

**Questions to the Mayor**  
**Mayor's Question Time, 23 October 2013**

**PRIORITY ORDER PAPER**

**Report No: 4**  
**Subject: Questions to the Mayor**  
**Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat**

Questions not asked during Mayor's Question Time will be given a written response by Monday 28 October 2013.

**Homes for Londoners or investors**

**Question No: 2013/3389**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Is your housing strategy providing the types of homes most needed by Londoners?

**Part Time Travelcard**

**Question No: 2013/3456**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

When will London's part-time workforce benefit from part-time Travelcards?

**Housing Strategy**

**Question No: 2013/3583**

[Tom Copley](#)

Why are you planning to publish another draft Housing Strategy for consultation, nearly two years after launching a consultation on a strategy that you have never published?

**Crossrail 2 - Tunnelling Expertise**

**Question No: 2013/3563**

[Richard Tracey](#)

Does the Mayor share the fears of Andrew Wolstenholme, the Chief Executive of Crossrail, that a failure to commit to a major new tunnelling project such as Crossrail 2, will lead to Britain losing 3,500 highly skilled tunnelling specialists to projects outside the UK?

## **Conditions in the private rented sector**

**Question No: 2013/3584**

[Tom Copley](#)

Do you think conditions in London's private rented sector are getting better?

## **Body worn cameras**

**Question No: 2013/3558**

[Roger Evans](#)

All those involved in foot and vehicle patrol at Staffordshire Police will have access to 530 body worn cameras, which the force hopes will 'improve police integrity, accelerate cases through court, assist with rapid evidence gathering and offer greater protection for officers'. Will the MPS look into piloting this for all patrol officers in one borough?

## **Help to Buy**

**Question No: 2013/3585**

[John Biggs](#)

Do you think the second phase of Help to Buy could increase housing supply by more than it increases housing demand in London?

## **3rd Runway**

**Question No: 2013/3545**

[Tony Arbour](#)

In the light of his interview with The Times on 21st September, will you write to the Shadow Chancellor to make clear why you think he is wrong to favour a 3rd runway at Heathrow Airport?

## **Free Schools**

**Question No: 2013/3927**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

Given your recent commitment to provide 12 sites for Free Schools, do you think it's right that community schools in London graded as Good with Outstanding features should be knocked down in order to build Free Schools?

## **Changes to London's Probation Service**

**Question No: 2013/3586**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Do you recognise the substantial risks that may arise from the planned changes to the probation service in London, especially in relation to integrated offender management?

## **Expansion of the cycle hire scheme**

**Question No: 2013/3562**

[Richard Tracey](#)

Are you happy with the progress of expansion of the Cycle Hire Scheme?

## **1914 Campaign**

**Question No: 2013/3565**

[Steve O'Connell](#)

Given the number of Londoners who paid the ultimate sacrifice and the impact on those left behind, how will you, in your role as the Mayor of London, be marking the centenary of the commencement of the First World War?

## **Summer A&E Crisis**

**Question No: 2013/3926**

[Onkar Sahota](#)

Londoners are accustomed to Winter A&E crisis but this year we have even had a Summer A&E crisis. The situation will only get worse in the winter months. The Government's £55 million bailout for London's A&Es has been described as nothing more than a sticking plaster by the experts appearing at the last meeting of the Health Committee. Sticky plasters tend to come off in the rain. What powers do you have to protect Londoners from the effect of this, given your work to reduce health inequalities in London?

## **Electric Vehicles - emission reductions**

**Question No: 2013/3390**

[Jenny Jones](#)

What are the estimated reductions in CO2 emissions and NO2 emissions which have resulted from your plans for electric vehicles in London?

## **Victims' Funding Allocations for London**

**Question No: 2013/3587**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Are you concerned at the recent suggestion from the Ministry of Justice that allocations of Victims' Funding should be based on a population basis, rather than linked to crime or need. Do you recognise that this will have a disastrous impact on the level of service and support on offer in London if these proposals remain unchanged?

*[Note: The following are priority questions, but not in proportional order.]*

## **Marketing Housing Developments**

**Question No: 2013/3552**

[Andrew Boff](#)

The Capital Towers development in Stratford, close to the Olympic Park, is one of many developments in London being sold in hotel suites across the world. Is it right that private developers are themselves marketing and selling these properties in such a way?

## **Parental Employment**

**Question No: 2013/3388**

[Stephen Knight](#)

London has the lowest rate of parental employment in the country. What are you doing to provide leadership to tackling this issue?

## **London's Green Economy**

**Question No: 2013/3582**

[James Cleverly](#)

Following a recent report which says that London's green economy has been booming in the last two years, what factors do you attribute to this success?

## **Living Wage**

**Question No: 2013/3549**

[Tony Arbour](#)

Does the Mayor believe that every worker should be paid the living wage or does he agree with the Business Secretary, who says a compulsory living wage could destroy jobs?

## **Transparency**

**Question No: 2013/3574**

[Victoria Borwick](#)

Can TfL publish details about accidents involving TfL buses, with information separated by bus companies, so that this could act as an incentive for companies to improve their driving standards?

### **Questions for Written Answer**

## **Affordable housing delivery (1)**

**Question No: 2013/3379**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Please list the affordable housing delivered through the National Affordable Housing Programme broken down by site, giving the number of units of each tenure delivered on each site.

## **Affordable housing delivery (2)**

**Question No: 2013/3380**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Please list the affordable housing delivered to date through the Affordable Homes Programme broken down by site, giving the number of units of each tenure delivered on each site.

## **Partnership Agreement with Moscow**

**Question No: 2013/3381**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

A number of constituents have raised concerns with me about London's twinning with Moscow in light of what is widely considered to be Russia's discriminatory behaviour towards LGBT communities. Can you please provide details of London's 'partnership agreement' with Moscow and confirm what the status of that document is. Do you intend to review the agreement given Russia's poor record towards its LGBT communities?

## **Stalled Developments**

**Question No: 2013/3382**

[Stephen Knight](#)

Further to MQ2500/2012, what is your latest estimate of the number of homes in London that have received planning permission but which have not yet been built?

## **Social housing rent levels**

**Question No: 2013/3383**

[Stephen Knight](#)

What is the average rent charged at first let for Social Rent properties completed since 01 April 2011 in London? Please provide an average for each bedroom size.

## **Affordable housing rent levels**

**Question No: 2013/3384**

[Stephen Knight](#)

Further to MQ 3022/2013, are you able to provide a breakdown of the average rents charged for Affordable Rent properties in London by borough and/or postcode?

## **Affordable housing grant**

**Question No: 2013/3385**

[Stephen Knight](#)

Please provide a list of the average grant per unit, broken down by tenure, under your 2011/15 Affordable Homes Programme.

## **Skills Funding Agency**

**Question No: 2013/3386**

[Stephen Knight](#)

Do you agree that responsibility for the money spent in London by the Skills Funding Agency should be devolved to the Greater London Authority? If not, why not? If so, what action have you taken to convince the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills?

## **Homes Deficit**

**Question No: 2013/3387**

[Stephen Knight](#)

According to London Councils, by 2021 the capital will be faced with a homes deficit of 567,000. Do you think you are making good enough progress to meet this target?

## **Overpriced student accommodation**

**Question No: 2013/3391**

[Darren Johnson](#)

A citizen from the north east of England whose daughter is coming to study at the University of the Arts London has written complaining about the "abundance of overpriced accommodation". What are you doing to prevent landlords from making so much profit from struggling students, and to help students find housing they can genuinely afford in London?

## **Ban on HGVs during rush hour**

**Question No: 2013/3392**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Given the need to make our streets safer and more attractive for pedestrians and cyclists why do you continue to rule out measures for London to follow other European cities and introduce a ban on HGVs during rush hours?

## **Broadband speeds in Rotherhithe**

**Question No: 2013/3393**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Constituents in Rotherhithe tell me that BT Openreach won't connect households to fibre optic broadband where they are connected directly to the exchange, as is the case in Rotherhithe. In your answer to question 1304/2013 you mention funds for start-ups in that area. Will other types of broadband user in Rotherhithe who suffer from slow broadband speeds benefit in any way from your Super Connected City Plan? If not, are you taking other steps to resolve the problems faced by broadband users in Rotherhithe?

## **Safety at Camden Town**

**Question No: 2013/3394**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Can you explain why a decision has been taken to reject the creation of a west to east cycle route from Mornington Crescent/Hampstead Road to Crowndale Road, because of 'traffic impacts'? Is this because you are still committed to the policy that smoothing traffic flow is a higher priority than cyclist safety?

## **Bike Hire Scheme - value for money**

**Question No: 2013/3395**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Given the very high capital cost of the scheme, the very low additional operating cost to TfL of each hire and the environmental benefits of cycling, shouldn't the scheme be priced so as to ensure the maximum use and therefore the best value for money? If so, why did you decide to double user fees earlier this year and, consequently, drive down the number of users?

## **Parking on Waterloo Bridge**

**Question No: 2013/3396**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Vehicles parked on both sides of Waterloo Bridge cause unnecessary congestion and obstruct cycle lanes in both directions, forcing cyclists and motorbike riders out into the path of buses and other vehicles. Will you raise this issue with LB Lambeth officers and recommend that double red lines, as on Blackfriars Bridge, are installed so that cycle lanes on this bridge are no longer obstructed?

## **Encouraging use of cargo bikes - publicity campaign**

**Question No: 2013/3397**

[Darren Johnson](#)

In your response to question 3308/2013 you state that TfL can 'offer help, support and guidance to companies wishing to substitute vans for cargo bikes'. How does TfL currently provide these services and will you ask TfL to arrange a proactive information campaign targeting companies in high density areas to make them aware of the benefits of switching from vans to cargo bikes for deliveries in the local area?

## **Encouraging use of cargo bikes - TfL-funded trials**

**Question No: 2013/3398**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Given the 62% reduction in CO2 emissions compared to diesel van deliveries achieved through the 2009 cargo bike trial mentioned in your response to question 3308/2013, will TfL look into funding similar trials? Might the City of London which has a high density of workplaces and residences and has recently implemented a borough-wide 20mph limit be a suitable place for such trials?

## **Encouraging use of cargo bikes - European projects**

**Question No: 2013/3399**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Please provide details of the European projects which TfL is working on with boroughs to develop and promote cleaner last mile deliveries in London.

## **Encouraging use of cargo bikes for municipal services - funding streams**

**Question No: 2013/3400**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Will you urge TfL to implement a campaign to inform all London boroughs of the benefits of delivering municipal services using cargo bikes - including the results of the 2009 City of London trial - and the funding streams available to them?

## **Discontinuation of Freedom Pass**

**Question No: 2013/3401**

[Darren Johnson](#)

In light of the chancellor's public spending statement what reassurances can you offer regarding the continuation of the freedom pass and eligibility criteria in their current form?

## **River Crossing and reducing road demand**

**Question No: 2013/3402**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Thank you for your answer to my question 3314/2013, where you state that you 'remain committed to exploring all options for improving transport connectivity across the River Thames in East London.' Can you therefore, please answer 3313/2013 by summarising which schemes for encouraging public transport use and reducing road demand might yet be adopted and/or form the subject of a further public consultation, other than the identified option of user charging at the Blackwall Tunnel in conjunction with new road infrastructure?

## **New Bus for London - weight and capacity**

**Question No: 2013/3403**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Will you amend the information about the New Bus for London on the Transport for London website to reflect the fact that most of the buses are 12460 kg and restricted to carrying 81 passengers (minus the extra member of staff)?



## **New Bus for London - mpg**

**Question No: 2013/3404**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Can you explain why the Millbrook test results for the New Bus for London miles per gallon (mpg) are so at odds with the on the road experience of the prototype buses? Are there any other hybrid buses operating in London where the test figures differ from the 'on the road' figures by more than two miles per gallon?

## **New Bus for London - Green Bus Funding**

**Question No: 2013/3405**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Is the New Bus for London eligible for the Government's Green Bus funding, or does the fact that it is Transport for London, rather than a bus operator, that has procured the buses rule them out under European rules?

## **Bus speed limit discrepancy**

**Question No: 2013/3406**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Why does Transport for London allow buses to travel at a maximum of 5mph in its garages, but at up to 30mph on Oxford Street?

## **Pedestrian casualties - bus collisions**

**Question No: 2013/3407**

[Darren Johnson](#)

According to Freedom of Information data released by Transport for London, an average of over one pedestrian death per month and one serious injury per day have resulted from collisions involving buses over the course of your Mayoralty. As Chair of TfL why have you not ordered an analysis of casualty data to see if there are 'hotspots', or problem routes, which could be addressed?

## **Mini Hollands**

**Question No: 2013/3408**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Thank you for the answer to question 1915/2013. Can you clarify that when you state that the bulk of the £100m 'will not be spent until future years', you mean 2015/16 onwards?

## **Going Dutch**

**Question No: 2013/3409**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Despite your promise to Go Dutch, you are currently allowing unsafe, badly designed road schemes to be consulted upon that have minimal, or non-existent cycling provision, such as: Tottenham Hale, Cobden Junction and Tottenham Court Road. Nor do the plans for Aldgate roundabout deal with all the safety issues. When will you start to make cyclist safety a priority in all road redesigns?

## **Cycling budget**

**Question No: 2013/3410**

[Darren Johnson](#)

On December 1st last year, you announced that £913m would be spent on cycling in the Transport for London 10 year business plan. Can you please provide figures for the estimated budgets between this year and 2015/16 for the following projects:

Cycling superhighways

Mini-Hollands

Quiet Routes

Central London Grid

East-west cycling Crossrail

Safer Junctions

Can you provide a similar breakdown by project for the whole of the ten year business plan?

