the capital and establishing a brand for London"?

## **Apprenticeships**

**Question No: 2584 / 2009**

[Len Duvall](#)

In December 2008 you announced that you would provide over 1,000 apprenticeship places and 100 work experience placement per year through the GLA Group. By December 2009 will you have achieved your first year target 1000 apprenticeships and 100 work experience placements?

## **Tax Relief on Travelcards**

**Question No: 2585 / 2009**

[Len Duvall](#)

In December 2008 you claimed that you would lobby the Treasury "to allow income tax relief on travelcards, as with a similar system already in place in Nottingham, Bristol and Edinburgh". Did you 'do your homework' on the matter?

## **Partners**

**Question No: 2586 / 2009**

[Len Duvall](#)

We are pleased that you have finally admitted that you were wrong to oppose the minimum wage in the past and have been converted to its benefit and also that of the London Living Wage (1953 / 2009). In your December 2008 ERAP update you claim that you are "working with other partners to encourage its wider take-up". What "other partners" have you liaised with on this matter and when?

## **Repossessions**

**Question No: 2587 / 2009**

[Len Duvall](#)

In your December 2008 ERAP, you claimed that you would "develop policy responses to assist households at risk of repossession". However, instead of elaborating on achievements in this area in your July 2009 update, you take the opportunity to attack the government, stating that its "mortgage rescue scheme has only assisted two households". Please list your policy responses to assist households at risk of repossession and state how many households you, as Mayor, have prevented from being repossessed?

## **Infrastructure Projects**

**Question No: 2588 / 2009**

[Len Duvall](#)

Despite promising to "lobby government to bring forward TfL funding so that essential transport infrastructure projects can be accelerated" in your December 2008 ERAP, you state in your July 2009 update that "there has not been further progress with government". Why?

## **Green Industries**

**Question No: 2589 / 2009**

[Len Duvall](#)

I am aware of your belief that "intervention is far better focused on addressing market failures which impede economic efficiency"(1331/2009). Does this mean that you are unambiguously

opposed to using your powers of direction at the LDA to catalyse emerging 'green' industries?

## **Manufacturing in London**

**Question No: 2590 / 2009**

[Len Duvall](#)

In your Economic Development Strategy Proposals, you provide evidence to justify your confidence in the downward trend of manufacturing in London (Exhibit 1; p.19). However, you fail elaborate on whether or not you believe this trend could and should be halted and reversed. Furthermore, you make no value judgement on whether or not it is important for London to retain a manufacturing base. Do you wish to see high-skilled manufacturing survive in London and, if so, how do you intend to achieve this?

## **Green Tech Industries**

**Question No: 2591 / 2009**

[Len Duvall](#)

Given the potential for London to seize on the immense opportunities presented by climate change mitigation, I believe that 'Green Tech' industries likely to emerge in the coming years present very real opportunities in terms of high skilled manufacturing. Have you fully explored these opportunities and, if so, what are your conclusions?

## **Pollution in London**

**Question No: 2592 / 2009**

[Len Duvall](#)

Do you agree that pollution in London is a very real barrier to inward investment in London and, if so, why did you choose to largely ignore Cushman and Wakefield's 'European Cities Monitor' finding that London lags 26 places behind its European competitors in terms of attractiveness business on grounds of pollution?

## **Pollution in London 2**

**Question No: 2593 / 2009**

[Len Duvall](#)

The 'European Cities Monitor' shows that London lags 26 places behind other European competitors on attractiveness to business in terms of "freedom from pollution" yet you offer no policy responses in your Economic Development Strategy proposal document (merely offering, with startling insight, the suggestion that "London needs to do better"(p.24 EDS proposal document)). Why?

## **Electric Vehicles**

**Question No: 2594 / 2009**

[Len Duvall](#)

You have consistently emphasised the importance of 'not picking winners' when it comes to economic development. However, you appear to have placed a disproportionately large amount of faith the ability of electric vehicles to deliver large-scale carbon reductions by announcing the potential for the GLA to deliver 25,000 'charging points' by 2015. Why have you placed so much faith in the electric vehicle industry to deliver large-scale emissions reductions?