## **Cyclists killed or seriously injured**

**Question No: 2013/3411**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Thank you for your answer to question 1920/2013 where you state that "it is correct to say that the total number of cyclists killed or seriously injured (KSI) in London increased' by 125 each year, since you were elected Mayor. What was the rate of KSI per cyclist in 2008 and 2011, on both TfL roads and across London?

## **Cycling casualties**

**Question No: 2013/3412**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Thank you for your answer to my question 1919/2013 stating that 'it is correct to say that there has been a slight increase in overall road casualties' of over 700 people a year. Can you explain why the number of casualties went down by around 17,000 in the previous eight years before you became Mayor, but has gone up since you were elected?

## **Garden Bridge**

**Question No: 2013/3413**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Did you personally request that Transport for London help with the feasibility and planning of the Garden Bridge, even though the £4m cost to TfL may not be recoverable?

## **Free schools**

**Question No: 2013/3414**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Are you concerned that the growth of free schools will give religious groups access to public funds, to enable them to create school environments which endorse sexist attitudes and discrimination against homosexuals? Will your criteria for supporting free schools rule out those which clearly discriminate in this way?

## **Crystal Palace - planning decision**

**Question No: 2013/3415**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Given that you have given your public backing to the plans to rebuild the Crystal Palace, who would determine the planning application?

## **Crystal Palace - community involvement to date**

**Question No: 2013/3416**

[Darren Johnson](#)

What contact did you or the rest of the GLA had with local community and business organisations regarding the plans to rebuild the Crystal Palace prior to your announcement on the 3rd October? Please list organisations and dates.

## **Crystal Palace - assessments of impact**

**Question No: 2013/3417**

[Darren Johnson](#)

What assessments had you undertaken, prior to your announcement on the 3rd October, of the impact of the plans to rebuild the Crystal Palace on:

- (a) the amenity of the park for local residents and visitors
- (b) existing local infrastructure, including the transport network
- (c) the local economy
- (d) the development needs of the local area?

## **Crystal Palace - future community involvement**

**Question No: 2013/3418**

[Darren Johnson](#)

What is your strategy for community engagement and what is the schedule for consultation engagements on the plans to rebuild the Crystal Palace?

## **Crystal Palace - advisory board**

**Question No: 2013/3419**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Will you create places on the advisory board for local community and business representatives?

## **Crystal Palace - neighbourhood plan**

**Question No: 2013/3420**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Will you work with the London Boroughs of Bromley, Croydon, Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham to fund an evidence base and a neighbourhood planning exercise to identify the potential impact, problems and solutions associated with the plans to rebuild the Crystal Palace?

## **Crystal Palace - timetable**

**Question No: 2013/3421**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Please give as much detail as possible about your timetable for developing the plans to rebuild the Crystal Palace.

## **New homes bonus**

**Question No: 2013/3422**

[Darren Johnson](#)

What is your estimate of the new homes bonus money that the GLA will receive in 2014/15, and what do you intend to use it for?

## **Bedspaces in housing statistics (1)**

**Question No: 2013/3423**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Thank you for publishing some statistics about affordable housing completions by bedroom size, following my question 1902/2013. Will you break the figures down by programme and tenure, for example distinguishing by affordable rent and social rent, as you have done with the general GLA funded housing starts and completions statistics?

## **Bedspace in housing statistics (2)**

**Question No: 2013/3424**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Thank you for publishing some statistics about affordable housing completions by bedroom size, following my question 1902/2013. Will you include separate figures for three, four, five and greater bedrooms, rather than lumping them all together in "3 beds and above", given the Assembly's view that there is a particular need for homes with more than three bedrooms?

## **European regulations**

**Question No: 2013/3425**

[Jenny Jones](#)

I understand that you called for European public procurement regulations to be streamlined and pared back at the Institute of Directors conference on the 18th September. What specific changes would you like to see?

## **Subsidy to London's financial services**

**Question No: 2013/3426**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Do you have an estimate of the effective subsidy, direct and indirect, given to London's financial services by the UK Government? If so, please give me details.

## **Costs associated with London's financial services**

**Question No: 2013/3427**

[Jenny Jones](#)

What estimates do you have of the costs incurred by London's financial services on the rest of the capital's economy? For example, the damage of the recent banking crisis, tax avoidance, and illegal practices?

## **Press release on Alternative Investment Fund Management Directive**

**Question No: 2013/3428**

[Jenny Jones](#)

In a press release dated 9th July 2009, entitled 'Mayor warns EU not to strangle world's premier financial centre', you stated that "sources close to the hedge fund industry estimate that their tax contribution alone is around £3 billion per annum". Please disclose the sources or other evidence that supports this statement.

## **Press release on Alternative Investment Fund Management Directive**

**Question No: 2013/3429**

[Jenny Jones](#)

In a press release dated 9th July 2009, entitled 'Mayor warns EU not to strangle world's premier financial centre', you stated that "those close to the private equity business for instance estimate that the cost of regulatory compliance would be at approximately £30,000 each for the thousands of businesses owned by a PE fund or with substantial VC investment". Please disclose the sources or other evidence that supports this statement.

## **Living wage - Whitehall**

**Question No: 2013/3430**

[Jenny Jones](#)

In your manifesto you pledged to lobby the Government to adopt the London Living Wage across Whitehall. Please list the letters, meetings and other means by which you have lobbied for this since May 2012.

## **Living wage - private sector**

**Question No: 2013/3431**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Which employers or trade bodies have you contacted about the London Living Wage in each of the following sectors since May 2012? Outsourcing, hospitality, catering, cleaning, care and retail.

## **Intergovernmental panel on climate change report - 95% certainty**

**Question No: 2013/3432**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Given your earlier views in your Daily Telegraph article attributing climate change to solar activity, do you, as Mayor of London, acknowledge the IPCC report finding which says that scientists are now 95% certain that humans are the dominant cause of global warming?

## **Intergovernmental panel on climate change report - leadership**

**Question No: 2013/3433**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Your climate adaptation strategy stated aim is to position London as an international leader in tackling climate change. Given this commitment, please can you provide details of any public announcements or responses you have made regarding the findings of this landmark report?

## **Worst spot for Nitrogen Dioxide**

**Question No: 2013/3434**

[Jenny Jones](#)

What was the worse spot for Nitrogen Dioxide air pollution in London, in 2012, according to your modelling?

## **Worst spot for PM10s**

**Question No: 2013/3435**

[Jenny Jones](#)

What was the worse spot for PM10 air pollution in London, in 2012, according to your modelling?

## **New taxis - Euro 5**

**Question No: 2013/3436**

[Jenny Jones](#)

In light of the report by Kings College into exhaust emissions in London will you urgently act to improve upon the requirement that all new taxis licenced should be Euro 5, as this may not be best for NO2 air pollution?

## **Review of taxi age limit**

**Question No: 2013/3437**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Will you undertake a review of the 15 year taxi age limit in time for 2015, as this is when all the pre-Euro vehicles will finally be off the road? Will you examine the abolition of the turning circle as part of this review, so that taxi drivers have access to far less polluting vehicles than at present?

## **On the road pollution monitoring**

**Question No: 2013/3438**

[Jenny Jones](#)

One of the recommendations from the Kings College Report on pollution in London was that regular Remote Sensing Detector (RSD) monitoring should take place to reality check the claims made for new and emerging technologies. Will you undertake an annual survey of the real world emissions coming from vehicles on London's roads.

## **Road side testing**

**Question No: 2013/3439**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Can you outline Transport for London's plans for emission road side testing of vehicles such as buses, when the Euro 6 standards begin to apply next year?

## **Taxi Age limit - emissions**

**Question No: 2013/3440**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Did the calculation of emission reductions resulting from the Taxi Age limit take into account the potential increase in NO2 that could result in a switch to newer taxis? Was that calculation based upon an outdated version (2008) of the London Atmospheric Emissions Inventory?

## **Electric taxi**

**Question No: 2013/3441**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Is Nissan backing away from bringing their electric taxi to London because of your failure to install an electric vehicle fast charging network?

## **New Bus for London costs**

**Question No: 2013/3442**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Thank you for your commitment made at the Assembly meeting on the 9th of October to providing the 'before' and 'after' costs to both operators and to Transport for London, which will show the true cost of the New Bus for London. Whilst I welcome your statement that 'I will let you have those figures', will this include the before and after contract prices for the relevant routes?

## **Police stations for sale**

**Question No: 2013/3443**

[Jenny Jones](#)

When property that has previously been part of the Metropolitan Police Service estate is to be sold, will you, instead of going straight to the market, work with local authorities and registered housing providers to explore how the asset could best meet strategic needs, whether that is providing affordable accommodation for key workers, social housing for low-income Londoners or helping local authority schools expand to meet the demand for school places?

## **Metropolitan Police Service Capitalisation Charge**

**Question No: 2013/3444**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Has the Metropolitan Police Service ever entered into any negotiations to have the Capitalisation Charge temporarily or permanently suspended? If so, what was the outcome?

## **Operation Herne**

**Question No: 2013/3445**

[Jenny Jones](#)

The whistleblower Peter Francis and the eight women taking legal action against the Metropolitan Police Service for deceiving them into forming long term intimate relationships have refused to co-operate with Operation Herne and will only speak to a judge-led public inquiry. Are you still confident in the investigation is worth the time and resources?



## **Terms of deployment for undercover police**

**Question No: 2013/3446**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Thank you for your answers to questions 3364/2013 and 3365/2013. Please could you let me know if the terms of deployment for undercover officers, which they have to sign to agree they have understood, includes and explicitly states that it is unacceptable to engage in a sexual relationship with the people they are targeting?

## **"Lawrence amendment" on undercover policing**

**Question No: 2013/3447**

[Jenny Jones](#)

I asked the following question in July 2013 (MQ2387/2013) and have not received an answer, will you please provide a response:

'Do you support Liberty's "Lawrence amendment" to the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Bill, which is backed by Doreen Lawrence and would require prior judicial authorisation for undercover policing operations to ensure they are necessary and proportionate? '

## **Operational Policing Measure**

**Question No: 2013/3448**

[Jenny Jones](#)

I asked the following question in January 2013 (MQ0146/2013) and have not received an answer, will you please provide a response:

'Please could you let me know the number of MPS staff in organisational support, operational support and operational roles for the financial years 2008/09, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13 and based on your draft plans your prediction for 2013/14 and 2014/15, broken down by borough?'

## **Mobile phone use while driving**

**Question No: 2013/3449**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Do you agree with comments made by the Metropolitan Police Commissioner that six penalty points may be a better deterrent for people caught using their mobile phone while driving?

## **Youth training for police officers**

**Question No: 2013/3450**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Are the Metropolitan Police Service planning to roll out the youth training scheme that was piloted by the Safer London Foundation?

## **Prosecution rate for TfL bus drivers and regular drivers**

**Question No: 2013/3451**

[Jenny Jones](#)

A constituent has asked if you could explain why there is a discrepancy in the prosecution rate for collisions which result in a fatality between Transport for London bus drivers and regular drivers?

## **MPS Flights, cars, drivers, hotels and Directorate of Public Affairs**

**Question No: 2013/3452**

[Jenny Jones](#)

What is the budget for the Metropolitan Police Service in 2013/14 for a) flights, b) cars for senior officers, c) drivers, d) hotels e) the Directorate of public affairs?

## **Police overtime budget**

**Question No: 2013/3453**

[Jenny Jones](#)

What was the Metropolitan Police Service overtime budget in 2013/14 for (a) staff and for (b) police officers?

## **Control room workforce mix**

**Question No: 2013/3454**

[Jenny Jones](#)

How many police officers and staff currently work in the Metropolitan Police Service control room?

## **Card games on Westminster Bridge**

**Question No: 2013/3455**

[Jenny Jones](#)

A constituent has asked if you could ask the Metropolitan Police Service to deploy some Police Constables to patrol Westminster Bridge in the evenings to deter groups from operating card games, such as "Find the Lady"?

## **Electric Bus Trials**

**Question No: 2013/3457**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Please give details of the trial taking place with electric buses that was reported at the TfL board meeting on 25 September 2013?

## **Low Ridership on Emirates Air Line (1)**

**Question No: 2013/3458**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What is your assessment of recent ridership figures on the Emirates Airline?

## **Low Ridership on Emirates Air Line (2)**

**Question No: 2013/3459**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Do you consider the Emirates Air Line to be a component of London's public transport network or a tourist attraction?

## **Low Ridership on Emirates Air Line (3)**

**Question No: 2013/3460**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Will you incorporate fully the Emirates Air Line into the Travelcard network?

## **Tram Extension to Sutton**

**Question No: 2013/3461**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What progress has been made in making decisions to fund a tram extension to Sutton?

## **Increase in Serious Road Casualties in London**

**Question No: 2013/3462**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

TfL figures show a significant rise in serious casualties on London's roads - up 17% for those walking, up 18% for cyclists, up 6% for powered two wheelers and up 19% for those affecting children. What are you doing in response to this serious and worrying set of figures?

## **Continued Carriage of Bicycles on Crossrail Routes**

**Question No: 2013/3463**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What guarantees can you give to cyclists that existing lines taken over by Crossrail will have a similar or better regime for the carriage of bicycles when the lines and stations are transferred to Crossrail?

## **Transport for London - Transparency of Meetings**

**Question No: 2013/3464**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Will you agree to webcast those TfL Board meetings held at City Hall in rooms already equipped with webcasting equipment?