## **Lights at Kent House Road and Sydenham Road**

**Question No: 2595 / 2009**

[Len Duvall](#)

When was the phasing of the traffic lights/pedestrian crossings at the junction of Kent House Road and Sydenham Road in SE26 last reviewed? I have had reports from pedestrians that there is an extremely long delay waiting for the 'green man' pedestrian phase on both arms of the junction and even claims that the 'green man' phase seems to be being missed out on some cycles. I would appreciate the excessively long waits for pedestrians being looked at and rectified, as would the pedestrians of Sydenham.

## **Worklessness**

**Question No: 2596 / 2009**

[Len Duvall](#)

I expect future decisions on your 'welfare to work' proposals to be significantly influenced by the Conservative Shadow Minister for Welfare Reform, Lord Freud, who you also recently appointed as a welfare adviser. As a strong advocate of private sector 'outcome-based' financing of welfare to work programmes, he recently provided the following description of how such programs work to the members of the Assembly's EDCST Committee (07.07.09):

"You tell the people on the front line, 'you're going to do the problems' and we will...erm...we will pay for your successful outcomes"

Are you convinced that throwing money at London's private sector employability brokers solve the city's problem of entrenched worklessness?

## **London Hydrogen Partnership**

**Question No: 2597 / 2009**

[Nicky Gavron](#)

What are the plans for the London Hydrogen Partnership?

## **London Hydrogen Partnership 2**

**Question No: 2598 / 2009**

[Nicky Gavron](#)

The model that underpins the London Hydrogen Partnership has meant that private sector investment contributions have been secured in the past. Will this model continue?

## **London Hydrogen Partnership 3**

**Question No: 2599 / 2009**

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Can you give a breakdown of the fees from private sector partners received by the London Hydrogen Partnership over the last 18 months?

## **London Hydrogen Partnership 4**

**Question No: 2600 / 2009**

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Has there been any reduction in fees paid by private sector partners? If so, can you please outline the reasons for this reduction?

## **Planning applications**

**Question No: 2601 / 2009**

[Nicky Gavron](#)

You hold a very important leadership role with regard to planning and the execution of planning powers - were you embarrassed by the incident over the summer involving your recent home improvement efforts and did you really have no idea that you required planning permission?

## **Planning Applications 2**

**Question No: 2602 / 2009**

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Are you aware that your position as Mayor of London does not give you exemption from needing to apply for planning permission if your house is a grade II listed building and you want to alter its appearance?

## **Planning Applications 3**

**Question No: 2603 / 2009**

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Can you confirm that your staff were not involved in the demolition of your shed/summer house?

## **Space Standards**

**Question No: 2604 / 2009**

[Nicky Gavron](#)

What percentage of new-build private homes will be required to adhere to the new space standards in your housing design guide?

## **Monitoring Measures**

**Question No: 2605 / 2009**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

With regard to the "Measures to Monitor Section" of your Equal Life Chances for All document:

Do you believe that the best way to examine an outcome is to measure only those groups that fit the answer you desire, as you describe in your measures to monitor?

Do you agree that now you have scrapped the London stakeholder team many of these outcomes will be much more difficult to achieve let alone monitor?

Who is going to measure these outcomes?

## **Clarification**

**Question No: 2606 / 2009**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

One of the bullet points in the Equal Life Chances for All document states that its aim is to "Develop and Support a workforce that reflects London's population at all levels and work toward eliminating discrimination (including institutional discrimination), under-representation and disadvantage on any grounds" - Could you clarify whether this point is made in reference to London or the GLA Group?

## **GLA Equality Policy Steering Group**

**Question No: 2607 / 2009**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

The Equal Life Chances For All document states that a GLA Equality Policy Steering Group will be set up to monitor the implementation and organisation of the framework. When will it be formed and how will the group membership be determined?

## **GLA Equality Policy Steering Group 2**

**Question No: 2608 / 2009**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

How will you ensure that the membership of the GLA Equality Policy Steering group reflect the diversity of London's population?

## **Mayoral Appointments**

**Question No: 2609 / 2009**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

Two of your desired outcomes in the Equal Life Chances for All framework is that Mayoral appointments should reflect the diversity of London's Communities and that London's MPs councillors and Assembly members should reflect the diversity of London's population. Could you outline the actions you intend to implement to ensure that London's MP's, AM's and Cllr's reflect the diversity of London's population?