## **Cycle Superhighways Review**

**Question No: 2013/3465**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

TfL state that they are "currently re-evaluating the delivery schedule for its Barclays Cycle Superhighways programme," but they cannot say who is leading the review or when it is due to report. Can you confirm whether or not this review is really taking place and if so supply this missing information?

## **Cycling "Mini-Holland" Proposals (1)**

**Question No: 2013/3466**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What gaps in the "mini-Holland" proposal submitted by Richmond Borough must be addressed before funding is confirmed and what progress has been demonstrated to close these gaps?

## **Cycling "Mini-Holland" Proposals (2)**

**Question No: 2013/3467**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What gaps in the "mini-Holland" proposal submitted by Waltham Forest Borough must be addressed before funding is confirmed and what progress has been demonstrated to close these gaps?

## **Unreliable Lifts at Underground Stations**

**Question No: 2013/3468**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What assessment has been made of the reliability of the lifts at Underground stations given the frequent warnings made to passengers of lifts out of service?

## **Underground Station Names and Commercial Sponsorship (1)**

**Question No: 2013/3469**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

In answer to former Assembly Member Mike Tuffrey's question about sponsorship of Underground station names (MQ0490/2012) you said, "I cannot see any circumstances in which we would sell naming rights for Tube stations." However on 10 October 2013 you suggested changing "Tottenham Court Road" to "Samsung Court Road" if the sponsorship offered were sufficient. Is this a complete reversal of your earlier position or were you mocking demands for increased sponsorship of the London Underground?

## **Underground Station Names and Commercial Sponsorship (2)**

**Question No: 2013/3470**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Given your suggestion that "Tottenham Court Road" Underground station could be renamed "Samsung Court Road" if the sponsorship offered were sufficient, can you identify any Underground stations where you are not open to changing their names no matter how high the inducement?

## **Yellow Box Junction Enforcement**

**Question No: 2013/3471**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Please publish a list of yellow box junctions on TfL roads that have camera enforcement of moving traffic offences for stopping in the yellow box.

## **"Pool Oystercards" Held by Businesses and Organisations**

**Question No: 2013/3472**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Some businesses and other organisations keep "pool Oystercards" for the use of staff and others to make journeys around London on public transport. However topping up such Pay As You Go is proving a barrier to the wider use of such Oystercards with top-ups depending on visiting a nominated Underground station within a short period of time which may be difficult to predict with pooled Oystercards. What steps will you ask TfL to take to make topping up of pool Oystercards straightforward for businesses and other corporate organisations?

## **LIP Funding**

**Question No: 2013/3473**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

London Borough councils continue to be concerned at cuts to LIP funding proposed by Transport for London. As TfL maintains that overall funding to Boroughs will not go down, will you commit to re-allocating these funds to ensure that LIP funding does not reduce for any London Borough in the coming TfL Business Plan?

## **Contactless Payment and Fare Evasion**

**Question No: 2013/3474**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What steps will you ask Transport for London to take to ensure that a roll-out of contactless payment technology does not allow for increased fare evasion and how will ticket inspectors check that contactless payment cards have been used to enter tube and train networks correctly?

## **Insufficient Capacity on Bus Route C10**

**Question No: 2013/3475**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Londoners continue to complain about overcrowding on bus route C10. Will you ask Transport for London to examine how capacity on this route can be increased?

## **Complaints about bus route 381**

**Question No: 2013/3476**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Londoners continue to complain about bus route 381 saying there are long waits at bus stops and the service is slow and unreliable. Will you ask Transport for London to examine how this route can be improved?

## **Jubilee and Northern Line Closures**

**Question No: 2013/3477**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What steps will you take to ensure that in the planning of engineering works on the Underground, simultaneous closures of the Jubilee and Northern lines serving Southwark are avoided so that residents there are not unduly inconvenienced?

## **Accessibility for Crossrail 2**

**Question No: 2013/3478**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Will you give a clear and unambiguous commitment that Crossrail 2 will be opened offering full step-free street-to-train access at all stations?

## **Targeted Fares Reductions**

**Question No: 2013/3479**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

How will you respond to the resolution passed by the London Assembly in October 2013 calling on you to bring forward a programme of targeted fare reductions including-

A one-hour bus ticket - allowing bus passengers to change buses within a one hour period

Early-bird fares - bringing discounted fares for people who travel early in the morning and helping to reduce congestion in the morning peak

Part-time Travelcards - recognising the increase in the number of part-time workers and bringing their transport costs into line with full-time workers?

## **Advance Stop Line Enforcement**

**Question No: 2013/3480**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Following the seven-week trial of police enforcement of advance stop lines at traffic lights, what lessons have been learned from this work and what level of enforcement is planned in future?

## **CBI "Connect More" Infrastructure Survey (1)**

**Question No: 2013/3481**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Have you read reports of the CBI/KPMG "Connect More" 2013 infrastructure survey? What is your response to its suggestion that, "By contrast to the wider trend in the south east, London-based businesses also score commuter rail poorly, ... suggesting that while the south east more broadly may have improved, the arteries into the capital are increasingly clogged. "

## **Reducing Bus Collisions**

**Question No: 2013/3482**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What discussions have you had with Transport for London staff and board members about taking action to reduce the number of deaths and injuries resulting from pedestrians and cyclists hurt in collisions with London's buses?

## **MOPAC annual report - London Crime Prevention Fund**

**Question No: 2013/3483**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

The MOPAC Annual Report 2012-13 states that information on the successful bids to the London Crime Prevention Fund will be available on the MOPAC website. Those details do not yet appear to be available. When will you publish details of the successful bids as soon as possible?

## **Rape Crisis Funding and the London Crime Prevention Fund (1)**

**Question No: 2013/3484**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Borough allocations of the London Crime Prevention Fund had been agreed based on the delivery of performance based outcomes for funded projects. Subsequent to the successful bids being agreed, some boroughs have been asked for a financial contribution to the funding of Rape Crisis provision (a pan-London Mayoral commitment) and told that if they do not contribute the requested amount it will be deducted from their LCPF funding. Do you agree that this was not an ideal way to go about agreeing Rape Crisis centre funding, and that it might have been simpler to top slice funding from the LCPF before going out to boroughs for applications?

## **Rape Crisis Funding and the London Crime Prevention Fund (2)**

**Question No: 2013/3485**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Given that the Rape Crisis centres will be partially funded by the London Crime Prevention Fund will you agree to publish details of the service that they will provide for that funding including figures about demand for their services and outcomes?

## **Police Overtime - Ecuadorian Embassy**

**Question No: 2013/3486**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

The MOPAC monthly report to the 19 September Police and Crime Committee set out that the full year forecast for Police Officer Overtime is £9.6 million of which £1 million was for policing the Ecuadorian Embassy (Operation Kudos). Further to MQ2887/2013 have you reviewed whether you will submit a claim to the Home Office for a reimbursement of some of these costs?

## **Police Overtime - protection of the Royal Mews**

**Question No: 2013/3487**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

The MOPAC monthly report to the 19 September Police and Crime Committee set out that the full year forecast for Police Officer Overtime is £9.6 million, of which £0.6 million is for the protection of the Royal Mews which is not DSP [dedicated security post] grant funded. Is it anticipated that the Royal Mews protection costs will be on-going? If so will you consider applying to the Home Office for additional DSP grant funding in future years?

## **MOPAC senior salaries**

**Question No: 2013/3488**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

In line with GLA practice will MOPAC agree to publish senior employee salaries above £58,200 together with names, job descriptions, responsibilities and budgets?

## **Publication of GLA ICM phone polling**

**Question No: 2013/3489**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Director's Decision 1070 authorised the expenditure of £75,000 for ICM to carry out periodic telephone polls to survey the views of a representative sample of 1,000 Londoners. I am aware that one such poll took place on 11 September 2013. Given that the polls are carried out with public funds, when will you publish the results of the polls on the GLA website?



## **Childhood Lost campaign**

**Question No: 2013/3490**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Will you support the Childhood Lost campaign, which is calling for six steps to stop child sexual exploitation?

## **MPS Procurement - uniforms**

**Question No: 2013/3491**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

The Public Accounts Committee report on Police Procurement published in September highlighted the wildly varying prices which police forces pay for very similar items. What progress is being made by the MPS in setting up a collaborative programme to buy police uniforms across forces?

## **Employment programmes for young offenders - GLA ESF Youth**

**Programme 2011-2013**

**Question No: 2013/3492**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What outputs have been reported from the GLA ESF Youth Programme Resettlement of Young Offenders Leaving Custody projects since they started in October 2012? When did each delivery partner commence work? How many young offenders have been supported? Are the projects covering all London boroughs?

## **Pan-London domestic violence service**

**Question No: 2013/3493**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What funding has been identified to fulfil your commitment to commission and fund a pan-London domestic violence service and maintain the number of Independent Domestic Violence Advocates?

## **Requests for police visits by victims of crime**

**Question No: 2013/3494**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

In answer to my question about how many victims of crime have requested a visit and how many visits have been carried out you responded that "It is not possible to show the number of requested visits versus received visits as this data is not captured" [MQ 2821/2013]. How do the MPS monitor whether all victims of crime who have requested a visit then receive one?

## **A&E data sharing**

**Question No: 2013/3495**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Further to MQ2830/2012, how many A&E departments in London are currently sharing data locally with their Community Safety Partnerships? Of those how many are providing high quality and complete data? What work has MOPAC done with the Department of Health to improve data sharing at the London level?

## **Decisions about Police Station Sales**

**Question No: 2013/3496**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

In answer to MQ1825/2013 about the sale of police stations you said "details of all disposals are published on our website once they are agreed by the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime". Both Wealdstone and Barking police stations are currently listed for sale with estate agents, however the corresponding Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime decisions do not appear to be available online. Why is this? When will you publish the decisions to market these properties for sale?

## **MOPAC residential properties for ACPO officers**

**Question No: 2013/3497**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Further to my question MQ3381/2012 how many MPS ACPO officers use properties provided by MOPAC? How many of these are rented and how many have been purchased? Are any of these properties not in use? What is the current valuation of these properties? What is the annual cost of upkeep?

## **Lay members of Police misconduct hearings**

**Question No: 2013/3498**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Further to MQ 2830/2013, how many existing independent lay members of police misconduct hearings are there currently, and how many new members are going to be recruited?

## **Training for lay members of Police misconduct hearings (1)**

**Question No: 2013/3499**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Your answer to MQ2831/2013 stated that independent lay members of police misconduct panels had been provided with one training session since January 2012, and that training provision is currently being reviewed. To what extent are panel members consulted on their training needs?

## **Training for lay members of Police misconduct hearings (2)**

**Question No: 2013/3500**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Your answer to MQ2831/2013 stated that independent lay members of police misconduct panels had been provided with one training session since January 2012, and that training provision is currently being reviewed. Has MOPAC looked at what training is provided by other comparable forces as part of the review and when will the review be concluded?

## **Metropolitan Police Service - Cars and drivers (1)**

**Question No: 2013/3501**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Further to MQ2294/2013 how many officers have taken up their entitlement to the use of a car for personal use under ACPO terms and conditions?

## **Metropolitan Police Service - Cars and drivers (2)**

**Question No: 2013/3502**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Further to MQ2294/2013 what was the payment rate at which officers reimbursed the MPS for their private mileage before 1 June 2013? What was the total mileage and the total amount reimbursed for 2012/13?

## **ATOC Travel Concession for police officers (1)**

**Question No: 2013/3503**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

The Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime has recently agreed to spend £80million for the provision of a 4 year rail travel concession from the Association of Train Operating Companies (ATOC) for police officers (DMPCD 2013-131). How much was spent on providing the current scheme between the Metropolitan Police Service, the City of London Police and ATOC which commenced on 1 April 2008 and expires on 31 March 2014?

## **ATOC Travel Concession for police officers (2)**

**Question No: 2013/3504**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

The Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime has recently agreed to spend £80million for the provision of a 4 year rail travel concession from the Association of Train Operating Companies (ATOC) for police officers (DMPCD 2013-131). Does this include payments to First Capital Connect and London Midland?

### **ATOC Travel Concession for police officers (3)**

**Question No: 2013/3505**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

The website of the Hertfordshire Police Federation suggests that their police officers are entitled to free travel concessions on some First Capital Connect and London Midland routes. Why are MOPAC paying ATOC for these rail concessions when Hertfordshire are not?

### **TfL free travel for Hertfordshire Police**

**Question No: 2013/3506**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

The website of the Hertfordshire Police Federation suggests that their police officers are entitled to free travel on London Buses, London Underground, Tramlink, Docklands Light Railway and London overground services. Why does TfL provide free travel to Hertfordshire Police officers?

### **Costs of vacating SNT base**

**Question No: 2013/3507**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Please outline the costs associated with:

- a) The renting and fitting out of the Safer Neighbourhood Team base on Trundle Street, SE1 in 2010/11; 2011/12; 2012/13.
- b) The costs of breaking the lease and vacating the SNT base on Trundle Street prior to the expiry of the Metropolitan Police Service's 10 year lease of this space.

### **Source London - public partners**

**Question No: 2013/3508**

[Stephen Knight](#)

How many London boroughs are currently members of the Source London consortium?

### **Affordable Homes Programme 2015-18**

**Question No: 2013/3509**

[Stephen Knight](#)

Further to reports that the Greater London Authority is considering funding the building of new homes for social rent in the 2015-18 affordable homes programme, by when do you expect to confirm the number, and tenure, of affordable homes proposed for London in 2015-18?

## **Help to Buy**

**Question No: 2013/3510**

[Stephen Knight](#)

What is your assessment of the number of homes currently on the London market that will be eligible for inclusion in the second phase of the Help to Buy scheme?

## **London Housing Market - supply and demand**

**Question No: 2013/3511**

[Stephen Knight](#)

Further to your answer to MQ 1865/2013, do you accept that if the supply of new homes in London continues to be outstripped by demand then further rises in rents are likely, if not inevitable?

## **Custom Build Housing and Community Right to Build programmes**

**Question No: 2013/3512**

[Stephen Knight](#)

How many applications have been received for the Custom Build Housing and Community Right to Build programmes since their launch in London on 17 July 2012?

## **Community Right to Build programme**

**Question No: 2013/3513**

[Stephen Knight](#)

Of the £3m of revenue funding available to community groups in London through the Community Right to Build programme, how much has been allocated to date? For how long is this funding available?

## **Custom Build Housing programme**

**Question No: 2013/3514**

[Stephen Knight](#)

Of the £5m of capital funding awarded to the GLA in 2012 to support custom build housing in London, how much has been allocated to date?

## **New Bus for London - emissions (1)**

**Question No: 2013/3515**

[Stephen Knight](#)

Please list the engine exhaust emissions (g/km) from the 2013 Euro V version of the New Bus for London for each of the following pollutants: PM10; PM2.5; and NO2.

## **New Bus for London - emissions (2)**

**Question No: 2013/3516**

[Stephen Knight](#)

When do you expect to publish details of the 'on road' emissions of the New Bus for London?

## **New Bus for London - green credentials**

**Question No: 2013/3517**

[Stephen Knight](#)

As you may know, due to the uniqueness of the new bus - and the fact there is currently no second-hand market for these vehicles - TfL has been forced to purchase all 600 vehicles directly and operate them for their entire working life (of at least 14 years). How environmentally-friendly do you expect the New Bus for London will appear in 14 years' time compared with contemporary 2027 models?

## **New Bus for London - vehicle weight**

**Question No: 2013/3518**

[Stephen Knight](#)

Further to MQs 2885/2012 and 0941/2013, are you now in a position to confirm the kerb weight and maximum gross vehicle weight (GVW) of the New Bus for London?

## **Cleaner Air for Schools programme (1)**

**Question No: 2013/3519**

[Stephen Knight](#)

How many schools are currently participating in the Cleaner Air 4 Schools programme?

## **Cleaner Air for Schools programme (2)**

**Question No: 2013/3520**

[Stephen Knight](#)

How much GLA funding has been allocated to support the Cleaner Air 4 Schools programme in 2013/14?

## **Provision of newspapers, periodicals and journals for the GLA**

**Question No: 2013/3521**

[Stephen Knight](#)

Please provide a list of the newspapers, periodicals and journals currently supplied to the Greater London Authority (GLA) under its contract with Willis News Distribution Ltd. Please also provide the annual cost of subscribing to each individual publication where known.

## **Air Quality Initiative of the Regions**

**Question No: 2013/3522**

[Stephen Knight](#)

Thank you for your answer to MQ2966/2013. The Air-quality Initiative of the Regions (AIR) position paper to which you refer also calls for a simplification of the limit value regime and flexibility over the current compliance assessment. In what ways specifically will your lobbying as part of the 'Year of Air' strengthen air pollution laws?

## **EU Air Quality Policy Review**

**Question No: 2013/3523**

[Stephen Knight](#)

What meetings have you or your officials had since 01 May 2013 concerning the European Commission's review of air quality policy?

## **London Underground - Tunnel Cleaning Machine**

**Question No: 2013/3524**

[Stephen Knight](#)

Further to MQ2315/2013, can you confirm that the new Tunnel Cleaning Train will begin testing in December 2013?

## **Air Quality on the Tube - information and advice**

**Question No: 2013/3525**

[Stephen Knight](#)

Further to MQ2314/2013 can you confirm that you intend to publish information about the dust levels recorded on the underground on TfL's website by the end of the calendar year (i.e. 31 December 2013)?

## **Ultra Low Emission Zone - consultation**

**Question No: 2013/3526**

[Stephen Knight](#)

Further to MQ 2327/2013, what is the timetable and process for allowing stakeholders to submit their preliminary views on the Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) planned for central London?

## **London Atmospheric Emissions Inventory - NO2 and PM**

**Question No: 2013/3527**

[Stephen Knight](#)

Please list the top five locations in London with the highest modelled annual mean concentrations of nitrogen dioxide (NO2) and particulate matter (PM10) in 2012 according to the latest London Atmospheric Emissions Inventory?

## **Nitrogen Dioxide - public exposure**

**Question No: 2013/3528**

[Stephen Knight](#)

According to the latest version of the London Atmospheric Emissions Inventory (LAEI), how many people in each London borough were exposed to concentrations of nitrogen dioxide exceeding the legal annual limit value in 2012?

## **Mayor's Air Quality Fund**

**Question No: 2013/3529**

[Stephen Knight](#)

How much funding has been allocated to 'greenwalls' or similar schemes from your Mayor's Air Quality Fund? Please provide a breakdown by scheme and grant.

## **Urban Broadband Fund**

**Question No: 2013/3530**

[Stephen Knight](#)

Where and on what has the Urban Broadband Fund been spent in London so far?

## **Apprenticeship Target**

**Question No: 2013/3531**

[Stephen Knight](#)

Can you specify how you intend to meet your target of creating 250,000 apprenticeship placements by 2016?

## **London's Property Taxes**

**Question No: 2013/3532**

[Stephen Knight](#)

What progress have you made in convincing the Treasury that London should retain its own Stamp Duty revenue streams to fund home building?

## **New York Tourism Partnership**

**Question No: 2013/3533**

[Stephen Knight](#)

By how much do you expect levels of tourism and business activity to rise between London and New York as a result of the New York Tourism Partnership?



## **European Language Teaching**

**Question No: 2013/3534**

[Stephen Knight](#)

The recent Mayoral Decision 1271 on the teaching and learning of Arabic in London is welcome. However the poor knowledge and take-up of European languages has led to numerous well researched reports of the UK being seriously underrepresented in the EU institutions, which is detrimental to London's influence in Brussels and elsewhere.

Londoners' knowledge of French, German, Spanish and Portuguese is also vital for this city's European and indeed global trade and business.

Do you have any plans to work with the British Council, or other institutions, to improve the uptake and teaching of European languages in London?

## **London Schools Excellence Fund**

**Question No: 2013/3535**

[Stephen Knight](#)

In your own words, the London Schools Excellence Fund is spending £24 million on high performing schools. What are you doing to help schools which are not performing as well?

## **Childcare in the Education Inquiry**

**Question No: 2013/3536**

[Stephen Knight](#)

The Health and Public Services Committee (as it was then known) recommended that early education and childcare be part of your Education Inquiry. Why did you reject this?

## **Parental Employment and Childcare Policies**

**Question No: 2013/3537**

[Stephen Knight](#)

Do you have a specific set of policies aimed at parental employment and childcare in London? If not, why not?

## **Childcare Assessment**

**Question No: 2013/3538**

[Stephen Knight](#)

Will you consider commissioning the GLA's Data Management and Analysis Group to create a London-wide assessment of supply and demand for childcare?

## **Pupil Increase**

**Question No: 2013/3539**

[Stephen Knight](#)

According to London Councils, pupil numbers in London will have increased by 90,000 by 2016. How have you been preparing for this?

## **Term Times**

**Question No: 2013/3540**

[Stephen Knight](#)

Many educational leaders fear that the ability in 2015 for schools to set their own term times, instead of local authorities, will only add to parents' childcare difficulties. This is why the Welsh government has taken steps to harmonise school holidays in Wales. Do you agree London school term times should also be harmonised? If not, why not?

## **West End VIP Day**

**Question No: 2013/3541**

[Stephen Knight](#)

On the 24th November 2012 you were quoted in the Metro newspaper as saying that "VIP Day has become an essential part of London's shopping calendar, and what better place to host it than the world's best retail district. This weekend showcases the best of shopping London has to offer, and builds on the momentum of the magnificent year London has had."

Following the decision not to hold a 'VIP Day' this year, can you clarify whether: (1) you were consulted before the decision was made for this regular event to not take place this year and if so what representations did you make, and (2) do you still stand by the view that you expressed last year that the event is an "essential" part of London's shopping calendar?

## **Maintenance of verges (1)**

**Question No: 2013/3542**

[Tony Arbour](#)

How many miles of road verge, including hedges and ditches, does Transport for London maintain in London?

## **Maintenance of verges (2)**

**Question No: 2013/3543**

[Tony Arbour](#)

How much does Transport for London pay to contractors to maintain these verges?

## **Maintenance of verges (3)**

**Question No: 2013/3544**

[Tony Arbour](#)

How does Transport for London ensure that work is carried out promptly and effectively by contractors in maintaining the verges, including hedges and ditches, on the TfL network?

## **Section 136 suites**

**Question No: 2013/3546**

[Tony Arbour](#)

ACPO research demonstrates that police officers are losing more than an hour a day managing mental health incidents that should be dealt with by healthcare professionals. (i) What percentage of mental health detainees are going straight to places of safety? (ii) How long on average do officers have to wait for a Section 136 suite? (iii) What, if any, agreements are there between local NHS trusts on transfers if Section 136 suites in one area are busy?

## **Police acting as ambulances**

**Question No: 2013/3547**

[Tony Arbour](#)

In medical emergencies, police transport is available to casualties as "a last resort" but in London there are reports that the police now regularly transport patients on the ambulance service's behalf because ambulances are delayed or fail to turn up. How many times have the police done this in the last measurable month?

## **Metropolitan Police's entrance exam**

**Question No: 2013/3548**

[Tony Arbour](#)

Does MOPAC support the MPS's Diversity Health Check document which recommends weighting placed on the "Written Communication" section of the Metropolitan Police's entrance exam is lowered?

## **Notting Hill redevelopment**

**Question No: 2013/3550**

[Andrew Boff](#)

What consideration will TfL be giving to cyclists in the redevelopment of the Notting Hill junction?

## **Olympic Stadium**

**Question No: 2013/3551**

[Andrew Boff](#)

What is the total value of contracts currently out to tender for the conversion on the Olympic Stadium?

## **Chobham Manor (1)**

**Question No: 2013/3553**

[Andrew Boff](#)

How many of the homes in the first phase of the Chobham Manor development will have three bedrooms?

### **Chobham Manor (2)**

**Question No: 2013/3554**

[Andrew Boff](#)

How many of the homes in the first phase of the Chobham Manor development will have four bedrooms?

### **Chobham Manor (3)**

**Question No: 2013/3555**

[Andrew Boff](#)

How many of the homes in the first phase of the Chobham Manor development will have five bedrooms?

### **London Housing Targets**

**Question No: 2013/3556**

[Andrew Boff](#)

From your new London Plan housing targets with London boroughs, what proportion do you expect will be family homes?

### **Sexual exploitation**

**Question No: 2013/3557**

[Andrew Boff](#)

In my MQT Question 2013/0168 I was told that in 2010, 3% of cases involving sexual exploitation involved male victims and that this increased to 13% in 2012. What number of cases were there in total in each of these years in London?

### **Police Misconduct Cases**

**Question No: 2013/3559**

[Roger Evans](#)

1. In the past year how much did it cost the Metropolitan police to fight misconduct cases?
2. How many of these cases took place in the past year?
3. What percentage of these cases were won by the Met?

## **Police Misconduct Cases on Patrol**

**Question No: 2013/3560**

[Roger Evans](#)

1. In the past year how much did it cost the Metropolitan police to fight misconduct cases which occurred when officers were on patrol?
2. How many of these cases took place in the past year?
3. What percentage of these cases were won by the Met?

## **Seven Kings Station**

**Question No: 2013/3561**

[Roger Evans](#)

Given your welcome confirmation at the recent Transport Plenary that, of the seven Crossrail Stations that do not currently have step-free access, Seven Kings is at the top of the list to be converted, when can my constituents expect to know a firm completion date?

## **Struck Out**

**Question No: 2013/3564**

[Richard Tracey](#)

Given that the Prime Minister has expressed support for the idea of banning tube strikes and replacing them with a system of binding pendulum arbitration, what steps will you take to help ensure that this reform, which in polls has consistently been shown to have the strong support of Londoners, is implemented?

## **Worcester Park Station**

**Question No: 2013/3567**

[Steve O'Connell](#)

In view of there currently being no step free access at Worcester Park Station, would you agree to write to the Secretary of State for Transport lobbying for access for all to be introduced at this location?

## **Crystal Palace Reconstruction & Tram Extension**

**Question No: 2013/3568**

[Steve O'Connell](#)

What impact will the proposed development/reconstruction of Crystal Palace have on the business case and viability for the Crystal Palace tram extension?

## **Overcrowding on New Addington Tram route**

**Question No: 2013/3569**

[Steve O'Connell](#)

You will be aware of the strength of feeling regarding the severe overcrowding issues on the East Croydon to New Addington tram route. Can you therefore please urge TfL to address this issue as a matter of urgency.

## **London Plan Further Alterations**

**Question No: 2013/3570**

[Steve O'Connell](#)

What areas of the London Plan are you looking to review as part of the Further Alterations process, and what are the current timetables for this?

## **Outer London Commission**

**Question No: 2013/3571**

[Steve O'Connell](#)

When do you expect the Outer London Commission to make its next report and what issues will it be considering?

## **Children on roads**

**Question No: 2013/3572**

[Victoria Borwick](#)

What groups of children are considered at most risk on London's roads and at what times of the day is this the case?