Could you give me a breakdown by diversity of all of your Mayoral appointments?

## **Rape crisis centres**

**Question No: 2610 / 2009**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

In August, you said on Youtube: "We are of course going to be rolling out more funding for centres in the East and in the North of the city as well." With Hackney currently having the second highest number of rape cases in London and a serial rapist on the loose in Waltham Forest, when can we expect a rape crisis centre to be opened in North East London?

## **Bendy buses**

**Question No: 2611 / 2009**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

The replacement of the bendy bus by single deck buses on route 507 resulted in absolute chaos with many passengers complaining about overcrowdedness and lack of seating. As a result, the papers have been full of letters from people calling for the return of the bendy bus. How much discomfort will passengers have to suffer before you finally admit that the bendy bus isn't as unpopular among users as you have always claimed?

## **Hillmarton Triangle**

**Question No: 2612 / 2009**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

TfL is refusing to allow Islington Council to go ahead with a pedestrian crossing on Hillmarton Road as part of the Hillmarton Triangle Scheme arguing that the extra time required to allow

pedestrians to cross safely will cause unacceptable delays to northbound traffic on Caledonian Road. When taking this decision was it taken into account that many pedestrians cross the road at this point and that three accidents have occurred there in the past three years?

## **Pedestrian crossing Holloway Road**

**Question No: 2613 / 2009**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

Thank you for responding to the above campaign (question 1664/2009) by increasing the crossing time at the Holloway Road/ Tollington Way Junction by two seconds. Further work is needed as a number found that the 2-second increase is still insufficient. How was the decision to give a 2 second increase in time arrived at? In what way were the needs of London's disabled pedestrians taken into account when this decision was made?

## **Transport Museum**

**Question No: 2614 / 2009**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

London's Transport Museum used to be free to all Freedom Pass holders since it reopened in November 2007. Since the 1st of March 2009 it has been charging £8 entry for senior citizens. The Transport Museum is a subsidiary company of TFL and a registered charity. What is the reason for this price hike? Will you see that the situation is rectified and that London's elders are allowed free entry to the museum once again?

## **Protection of Pedestrians from dangerous cyclists.**

**Question No: 2615 / 2009**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

Do you share the concerns of many of my constituents who increasingly report "An increasing number of cyclists seem to believe that it is their right to cycle through red lights, constantly jeopardising pedestrians. Cyclists also go through red lights and/or cycle on the pavement, both on main roads and side streets. They weave in and out of pedestrians at will, often coming up behind you with just inches to spare. I myself have had many near misses. Recently I was nearly run down by a cyclist going through a red light on Upper Street, Islington. When I shouted at her that the green sign was showing and this means that pedestrians can cross safely, she shouted back that her safety (from drivers) was paramount. My neighbour was recently knocked down by a cyclist going through a red light and fractured both collar bones".

And are you as keen to protect pedestrians from dangerous cyclists as to protect cyclists from dangerous drivers?

## **Security on Buses**

**Question No: 2616 / 2009**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

I have received a complaint from a 79 year old constituent who tells me that he is concerned about security on the bus network, having had his pockets picked six times on buses in the past two years. He states that he has never seen any sign of security personnel or police presence on the buses he uses – mainly, but not exclusively route numbers 35, 40 and 343. Please can you outline security measures in place for these routes?

## **Priority seats on bus network**

**Question No: 2617 / 2009**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

I have received a complaint from an elderly constituent who feels that the 'priority' seats on buses are often occupied by people who ignore the presence of older or disabled passengers, forcing them to stand. What additional measures can you put in place to educate bus passengers to be considerate to others? Some train companies have introduced 'priority' cards for people who need a seat to show to indicate that they should be allowed to sit in 'priority' seating. Will Transport for London consider doing something similar?

## **GLA Sponsorship**

**Question No: 2618 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

In November 2008, Dan Ritterband told the London Assembly's Budget Committee that they were committed to attracting far more private sponsorship for GLA events and marketing campaigns. To date, how much private sponsorship has been secured by Dan Ritterband, and how does this compare with previous years?