## **Convictions for dangerous driving**

**Question No: 2013/3573**

[Victoria Borwick](#)

1. How many bus drivers have received convictions following accidents with TfL buses?
2. What action do you think TfL should take when a bus driver receives a conviction for dangerous driving following an accident with a TfL bus?
3. Should TfL measure the number of convictions, related to any charges of dangerous driving by drivers of TfL buses, following an accident?

## **Respecting Pedestrian victims**

**Question No: 2013/3575**

[Victoria Borwick](#)

Could all pedestrians that have a fatal accident as a result of contact with a TfL vehicle, have their names mentioned and publicly acknowledged by TfL, as is the practice with cyclist fatalities?

## **TfL Bus driving**

**Question No: 2013/3576**

[Victoria Borwick](#)

1. How many hours is a bus driver's shift and what are the permitted rest breaks?
2. Would TfL consider studying whether accidents are linked to gaps in the service or shift patterns? For example, when a driver tries to make up time to keep within a schedule, or when a bus driver is tired near the end of their shift?

## **TfL pension fund (1)**

**Question No: 2013/3577**

[Gareth Bacon](#)

What would be the annual saving if the Government were to recognise the TfL pension scheme as a public, rather than private sector scheme, both in terms of paying off the pension deficit more slowly and no longer having to contribute to the pension protection fund?

## **TfL pension fund (2)**

**Question No: 2013/3578**

[Gareth Bacon](#)

How much money would be saved by merging the TfL pension fund with the LPFA?

## **King George V DLR station**

**Question No: 2013/3579**

[Gareth Bacon](#)

What was the cost of new signage for the whole station when King George V DLR station was built?

## **Kings Cross redevelopment**

**Question No: 2013/3580**

[Gareth Bacon](#)

What was the cost of new signage associated with the redevelopment of Kings Cross St Pancras Underground station?

## **Thames Garden Bridge**

**Question No: 2013/3581**

[Gareth Bacon](#)

Are you looking into the opportunity of paying for the Thames Garden Bridge via commercial sponsorship?

## **Crossrail 2 consultation**

**Question No: 2013/3588**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

Can the Mayor please update me on the outcome of the public consultation on Crossrail 2 that ended on 2 August 2013?

## **School Class Sizes**

**Question No: 2013/3589**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

If classes in Free Schools that you have committed to set aside land for exceed more than 30 pupils, will this strengthen or weaken education standards?

## **Unqualified teachers in schools (1)**

**Question No: 2013/3590**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

Would you be happy for unqualified teachers to teach in the in Free Schools that you have committed to set aside land for?

## **SureStart closures**

**Question No: 2013/3591**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

Between May 2010 and January 2013, 126 SureStart Children's Centres closed in London. Do you have any Mayoral plans to deal with the consequences of these closures?

## **Highbury Corner Gyrotory**

**Question No: 2013/3592**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

Given that TfL have long had plans to redevelop the gyrotory at Highbury Corner, can the Mayor update me on the situation here please?

## **Cycle superhighway**

**Question No: 2013/3593**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

The cycle superhighway that passes through Cable Street ends at Tower Hill with limited direction for cyclists on where to go should they wish to continue their journey into central London. This endangers cyclists in a very busy part of London. Why does this superhighway end at the city boundaries, rather than continuing into the centre of London?



## **Cycle parking stands**

**Question No: 2013/3594**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

Does the Mayor have plans to increase the number of cycle parking stands across London? And, if so, what is the timeframe for this and where will they be?

## **Meetings with the Secretary of State for Health**

**Question No: 2013/3595**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

At MQT on 17 July, I asked about your meetings with the Secretary of State for Health, Jeremy Hunt, in relation to London's A&Es being under considerable pressure during the summer.

You advised me that you saw "him a couple of weeks ago" but although your 11th Mayor's report lists a meeting with Jeremy Hunt on 27th March this year, your 12th, 13th and 14th reports (covering 9th May to 28th August) list no subsequent meetings with the Secretary of State for Health.

For clarification, would you please provide me with a list of all the meetings you personally have had with the Secretary of State for Health, any other Health Ministers, and any senior health officials during 2013?

## **Air pollution**

**Question No: 2013/3596**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

According to a recent report by Clean Air in London, the area around the North Circular in Walthamstow is one of the most air polluted areas in London. What are the Mayor's plans to remedy this?

## **Section 23 Stop and Search (follow up from question 2987/2013)**

**Question No: 2013/3597**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

The report I referred to in my question submitted for September's MQT is 'The Numbers in Black and White: Ethnic disparities in the Policing and Prosecution of Drug Offences in England and Wales' (published by Release, August 2013). A white person in Hackney caught in possession of cocaine as a result of being stopped and searched is charged only 20% of the time, while a black person is charged 67% of the time. The report reveals this is the case; why do you believe this is so?

## **Walthamstow Stadium redevelopment**

**Question No: 2013/3598**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

In regards to the redevelopment which is going on around the site of the Walthamstow Stadium, what level of grant is being provided by the GLA to L&Q and on what unit mix is it based?

## **Old Street Roundabout (1)**

**Question No: 2013/3599**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

Would you agree that the the Government been too slow to release funds for the £50m project to transform Old St and create a new "Open Institute"?

## **Old Street Roundabout (2)**

**Question No: 2013/3600**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

If the Government was to renege on its promise and deliver less than £50m are there contingency plans in place to make up any shortfall?

## **Old Street Roundabout (3)**

**Question No: 2013/3601**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

If the Government fails to deliver the funding on time, necessitating the allocation of £87,000 from the GLA's central contingency budget, will attempts be made to recoup these costs from central Government?

## **Old Street Roundabout (4)**

**Question No: 2013/3602**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

What was the outcome of the community consultation on the project that took place this summer? Have any changes been made to the project as a result?

## **Question: Lea Bridge station transfer to TfL**

**Question No: 2013/3603**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

Do you have an update on whether it is intended that the stations south of Cheshunt, including the new Lea Bridge station, and the local stopping train service will transfer to TfL when track improvements have been completed?

## **Question: Black History Month**

**Question No: 2013/3604**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

I welcome the Mayor's collaborative work he's doing with Tim Campbell and it's great news that this year the Mayor will be celebrating Black History Month. Can the Mayor confirm that this will now be an annual event for the remainder of his Mayoralty?

## **Question: MPS Recruitment**

**Question No: 2013/3605**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

The £800-£1000 cost of the Certificate in Knowledge of Policing (CKP) which the MPS now requires recruits to complete before they can start as a new police constable will reduce the number of applicants from lower-income households. Making the MPS's workforce more reflective of London as a whole is a major priority, which will be adversely affected by this charge. What are you doing to provide financial support to those people from lower-income households who want to complete the CKP?

## **Overground Rail Routes**

**Question No: 2013/3606**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

I have been asked by a constituent to put the following question to you:

On 2 July 2013, TfL announced that they will take control of overground rail routes that run from Liverpool Street station to Enfield Town and Cheshunt. In the press release, it states "no date has been fixed for the transfer, although TfL hopes that it will be during 2015". Can you provide me with a more accurate estimation of when much-needed works at the station will commence?

## **Stamford Hill Train Station**

**Question No: 2013/3607**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

I have been asked by a constituent to put the following question to you:

On 2 July 2013, TfL announced that they will take control of overground rail routes that run from Liverpool Street station to Enfield Town and Cheshunt from 2015. Stamford Hill has one of the highest birth rates in London, while a recent Hackney Council survey revealed that over 50% of the over-55 age group in the new Woodberry Down ward self-identify as having a disability. As a result, there are a disproportionate number of residents with prams or physical impairments that experience great difficulty with stairs and therefore cannot access the station. With this in mind, what reassurances can you provide with that TfL will make Stamford Hill overground station 'step free'?

## **Woodberry Down and Safer Neighbourhood Team structures**

**Question No: 2013/3608**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

Following a Local Government Boundary Commission review, from 2014 local government boundaries will be re-drawn in parts of Hackney. One of the new wards will be Woodberry Down. Can the ward's residents expect their own Safer Neighbourhood Team and, if not, what kind of community policing are they likely to receive?

## **Youth unemployment on Woodberry Down**

**Question No: 2013/3609**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

Other than handful of 'Well London' apprenticeships, what are you doing to tackle disproportionately high levels of youth unemployment on Woodberry Down estate?

## **Woodberry Down, Stamford Hill and Barclays Cycle Hire**

**Question No: 2013/3610**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

When can the people of Woodberry Down and Stamford Hill expect the cycle hire scheme to arrive in their area?

## **Stamford Hill and the 73 Bus**

**Question No: 2013/3611**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

Why did TfL decide to cut the 73 bus service from Stamford Hill?

## **Stamford Hill bus to Golders Green**

**Question No: 2013/3612**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

When can the people of Stamford Hill and Woodberry Down expect you to fulfil your pre-election promise of a bus service to Golders Green?

## **DLR Land on Cable Street (1)**

**Question No: 2013/3613**

[John Biggs](#)

This land has been so neglected by SERCO/DLR that residents raised it with the London Borough of Tower Hamlets, who in turn cleaned it. Can you give an assurance to the Council tax payers of Tower Hamlets that the cost of these cleaning will be re-imbursed?

## **DLR Land on Cable Street (2)**

**Question No: 2013/3614**

[John Biggs](#)

I have been contacted by residents of Cable Street who are frustrated by the total lack of cleaning by SERCO/DLR of this land near their homes. I am sure you will agree this is disrespectful to residents who care about their environment. Will you give a commitment to these Londoners that this area will be cleaned regularly?

## **Illegal Hoardings**

**Question No: 2013/3615**

[John Biggs](#)

Will you ensure, as Chairman of TfL that you investigate and report on alleged illegal advertising hoardings erected on land owned by the DLR on Cable Street between Cannon Street Road and Dock Street E1?

## **London Living Wage**

**Question No: 2013/3616**

[John Biggs](#)

Do you know which members of the G15, London's largest affordable housing providers pay all their staff the London Living Wage. And if some do not, will you proactively encourage them to do so?

## **Safer Lorry Charge**

**Question No: 2013/3617**

[John Biggs](#)

On 4th September you announced that consultations on your proposals for a "Safer Lorry Charge" will begin in early 2014. Two weeks later another cyclist fatality occurred in a collision with a tipper truck. It is clear that London's roads do not offer cyclists sufficient safety. Will you now agree to bring forward this consultation as a matter of urgency?

## **Barclays Bike Docking Stand 1**

**Question No: 2013/3618**

[John Biggs](#)

I have been contacted by constituents and local Councillors who believe that a Barclays Bike Docking Stand at Orchard Place would benefit residents, workers and students from the Trinity Bouy Wharf Area. There is a stand at East India DLR station which leaves commuters with a long walk to Trinity Bouy Wharf. Will you ask TfL to look at plans for this with Tower Hamlets Council?

## **Barclays Bike Docking Stand 2**

**Question No: 2013/3619**

[John Biggs](#)

Constituents who did not want a docking station near their homes at Old Ford Road in Bow, and thought they had seen this proposal off, found it was recently installed anyway. What light can you shed on this?

## **Fixed Odd Betting Terminals**

**Question No: 2013/3620**

[John Biggs](#)

Do you agree there is a growing and parasitic presence of Fixed Odd Betting Terminals in many deprived areas of London, particularly in my constituency. Would you write to the Government in support of better regulation of Fixed Odd Betting Terminals?

## **Cyclists' Safety**

**Question No: 2013/3621**

[John Biggs](#)

When roadworks are taking place it often appears as though no thought has been paid to how cyclists and vehicles will get round the roadworks safely. There is normally just a sign that says 'Cycle Lane Closed'. For instance no provisions have been made for cyclists using the CS2 which is currently being built between Bow and Newham eastbound and their options are either to use the road with vehicles going very fast, where it is difficult to manoeuvre into the right space or to use the pavement and risk being fined by the police. What can you do to ensure that cyclists are not left stranded because of roadworks?

## **Equalities and Ticket Offices**

**Question No: 2013/3622**

[John Biggs](#)

What EIA has been carried out into proposals to close Underground Ticket Offices, and can you publish this?

## **Super-Cameras**

**Question No: 2013/3623**

[John Biggs](#)

It has been reported that new Infra-red enforcement cameras will be able to 'catch' far more transgressing motorists than the more conventional photographic ones. And that these can be installed without advance warning notices. Will you support their use in London?

## **Local Government Budget Cuts**

**Question No: 2013/3624**

[John Biggs](#)

While London Councils face continuing massive budget cuts, the GLA is being relatively (but only relatively) lightly hit. What explanation, other than favouritism, can you give for this, and will you join London's councils in opposing the scale of their cuts?

## **Barking Police Station**

**Question No: 2013/3625**

[John Biggs](#)

While the reprieve of Dagenham Police Station is welcome, why will the police office in Barking Town Centre only be open Monday-Fridays 9-5 (extended to 9pm on Thursdays and Fridays)? The footfall and night time economy issues in Barking Town Centre, which is the busiest public place in the Borough, suggest that this is a rather short-sighted decision. In addition, with a rapidly growing population and growing demand for services, and a higher level of crime reports per capita than most boroughs, and amongst the highest for Outer London, this seems doubly short-sighted. The local authority has written to your Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime but he has not answered their concerns. Will you use your authority to ensure this matter is properly discussed and the strength of local opinion taken into account?

## **Euston Road**

**Question No: 2013/3626**

[Tom Copley](#)

A constituent has got in touch to report that on the Euston Road, just below Euston Station and near to the Friend's House the road is in such a poor state it makes it almost impossible to cycle. Could you please look into this and, if it is a TfL road, ensure that it is made fit for purpose.

## **Question topic: Affordable housing conversions**

**Question No: 2013/3627**

[Tom Copley](#)

Are you factoring the rents charged on converted social rent properties into your overall 65% average rent target for Affordable Rent in London?

## **London Greeters**

**Question No: 2013/3628**

[Tom Copley](#)

After the Olympics the London Greeters scheme was set up. This is staffed entirely by volunteers and run by the 5 Olympic Boroughs and Camden. The current funding for this scheme is coming to an end. Can you offer any assistance to ensure this scheme can continue its valuable work?

## **Blacklisting**

**Question No: 2013/3629**

[Tom Copley](#)

You previously stated that 'Blacklisting is an unacceptable and illegal practice' and referred to GLA contractors needing to comply with the Employment Relations Act 1999 (Blacklists) Regulations 2010. I now draw your attention to Leigh Day Solicitors document 'Blacklisting the blacklisters' which I ask you read. Will you now commit to the GLA taking a more proactive approach in checking whether contractors have been involved in blacklisting and follow the recent example of the Welsh Government to ensure companies that are blacklisted are excluded from GLA procurement?

## **Buses on Diversion**

**Question No: 2013/3630**

[Tom Copley](#)

A constituent has got in touch about the spoken announcements and displays buses provide when there are persistent road works resulting in buses being on diversion. They referred specifically to long standing road works in Camden since last December. When there are long standing diversions could buses inform passengers of the revised route rather than just say "This bus is on diversion"?

## **Capital Towers (1)**

**Question No: 2013/3631**

[Tom Copley](#)

What is the proportion of a) market, b) affordable housing for homeownership, c) Affordable Rent and d) social rent on the Capital Towers development on the Olympic Park? Please outline the reasoning for the amount that was agreed for each tenure. Please also state whether this housing was provided off-site.

## **Capital Towers (2)**

**Question No: 2013/3632**

[Tom Copley](#)

What, if any, was the total public subsidy that went into the construction of the Capital Towers development on the Olympic Park?

## **Affordable Rent**

**Question No: 2013/3633**

[Tom Copley](#)

You have agreed with Registered Providers a programme to deliver 55,000 affordable homes by the end of 2014/15. Can you please provide the forecast for how many homes will be delivered in each borough in each year, at what tenure and at what bedroom size?



## **Affordable Rent levels**

**Question No: 2013/3634**

[Tom Copley](#)

Please provide a breakdown of rent levels at 100%, 80%, 65% and target rent levels in each London borough as well as the household income required to afford those rent levels (assuming that the cost of rent does not exceed 40% of household income).

## **Draft Housing Strategy (1)**

**Question No: 2013/3635**

[Tom Copley](#)

Why are you publishing another draft Housing Strategy, nearly two years after launching the consultation on a draft that you have never published?

## **Draft Housing Strategy (2)**

**Question No: 2013/3636**

[Tom Copley](#)

When will the Draft Housing Strategy be published and will there be a consultation period?

## **Help to Buy (1)**

**Question No: 2013/3637**

[Tom Copley](#)

What advice has Gerard Lyons given you on the impact of Help to Buy on London's housing market? If he has not yet given you advice on this topic, please outline his view on the likely implications of the second stage of Help to Buy on London's housing market.

## **Help to Buy (2)**

**Question No: 2013/3638**

[Tom Copley](#)

Should the second phase of Help to Buy lead in London to a larger increase in housing demand over supply, would you expect any impact to have been felt in London before the Bank of England Financial Policy Committee (FPC) makes its first annual review of the scheme in September 2014?

## **Capacity in the construction sector**

**Question No: 2013/3639**

[Tom Copley](#)

What assessment have you made of current unutilised capacity in the construction sector? Furthermore, what is the total number of homes that could be built in London per year at current capacity levels?

## **Additional housing powers**

**Question No: 2013/3640**

[Tom Copley](#)

What additional housing powers would you like devolved to the Greater London Authority?

## **Tax receipt devolution**

**Question No: 2013/3641**

[Tom Copley](#)

What progress has been made in negotiating with government the devolution of certain tax revenues, such as Stamp Duty?

## **Private rented sector (1)**

**Question No: 2013/3642**

[Tom Copley](#)

In response to question 2924/2013, you say "I have been very active in encouraging local authorities and Government to deal with" the problem of rogue landlords. What are you encouraging them to do?

## **Private rented sector (3)**

**Question No: 2013/3643**

[Tom Copley](#)

What experience do you have of living in London's private rented sector?

## **Fit and proper landlords**

**Question No: 2013/3644**

[Tom Copley](#)

If landlords had to pass a 'fit and proper persons' test before operating, as they do within your London Rental Standard, would it help to reduce the number of rogue landlords in London's private rented sector? If not, why have you included the requirement in your London Rental Standard?

## **Empty homes**

**Question No: 2013/3645**

[Tom Copley](#)

Can you confirm whether, in 2012/13, only 8 homes were brought back into use through your Empty Homes Programme, and that the programme spent just £39,000 of the £3.6 million allocated to it for the year (a near 99% underspend)?

## **Rents**

### **Question No: 2013/3646**

[Tom Copley](#)

Thank you for your response to question 3012/2013, why is it more difficult to forecast increases in private sector rents compared to other housing prices, such as the price of homeownership, which many organisations consistently forecast?

## **Affordable housing data (1)**

### **Question No: 2013/3647**

[Tom Copley](#)

Following my written question you have recently published data of affordable housing completions by borough, financial year and bedroom size. Can you please provide this data for starts? Can you also differentiate between Affordable Rent and social rent?

## **Affordable housing data (2)**

### **Question No: 2013/3648**

[Tom Copley](#)

Following my written question you have recently published data of affordable housing completions by borough, financial year and bedroom size. Can you please reproduce the information with a separate figure for Affordable Rent and social rent (as has been done in the overall affordable housing outturn data published by the GLA to-date)?

## **Affordable housing data (3)**

### **Question No: 2013/3649**

[Tom Copley](#)

Please provide starts and completions data for the 2008/11 National Affordable Housing Programme by borough, financial year and bedroom size.

## **First Steps (1)**

### **Question No: 2013/3650**

[Tom Copley](#)

What was the average deposit paid by those purchasing homes through the First Steps programme last year?

## **First Steps (2)**

### **Question No: 2013/3651**

[Tom Copley](#)

What was the average amount paid on legal and other fees (additional to deposits) by those purchasing homes through the First Steps programme last year?

## **Pocket homes**

**Question No: 2013/3652**

[Tom Copley](#)

Will the 'pocket homes' you've just invested £21.7 million in conform to the minimum space standards set out in the London Plan?

## **Overcrowding (1)**

**Question No: 2013/3653**

[Tom Copley](#)

You have a target to halve severe overcrowding in London by the end of 2016. Is the 'bedroom tax' likely to lead to a significant reduction in overcrowding and, if you believe so, how many households will it lift out of overcrowding?

## **Overcrowding (2)**

**Question No: 2013/3654**

[Tom Copley](#)

You have a target to halve severe overcrowding in London by the end of 2016. How many households live in (a) overcrowded and (b) severely overcrowded households today compared to when you were elected in 2008?

## **Family size housing**

**Question No: 2013/3655**

[Tom Copley](#)

You have reduced your target for family-sized (defined as having 3 bedrooms or more) rented affordable housing from 42% in the February 2010 Housing Strategy to 36% in the Draft Revised Housing Strategy (published for consultation in December 2011). Why did you reduce this target?

## **Overseas investors (1)**

**Question No: 2013/3656**

[Tom Copley](#)

In your view, is it a bad thing that overseas investors are adding significant levels of demand to London's housing market - pricing many Londoners out of homeownership and forcing them into prolonged stays in London's bulging private rented sector?

## **Overseas investors (2)**

**Question No: 2013/3657**

[Tom Copley](#)

Have you undertaken an assessment of the impact that demand from overseas investors has had on (a) London house prices and (b) housing supply relative to what could be expected if there was nil demand from overseas? Given the importance of this issue, if you have not yet undertaken such an assessment can I have a commitment from you to do so?

## **GLA land (1)**

**Question No: 2013/3658**

[Tom Copley](#)

What is (a) the current amount of land held by the GLA and its functional bodies, (b) what proportion of this is currently suitable for housing development and (c) what is the total housing capacity for this land?

## **GLA land (2)**

**Question No: 2013/3659**

[Tom Copley](#)

What is the current value of the GLA's land holdings?

## **London Bridge Redevelopment and the Greenwich Line (1)**

**Question No: 2013/3660**

[Len Duvall](#)

How can TfL contribute to mitigating the effects of the non-stopping of Greenwich line trains at London Bridge during its redevelopment?

## **London Bridge Redevelopment and the Greenwich Line (2)**

**Question No: 2013/3661**

[Len Duvall](#)

What estimates have TfL made for extra demand for Underground services at North Greenwich and increased bus use to that station during the non-stopping of Greenwich line trains at London Bridge?

## **The Greenwich Line and Charing Cross**

**Question No: 2013/3662**

[Len Duvall](#)

From 2014 Southeastern Trains via Greenwich and Deptford will no longer terminate at Charing Cross following the redevelopment of London Bridge. Will you instruct TfL to waive this new cost of interchange for season ticket holders?

## **The Greenwich Line and Opportunity Areas**

**Question No: 2013/3663**

[Len Duvall](#)

Southeastern's Greenwich line provides vital, direct connections to five of London's Opportunity Areas: Deptford Creek/Greenwich Riverside, Charlton Riverside, Thamesmead & Abbey Wood, Woolwich and Bexley Riverside. What representations have the Housing & Land directorate made to Southeastern as increasing amounts of housing at these sites is due for completion as the line loses its central London connections?

## **Greenwich & Woolwich Foot Tunnels**

**Question No: 2013/3664**

[Len Duvall](#)

What learning has the GLA gained from issues surrounding the Greenwich and Woolwich foot tunnel refurbishment?

## **Greenwich & Woolwich Foot Tunnels 2**

**Question No: 2013/3665**

[Len Duvall](#)

With the refurbishment of Greenwich foot tunnel due for completion early next year, will the GLA remain in dialogue with the Royal Borough of Greenwich and other stakeholders until the upgrade of the Woolwich foot tunnel is complete?

## **Run to the Beat.**

**Question No: 2013/3666**

[Len Duvall](#)

Would the Mayor outline the lessons for TfL and the Metropolitan Police Service from this year's Run to the Beat?

## **Cycle Superhighway 5**

**Question No: 2013/3667**

[Len Duvall](#)

Do TfL have plans to revisit attempts to terminate Cycle Superhighway 5 at Lewisham?

## **Cycling Connections to North Greenwich**

**Question No: 2013/3668**

[Len Duvall](#)

Will TfL look at improving cycling connections to and storage facilities at North Greenwich ahead of disruptions to the Greenwich Line?

## **Connecting Charlton to North Greenwich**

**Question No: 2013/3669**

[Len Duvall](#)

Will TfL look at improving cycling and pedestrian facilities between Charlton and North Greenwich ahead of disruptions to the Greenwich Line?

## **TfL and National Cycle Route 1**

**Question No: 2013/3670**

[Len Duvall](#)

What input to TfL and the GLA Housing & Land Directorate place into the management of National Cycle Route 1? Will TfL look at improving the capacity of this link in face of disruptions to the Greenwich Line?

## **Eco Buses in South East London**

**Question No: 2013/3671**

[Len Duvall](#)

TfL currently prioritise central London for greener buses. There are a number of residential, hilly roads in my constituency that are key roads for bus routes, e.g. Jerningham Road, Telegraph Hill and Westcombe Hill. Could TfL look at prioritising routes with large residential stretched for greener buses?

## **Greener Single Deck Buses: 108 & 286**

**Question No: 2013/3672**

[Len Duvall](#)

TfL have recently told me hybrids are largely double decker buses, but some Hydrogen Cell Buses are in use on the RV1. Are TfL considering rolling these out beyond the RV1 or examining alternative 'green' single decker technologies for other routes?

## **Greenwich Peninsula Ecology Park: Development, Shade and Biodiversity**

**Question No: 2013/3673**

[Len Duvall](#)

Will the Housing & Land Directorate meet with myself and campaigners concerned by the threat to biodiversity created by new developments around Greenwich Peninsula Ecology Park?

## **Tunnel Approach: Noise Reduction**

**Question No: 2013/3674**

[Len Duvall](#)

As the Mayor may know, Tunnel Approach lost its motorway designation with the re-creation of regional government in 2000. As such, it is not held to the highest national standards of noise reduction barriers. TfL have no funding for such measures, but given the dense local population, and the large number of tunnel users whose journeys begin beyond the Greater London boundary, will the Mayor lobby the Department of Transport for funding to improve this vital quality of life issue for residents in Greenwich?

## **Woolwich Dockyard**

**Question No: 2013/3675**

[Len Duvall](#)

Will the Mayor lobby Southeastern in support of a technological solution to ensure trains can continue stopping there when services are upgraded to twelve carriages

## **Race claims against the police**

### **Question No: 2013/3676**

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Why is it that you have persistently failed to answer substantively since it was first asked in February 2013, answer Question No: 532/ 2013, repeated as Question No: 2043 / 2013, and as Question No: 2519 / 2013, and as Question No: 3055 / 2013:

"How much compensation has the Metropolitan Police paid in respect of race claims in each of the last 3 years in respect of each of i) claims settled out for court, ii) as a result of court awards, iii) as a consequence of tribunal claims; to a) members of the public; and b) Metropolitan Police staff c) police officers d) PCSOs ; and in relation to each of these categories, how many cases were involved?" Your answers in similar terms to all these was to repeat "Officers are drafting a response which will be sent shortly." Is a wait for an answer from February to now "shortly"?