## **Workshops on Sponsorship**

**Question No: 2619 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

In November 2008, Dan Ritterband told the London Assembly's Budget Committee that "We are doing workshops for all community groups to let them know where they can get funding and other sponsorship." How many of these have taken place, what feedback has been received and is there any evidence that such groups have been able to access funding as a result of these?

## **Standardising Process**

**Question No: 2620 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

At the same meeting, Dan Ritterband said that "We are standardising the offer [for public events] so we will know for the next year the programme we are to deliver instead of people coming randomly through the year saying 'we want to run an event in Trafalgar Square in a few weeks' time'" What progress has been made on this standardisation process? What is the confirmed events programme for next year? What new events have been organised by the GLA in Trafalgar Square since May 2008?

## **Job Role**

**Question No: 2622 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

According to Dan Ritterband's job role, he is meant to "lead on developing marketing strategies and policy development". Can we have a copy of these strategies and how they have been circulated and implemented across the GLA?

## **Consultancy**

**Question No: 2623 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

The consultancy firm Grant Thornton was commissioned by the LDA, at Dan Ritterband's

bequest, to examine the feasibility of merging London's promotional agencies, such as Film London – despite the fact that the Mayor has himself made it clear to the Assembly that he had no plans or remit to do so (<http://www.london.gov.uk/mqt/public/question/do?id-26187>). How much has been spent on this consultancy exercise, and what have been the outcomes?

## **Cycle Highway**

**Question No: 2624 / 2009**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

One of the largest London Cyclist groups has indicated that they are currently unable to support your proposed 'cycle highway' between Tottenham and the City. They argue that it is unacceptable and impracticable for a priority cycling route to be diverted via a gyratory road system. One of the two cycle-hostile parts of the main A10 is of course, this gyratory system at Stoke Newington. Please update me on how you in your role as Chair of TfL you will respond to the concerns of many of my constituents. Please also advise me whether you intend to review your decision to retain this over engineered road system that as stated is clearly hostile to cyclists.

## **Cycle Parking**

**Question No: 2625 / 2009**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Do you agree with the recommendations of the Transport Committee investigation, "Stand and deliver: cycle parking in London"?

## **Velib Scheme**

**Question No: 2626 / 2009**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

It has been reported that Camden will refuse planning permission for one site and Westminster will refuse five sites. What does this mean for the viability of the scheme?

## **LDA consultation on academies**

**Question No: 2627 / 2009**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

At the 20th May LDA Board meeting members held some reservations about the Academies programme. The minutes state that, "Approaches other than academies could be considered, such as federated schools, which may be cheaper and/or more effective and no alternatives were considered in the paper." What progress have you made in addressing this concern of the LDA?

## **Proposed Bus Route Grange Park – North Middlesex Hospital**

**Question No: 2628 / 2009**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Further to my question at the last MQT meeting in this issue (ref: 1967 / 2009), I would like to ask you to ensure that the Grange Park Residents Association is included in any future consultation regarding the W8 and 125 bus routes.

## **Private Hire Vehicles Offices and its licensing**

**Question No: 2629 / 2009**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

One of my constituents tells me that there are licensed PHV offices that employ a number of drivers who often have to park illegally nearby as there are no or only few car parking spaces around the offices. I would be grateful if you could explain the procedure for PHV offices to obtain their licence in London, and particularly if one of the licensing conditions is to ensure sufficient car parking space outside.

## **Burglary rates in Enfield & Haringey**

**Question No: 2630 / 2009**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

As you will be aware, Enfield and Haringey are top of the list of burglary rates in London. This is bad news indeed and urgent action is required; on behalf of my residents I would therefore like to know how you intend to combat this negative trend.

## **Congestion Levels**

**Question No: 2631 / 2009**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

What are the latest readings of levels of congestion in Central London compared to levels prior to the introduction of the CCZ?

## **Street Markets**

**Question No: 2632 / 2009**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

What, if anything, have you done for street markets in your economic recovery plan?

## **Crossrail Modal Shift**

**Question No: 2633 / 2009**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

You did not answer my previous question on this (1922/2009 from 15/07/2009) so I ask again: How much modal shift can we expect in West London specifically once Crossrail is operational?