Is it that the answer is very embarrassing to the Metropolitan Police on your watch? If not, why not? And will you answer the question substantively now?

## **Police Uniform 1**

### **Question No: 2013/3677**

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Further to your answer to Question No: 3064 / 2013

"Do you think that, at a time when you are cutting the police budget by 20%, it was right to spend £660 on DAC Maxine De Brunner's Napoleon style ceremonial hat?"

Your written response being:

"The MPS is very proud of its long-standing history of riding in Royal ceremonial events and the police contribution has long been appreciated by the public and other participants such as the military. At all times the MPS has a duty to deliver value for money to the taxpayer",

do you really believe that this expenditure of £660 on a hat meets the duty you identify of "delivering value for money to the taxpayer" ?

## **Police Uniform 2**

### **Question No: 2013/3678**

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Why have you still not answered substantively Question No: 3065 / 2013:

"How much did the Metropolitan Police spend on full dress, ceremonial, evening and dinner uniforms for senior officers above the rank of commander in the last year, and how much to date in the current year?"

Is it that the answer is very embarrassing to the Metropolitan Police on your watch? If not, why not? And will you answer the question substantively now?



## **Police station queues 1**

**Question No: 2013/3679**

[Andrew Dismore](#)

How long do you think it is reasonable for a member of the public to have to wait in a police station queue before being seen?

## **Police station queues 2**

**Question No: 2013/3680**

[Andrew Dismore](#)

What are you doing about the long queues at the front offices in Barnet and Colindale police stations, a consequence of your closures of police stations. Are you aware that people are regularly walking out in despair? What are you doing about it?

## **Hampstead police station 1**

**Question No: 2013/3681**

[Andrew Dismore](#)

When will you answer substantively Question No: 3066 / 2013:

"Further to your answer to Question No: 2504 / 2013, As the Royal Free Hospital has been discounted as a possible police "contact point" as officers staffing the contact point might be called away to A and E incidents, what are you now doing to provide a contact point for this area?"

Is the delay because the best you have come up with is a stall in Starbucks?

And are you aware the reports in the local press of the disquiet of local police officers about using Starbucks because of local hostility to that company due to their tax avoidance practices, which the officers believe will put people off from going there?

## **Hampstead police station 2**

**Question No: 2013/3682**

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Potential purchasers of Hampstead Police Station had until 19 July 2013 to submit their bids. How many bids were submitted? Is there a preferred purchaser? Who is it, if so? What is the timetable now for its sale? why will you not answer these questions, bearing in mind your avoidance of doing so in your response to Question No: 3067 / 2013?

## **Hampstead police station 3**

**Question No: 2013/3683**

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Will you undertake not to dispose of Hampstead Police Station until an alternative and suitable base reserved for police officers has been identified in the locality?

## **Report from London Communities and Police Partnership (LCP2)**

**Question No: 2013/3684**

[Andrew Dismore](#)

I assume you saw the report from London Communities and Police Partnership (LCP2). What is your response to their serious criticisms of the new policing model?

### **Police car parks 1**

**Question No: 2013/3685**

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Should there not have been a more complete look at the Police estate to include Police car parks and how lucrative commercial car parks in London can be, before station closures?

### **Police car parks 2**

**Question No: 2013/3686**

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Please list the police car parks in London

### **Police car parks 3**

**Question No: 2013/3687**

[Andrew Dismore](#)

What rules apply to officers using police car parking facilities for their own private cars and other vehicles?

### **101 number and police stations**

**Question No: 2013/3688**

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Further to your answer to Question No: 2502 / 2013, and to Question No: 3069 / 2013 about The 101 number to contact the Metropolitan Police for non-emergency calls, will you ensure that the 101 number will operate at normal charging rates for Metropolitan Police calls in future? Further, your suggestion that as an alternative to calling 101, crime can also be reported online or by attending a local police station, would you acknowledge that recent closures of police stations have made this difficult for many Londoners.

### **Camden Police Numbers**

**Question No: 2013/3689**

[Andrew Dismore](#)

As of 31st August 2013, how many full time sworn police officers were there in Camden; how many special constables; how many PCSOs; how many sergeants; how many non PCSO civilian staff were there; what were the comparable figures for 1st May 2010, and 31st August 2012; and what do you expect the figures to be on 31st August 2014?

## **Barnet Police Numbers**

### **Question No: 2013/3690**

[Andrew Dismore](#)

As of 31st August 2013, how many full time sworn police officers were there in Barnet; how many special constables; how many PCSOs; how many sergeants; how many non PCSO civilian staff were there; what were the comparable figures for 1st May 2010, and 31st August 2012; and what do you expect the figures to be on 31st August 2014?

## **Safer Neighbourhood Panels 1**

### **Question No: 2013/3691**

[Andrew Dismore](#)

In your response to Question No: 3075 / 2013 you said yet I understand that ward panels are to be abolished and will be replaced by more remote cluster based panels. In Barnet, at a recent Barnet Community Safety Engagement Group we were told that this means instead of 21 locally based panels, there will be just 4 cluster based ones. is this correct? And if so how can you say "Ward Panels continue to be the bedrock of police and community engagement", when they are going to cease to exist?

## **Safer Neighbourhood Panels 2**

### **Question No: 2013/3692**

[Andrew Dismore](#)

After your local policing model is fully in effect how many ward based Safer Neighbourhood Panels will there be in Camden? Will there be just one per cluster as in Barnet?

## **Contact Points 1**

### **Question No: 2013/3693**

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Please list the locations of the police contact points in Camden; the date each of them started; and the number of people who have used each of them for each month since they began.

## **Contact Points 2**

### **Question No: 2013/3694**

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Please list the locations of the police contact points in Barnet; the date each of them started; and the number of people who have used each of them for each month since they began.

## **New policing model**

### **Question No: 2013/3695**

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Further to your answer Question No: 3071 / 2013, that an average of 77 per cent of officers were actually on operational duty under the new policing model ward clusters shift pattern, is it correct to say they were all on duty all at the same time throughout all the shifts as your answer infers, or is the correct position, that they were shared between the various shifts the officers work; and if the latter will you therefore please answer the question in an honest and not misleading way, by indicating what percentage of officers will be on shift and actually working ? Is it not the case that the figure I originally suggested to you of 20% is correct?

## **Peel Centre 1**

### **Question No: 2013/3696**

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Will you now answer substantively Question No: 3076 / 2013, repeating Question No: 2034 / 2013, "Further to your answer to question No: 1446 / 2013 and the review MOPAC is undertaking of the development for the remaining site and preparing a planning brief in support of the LB Barnet Colindale Area Action Plan when will this work be completed and published?"

## **Edgware tube station public conveniences**

### **Question No: 2013/3697**

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Will you reopen the Edgware tube station public conveniences, and if not why not?

## **Stirling Corner**

### **Question No: 2013/3698**

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Further to your answer to Questions No: 4161/2012 "I cycle the whole of London. When I next do Stirling Corner I will give you a report" and your answers to questions 261/2013, 522/2013, 1041/2013, 1464/2013 and Question No: 2039/2013 and Question No: 2497 / 2013 referring back to your non- answers to my invitation to you to attempt to go round Stirling Corner on your bike, and your repeated answer "I have nothing to add to MQ 4161/2012.", and your answer to Question No: 3083 / 2013, "I cycle the whole of London and when I next pass through Stirling Corner I will be sure to give you a report", have you ever cycled round Stirling Corner? Have you cycled round Stirling Corner since you promised to do so; if not why not; and if not when do you expect to cycle round Stirling Corner? Or is it that you have no intention of doing so in the foreseeable future and just want to pretend you are a keen cyclist with cyclists' concerns at heart and have no intention of honouring your commitment to do so, so that your original answer can be seen as nothing more than a fobbing off exercise? Or are you frightened of doing so, as it is too dangerous? Why do you have nothing to add? Aren't you embarrassed by your non responses when reminded of your promise?

## **Emirates cable car contract**

**Question No: 2013/3699**

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Will you now answer substantively Question No: 3092 / 2013:

"Will you now review all contracts that the GLA and TfL are engaged in to ensure that the GLA is in full compliance with the Race Relations Act, Equality Act, and EU Trading agreements; and what is being done to review all other GLA and TfL contracts, to see if a similar Israel boycott wording has "slipped through"?"

## **Edgware town centre**

**Question No: 2013/3700**

[Andrew Dismore](#)

I understand Barnet council has applied to you for funding for a grant towards the greening of Edgware town centre, including tree planting. What progress with this application is being made?

## **Israel visit**

**Question No: 2013/3701**

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Further to your answer to Question No: 3096 / 2013

"I am not travelling to Israel in 2014",

Why did you previously give the impression you were, to the Jewish press; and when do you now intend to travel to Israel for an official visit, if you still do?

## **Beds in sheds**

**Question No: 2013/3702**

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Further to your answers to Question No: 2498 / 2013 and Question No: 3086 / 2013 that you " will ask my Deputy Mayor for Housing, Land and Property to raise this issue at the next meeting of the Beds in Sheds Ministerial Taskforce, of which he is a member" and that the meeting was likely to be in November or December, has this meeting been scheduled yet, and if so when for?.

## **Shop conversions**

**Question No: 2013/3703**

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Will you now answer substantively Question No: 3059 / 2013

"Do you agree with the Government planning minister that shops should be able to be converted to housing without planning permission?"

## **GLA owned playing fields**

**Question No: 2013/3704**

[Andrew Dismore](#)

You have pointed out the increased infrastructure and leisure facilities needed for our expanding London population, which you have estimated to be 10 million by about 2030. For that reason, is it your policy to protect all existing publicly-owned playing fields and running tracks under your control in the GLA portfolio? Are you allowing any to be sold for housing?

## **Finchley Memorial Hospital bus service**

**Question No: 2013/3705**

[Andrew Dismore](#)

What estimate have you and TfL made of passenger demand for a bus service for Finchley Memorial Hospital?

## **Peel centre 2**

**Question No: 2013/3706**

[Andrew Dismore](#)

In selecting Redrow as the preferred bidder for the police training centre site at Hendon what requirements have you asked of them as to the number of social and affordable homes on the site and as to preserving the open space, including the running track?

## **London Health Board**

**Question No: 2013/3707**

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Why does the London Health Board meet in secret? will you now commit to having meeting held in public in the future?

## **Mill Hill circus and Apex corner traffic lights**

**Question No: 2013/3708**

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Are you aware of the serious traffic problems at Apex Corner N.W.7 since the re-phasing of the traffic lights. The phasing at Mill Hill Circus and Apex Corner have recently been changed and they seem to be out of synchronisation creating mayhem for most of the day. There are constantly long queues of traffic going down to Mill Hill Circus and the roundabout is gridlocked. This occurs at various times during the day including outside of rush hour. Will you have the phasing urgently reviewed?

## **Strategic Housing Market Assessment (1)**

**Question No: 2013/3709**

[Nicky Gavron](#)

You are currently undertaking a new Strategic Housing Market Assessment. Will this assessment be monitoring the need for social rented housing and Affordable Rent housing as two distinctive tenures, as they are defined in your newly revised London Plan?

## **Strategic Housing Market Assessment (2)**

**Question No: 2013/3710**

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Is there any evidence emerging from the Strategic Housing Market Assessment that you are currently undertaking to suggest that the 40,000 new homes a year you call for in your 2020 Vision is the actual level of housing need in London?

## **Strategic Housing Market Assessment (3)**

**Question No: 2013/3711**

[Nicky Gavron](#)

How is the Strategic Housing Market Assessment you are currently developing factoring in the various rent levels that can be charged for Affordable Rent? Will the final publication outline the evidence in a way that presents the need for Affordable Rent at various rent levels (for example, at 40% of market rent, 65% of market rent and 80% of market rent)?

## **Public land**

**Question No: 2013/3712**

[Nicky Gavron](#)

You have previously asked London Boroughs to put forward the land they own for procurement through the London Development Panel. How much land has thus far been put forward by which boroughs? Please provide details of the amount of land by borough.

## **Green Belt**

**Question No: 2013/3713**

[Nicky Gavron](#)

I have still not received responses to two previous questions regarding planning applications on Green Belt (3104 / 2013 and 3105/2013). Can you please provide me with this information?

## **Metropolitan Open Land**

**Question No: 2013/3714**

[Nicky Gavron](#)

I have still not received responses to two previous questions regarding planning applications on Metropolitan Open Land (3106 / 2013 and 3107/2013). Can you please provide me with this information?

## **Village Greens**

**Question No: 2013/3715**

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Recent Government changes prevent communities from registering local land as a village green if it is subject to a development proposal. Are you monitoring what impact will this have on London's open spaces?

## **Parking enforcement (1)**

**Question No: 2013/3716**

[Nicky Gavron](#)

What are your reactions to the Government consultation on reforming parking rules?

## **Parking enforcement (2)**

**Question No: 2013/3717**

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Do you believe that there is a right to park a car outside of a local shop or parade?

## **Parking enforcement (3)**

**Question No: 2013/3718**

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Government appears minded to relax parking restrictions outside of local shops. What impact do you think such a move would have on sustainable communities?

## **Parking enforcement (4)**

**Question No: 2013/3719**

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Do you agree with Eric Pickles statement denouncing councils for enforcing parking regulations? Will you now be asking TfL to strengthen its enforcement regime?

## **Regional planning (1)**

**Question No: 2013/3720**

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Following the inter-regional session with 70 planning authorities from London and the South East in March, what actions has the Cross Boundary Steering Group taken?