## **Pollution from Taxi and Private Hire Vehicles**

**Question No: 2634 / 2009**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

What methodology was used to obtain the figures of pollution tonnage for the whole of the fleet of black cabs and Private Hire Vehicles for 2008?

## **Shanghai Expo**

**Question No: 2635 / 2009**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

What if any preparations are being made to promote London at the Shanghai Expo next year?

## **Western Extension of Congestion Charging Zone I**

**Question No: 2638 / 2009**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

How many additional journeys are estimated to take place into and within the Western Extension area of the Congestion Charging Zone following its withdrawal?

## **Western Extension of Congestion Charging Zone II**

**Question No: 2639 / 2009**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

What projections have been made of levels of car usage and passenger journeys in the Greater London area by 2020?

## **Crossing Harrow Road, Kilburn Lane and Ladbroke Grove Junction**

**Question No: 2640 / 2009**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

I am very concerned at the lack of pedestrian crossing facilities at the junction of Harrow Road with Kilburn Lane and Ladbroke Grove. Can you tell me how many accidents there have been there in the last three years, how many people have been injured there and how many fatalities there have been?

## **Crossing Harrow Road, Kilburn Lane and Ladbroke Grove Junction II**

**Question No: 2641 / 2009**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

What plans are to make this junction safer for pedestrians crossing this junction and when will these be implemented? As this junction sits at the boundary of different Boroughs, will you instruct TfL to take a lead in co-ordinating work at this crossing?

## **Protection of allotments**

**Question No: 2642 / 2009**

[Nicky Gavron](#)

What efforts are you making to protect land already used for food production and allotments in your new London Plan?

## **Protection of allotments II**

**Question No: 2643 / 2009**

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Will you ask both Rosie Boycott and the LDA to investigate what can be done to ensure that allotments, which are valuable community resources, are protected from development?

## **Realignment of the A205**

**Question No: 2644 / 2009**

[Len Duvall](#)

What is the current status of talks between TfL and Lewisham Council on proposals to realign the A205 through the centre of Catford?

## **London's Electricity Supply I**

**Question No: 2645 / 2009**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

What is the peak demand of electricity for London?

## **London's Electricity Supply II**

**Question No: 2646 / 2009**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

What percentage of London's electricity demand is fuelled by gas, coal and nuclear power?

## **London's Electricity Supply III**

**Question No: 2647 / 2009**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

What percentage of London's electricity supply can we expect to come from renewable sources in the near future?

## **Grove Road Crossings, Tower Hamlets**

**Question No: 2648 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

Can you explain the delay at TfL in supplying equipment for newly signalised crossings in Grove Road? The road is the boundary between a densely residential area and one of the biggest parks in the area, has a worrying accident record and is crossed by many children. The schedule was agreed, the zebra crossings removed, the work to install the crossings was started and then TfL failed to deliver the equipment when promised. A serious accident risk was created, particularly worrying in the school holidays. It appears that TfL has a recurrent problem with meeting agreed delivery dates for equipment and my further question to you, as Chair of TfL as well as Mayor, is to ask whether you agree that this is an urgent problem that needs to be fixed and what steps are being taken to fix it? Would you agree that to blame suppliers does not look a convincing argument if such failure is a regular problem?

## **Environment Direction of Travel Statement**

**Question No: 2649 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

The answer to Mayoral Question 584/2009 told the Assembly of work on:

Environment Direction of Travel Statement (up to £82,000)

Home Retrofit (up to £59,000)

Waste Streams (up to £49,000)

How much has been spent on each of these pieces of work to date? What budgets have the payments come from? What organizations have received the payments? What work has been provided for the payments made? What authorization governs each commissioned piece of work?

## **Mayoral Strategies**

**Question No: 2650 / 2009**

[John Biggs](#)

For each of the Mayor's strategies, how much has been spent by the core GLA in each financial year since 2007/2008 on consultants for work on these strategies or contributing to the preparation of these strategies (including work for consultations and direction of travel documents)? For each piece of work commissioned please state the cost and the name of the consultancy used.

For the remainder of this financial year, how much has been committed and how much budgeted or planned for consultancy work of this nature?