## **Regional planning (2)**

**Question No: 2013/3721**

[Nicky Gavron](#)

What issues is the Cross Boundary Steering Group tasked with discussing?



### **Regional planning (3)**

**Question No: 2013/3722**

[Nicky Gavron](#)

When is the next meeting of the Cross Boundary Steering Group?

### **Waste**

**Question No: 2013/3723**

[Nicky Gavron](#)

How much waste does London currently export?

### **Beddington Incinerator (1)**

**Question No: 2013/3724**

[Nicky Gavron](#)

The planning report (D&P/2600/01) state that the Beddington incinerator must be "CHP ready" as soon as construction is done. Does that mean the facility will not be able to commence operations if a heat network is not yet operable?

### **Beddington Incinerator (2)**

**Question No: 2013/3725**

[Nicky Gavron](#)

If you "expect incineration to play a decreasing role in the management of London's waste" (response to 3111 / 2013), why will you not strengthen your waste policies (3112 / 2013) to ensure that this is the case?

### **Beddington Incinerator (3)**

**Question No: 2013/3726**

[Nicky Gavron](#)

You responded to a previous question (3119 / 2013) by noting that "I did not require [Beddington developer] Viridor to consider alternative technologies" to incineration. Does this not run counter to your waste hierarchy?

### **Illegal money lending**

**Question No: 2013/3727**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Enfield Council last month won the National Stop Loan Sharks Award in recognition of the work it has been doing to stop illegal money lenders in their tracks. Loan sharks prey on the most vulnerable in society. Can you tell me what you are doing to tackle this problem, and will you congratulate Enfield Council?

## **Pedestrian crossings in Enfield**

**Question No: 2013/3728**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Further to MQ 0935/2012, there are still ten pedestrian crossings in Enfield which do not have an audible signal or other device to help blind or partially sighted people cross the road safely. I understand that TfL aim to have all signalised pedestrian crossings fitted with either tactile or audible indicators fitted by the end of the financial year 2015/16, but it appears that no work has been carried out in Enfield in the past 18 months. Can you please tell me what action has been taken and when you expect all crossings to have appropriate warning signs in Enfield as this is a matter of urgency?

## **Pedestrian crossings in Haringey**

**Question No: 2013/3729**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Further to MQ 0936/2012, can you provide me with an update on how many of the fifteen pedestrian crossings without either tactile or audible indicators in Haringey have now been fitted? If they have not all yet been completed, when do you expect the works to be completed in Haringey?

## **Priority access for wheelchair users at Edmonton Green**

**Question No: 2013/3730**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

I recently met a resident in Edmonton who is a wheelchair user and has been having difficulty with bus drivers from the Edmonton Green bus station who have been wrongly informing him that once a pushchair is on the bus, a wheelchair user does not have priority and cannot get on the bus. Drivers have been refusing to ask pushchair owners to fold their pushchairs and have informed him that the "rules have changed" and that they do not need to make this request. When he has complained to the drivers' supervisors (on a number of occasions) they have stated to him that the drivers are right and that the rule has changed. The Big Red Book given to all bus drivers clearly state that wheelchair users have priority and pushchairs should be folded so both passengers can ride the bus. What are you doing to ensure all managers at bus garages are enforcing this regulation? What action will you take ensure that managers and supervisors at Edmonton Green bus station are informed that they must give priority to wheelchair users?

## **Unresolved bus complaints**

**Question No: 2013/3731**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

An Edmonton resident has recently informed me that he has submitted four complaint forms to the bus kiosk/office at Edmonton Bus Station on between 2011 and 2013, but has not received an acknowledgement or response to any of these. Transport for London later stated that these complaints were never received from Edmonton bus garage. What are you doing to ensure that all complaints are taken seriously with and responded to as this is simply not acceptable? What process should be followed once a complaint form is submitted and will you ensure that those responsible for such a process at Edmonton bus station are reminded of the correct procedures to be followed?

## **GLA apprentices' pay**

**Question No: 2013/3732**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Can you confirm whether the apprentices within the GLA family of organisations are receiving a London Living Wage?

## **MPS - BOGOF**

**Question No: 2013/3733**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

If boroughs enter into "buy one get one free" contracts for PCs or PCSOs with the Metropolitan Police Service, can you guarantee that these offices will be additional to those already promised under your local policing model?

## **Riot Damages Act Payments**

**Question No: 2013/3734**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Can you please provide details of how many cases have been settled and how many are still outstanding, including headline amounts paid or claimed, arising from the riots in 2011?

## **Station ticket office closures in Enfield & Haringey?**

**Question No: 2013/3735**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Please can you give full details of all ticket offices you are planning to close or reduce hours at in Enfield & Haringey?

## **Crossrail 2**

**Question No: 2013/3736**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

What case have you made to HM Treasury in relation to the future funding of Crossrail 2?

## **MOPAC - Crime Prevention Fund (1)**

**Question No: 2013/3737**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

In the recent round of applications for MOPAC's crime prevention fund, London Boroughs had some bids rejected, yet have not had adequate ( or any) feedback as to why those bids were unsuccessful. Will MOPAC please give such feedback to bidders?

## **MOPAC - Crime Prevention Fund (2)**

**Question No: 2013/3738**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

I understand that London Boroughs are concerned as to whether funding for their projects will be available after the current financial year and that this is causing a great deal of uncertainty? What assurances can you give on this issue?

## **Leadership Clubs (1)**

**Question No: 2013/3739**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Can you provide me with an overall update on your Leadership Clubs programme since its launch in May 2012? How many young Londoners has this scheme supported so far and how are you measuring its success? Do you plan to expand this scheme further?

## **Leadership Clubs (2)**

**Question No: 2013/3740**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

How many young Londoners have taken up the regular teaching sessions on Saturday mornings and the week long summer school that the SHINE Trust offer as part of your Leadership Clubs Programme? Could you provide me with a breakdown by London Borough for the years 2011, 2012 and 2013?

## **Leadership Clubs (3)**

**Question No: 2013/3741**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

How many young Londoners have enrolled in the Eastside Young Leaders Academy: 'Eastside in school Academy' as part of your Leadership Clubs Programme? Could you provide me with a breakdown by London Borough for the years 2011, 2012 and 2013?

## **Leadership Clubs (4)**

**Question No: 2013/3742**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

How many young Londoners have taken up the activities provided by the City Year London programme as part of your Leadership Clubs Programme? How are you measuring its success?

## **Leadership Clubs (5)**

**Question No: 2013/3743**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

How many young Londoners has the Ark Schools 'ARK Inclusion' supported as part of your Leadership Clubs Programme? Could you provide me with a breakdown by London Borough for the years 2011, 2012 and 2013?

## **Resettlement support for young offenders**

**Question No: 2013/3744**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Further to MQ 1554/2013, please can you update me on any current and upcoming pilots the MOPAC is involved with which deal with the resettlement of young offenders?

## **Project Brodie**

**Question No: 2013/3745**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Please can you provide me with an update on Project Brodie?

## **Project Brodie (2)**

**Question No: 2013/3746**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Please can you update me on the Parent Advocacy Project since the budget was increased in February 2012? Can you detail the evaluations that have been made so far by each participating London Borough?

## **Apprenticeships for children in care**

**Question No: 2013/3747**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

What action are you taking to support children in care who would like to apply for an apprenticeship?

## **Project Oracle**

**Question No: 2013/3748**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Can you provide me with an update on Project Oracle including information on how many people use the Project Oracle website each month and what information they look for?

## **Good example to young people**

**Question No: 2013/3749**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

A resident has contacted me to ask you whether you believe your bad language at September's Mayor's Question Time sets a poor example of how to behave to London's young people?

## **Mayor's Mentoring Scheme and schools**

**Question No: 2013/3750**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

You recently wrote a letter to schools in the participatory London Boroughs of the Mayor's Mentoring Scheme to encourage referral numbers. Could you tell me how many schools responded: a) positively, b) negatively and c) did not respond?

## **New mentoring panel**

**Question No: 2013/3751**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Can you please provide details of your new mentoring panel launched September 2013? Can you explain the function of the new panel and list the members, along with the details of any specific roles members have been asked to perform?

## **Unanswered question**

**Question No: 2013/3752**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Please can you answer MQ 2565/2013 below which was submitted in July 2013.

"When a member of the armed services is killed in the service of their country, quite rightly, the MOD pays for the funeral but when a police officer is murdered on duty serving the people of London the funeral expenses are paid for by the Police Federation out of the officers own subscriptions. Do you agree that this arrangement should be reassessed?"

## **Countdown information at bus shelters (1)**

**Question No: 2013/3753**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

I have now had numerous complaints and concerns from residents in both Enfield and Haringey regarding the replacement of bus shelters without countdown information boards. Not everyone has access to smartphone technology or are able to check the internet for bus times with ease, and therefore relied on the countdown information boards. Can you tell me why bus stops previously with countdown information boards are being replaced without them?

## **Countdown information at bus shelters (2)**

**Question No: 2013/3754**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Can you provide me with the criteria for the decision on which bus shelters to replace, and how decisions are made whether to replace existing countdown signs?

### **Countdown information at bus shelters (3)**

**Question No: 2013/3755**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Do you intend to make all bus stops in London free from countdown displays?

### **Question: Contact Points (1)**

**Question No: 2013/3756**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Please list all contact points in London that are (or are planned to be) situated in SNT bases.

### **Question: MOPAC Properties**

**Question No: 2013/3757**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

In answer to my question 3130/2013 you said that currently there are 8 properties that are set aside for the use of ACPO Officers in the MOPAC Estate. Please share the most up to date valuation of these properties.

### **Question: Contact Points (2)**

**Question No: 2013/3758**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Please list all contact points in London, broken down by borough, that are currently operational and give a timeline for those still to be opened.

### **Question: MOPAC Diversity Taskforce**

**Question No: 2013/3759**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Can you please provide a link to the agendas and minutes of the meetings of the MOPAC Diversity Taskforce?

Question: Police Involvement in Blacklisting

Member: Joanne McCartney

### **Involvement in Blacklisting**

**Question No: 2013/3760**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

A recent Independent Police Complaints Commission report has identified that it is "likely that all special branches were involved in providing information" to a Blacklist that kept certain individuals out of work.

What discussions have you had with the MPS Commissioner regarding this?

Will you be seeking further clarification from the MPS as to the extent of these allegations?

## **RE:NEW (1)**

**Question No: 2013/3761**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Can the Mayor please explain why MQ [2137/2013](#), submitted in early June, asking for clarification on the very low energy bill savings achieved by 97% of Londoners going through the RE:NEW programme, remains unanswered?

## **RE:NEW (2)**

**Question No: 2013/3762**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

With the RE:NEW full evaluation report now some 9 months behind schedule in being published, will the Mayor commit to more regular reporting to the Assembly on the progress of the second phase of the RE:NEW programme? Could the Capita Symonds Group, who are now managing RE:NEW, provide brief monthly reports on progress?

## **RE:NEW (3)**

**Question No: 2013/3763**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

How did CO2 savings achieved by the RE:NEW roll-out phase compare against savings measure targets for 2011/12 savings in your Climate Change Mitigation and Energy Strategy projections?

## **RE:NEW (4)**

**Question No: 2013/3764**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

How much private sector funding from did the £5.7m RE:NEW programme leverage in?

## **RE:NEW (5)**

**Question No: 2013/3765**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

The consumer organisation Which? reports that average savings to homes switching energy supplier is £217. The RE:NEW evaluation summary report stated that energy bill savings of only £28.81 were achieved by 97% of the households that went through the RE:NEW programme. Did RE:NEW provide supplier-switching advice to homes that went through the programme? If not, why not? If advice was supplied, how many homes switched their supplier?

## **RE:NEW (6)**

**Question No: 2013/3766**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

How many Benefit Entitlement Checks did the RE:NEW programme undertake? What was the average level of benefit increase achieved as a result of these checks?



## **RE:NEW (7)**

**Question No: 2013/3767**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Did the RE:NEW programme check if households that went under assessment were on the best electricity and gas tariffs? Was switching suppliers suggested to households?

## **Energy Bill**

**Question No: 2013/3768**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Will the Mayor publish online his recent House of Lords briefing note sent to peers prior to the ' Second Reading of the Energy Bill?

## **Energy Supply (1)**

**Question No: 2013/3769**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

With reference to your 15 September article in The Sun 'Turbines won't do job.. let's go nuclear' - with new nuclear power stations taking 10 years to construct, and with no deal as yet agreed by the Government on the future of such plant, how are you, as Mayor, proposing nuclear will help solve London's energy security of supply concerns, all of which are in the next few years?

## **Energy Supply (2)**

**Question No: 2013/3770**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

With reference to your 15 September article in The Sun 'Turbines won't do job.. let's go nuclear', do you, as Mayor, believe the 40-year contracts Government is proposing to sign to subsidise new nuclear stations represents good value to Londoners?

## **Energy Supply (3)**

**Question No: 2013/3771**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

With reference to your 15 September article in The Sun 'Turbines won't do job.. let's go nuclear', can you please clarify if - after visiting Abu Dubai earlier this year, and congratulating Masdar on their significant investment in the world's largest offshore wind farm, the London Array - you, as Mayor, are now suggesting that Masdar's support in such projects is worthless to London?

## **Energy Supply (4)**

**Question No: 2013/3772**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Your September 2013 publication '[London's Low Carbon Market Snapshot - 2013](#)' calculated that London benefitted from sales of £2.5 billion in 2011/12 alone linked to new wind farm projects. With reference to your 15 September article in The Sun 'Turbines won't do job.. let's go nuclear', at a time of continued financial uncertainty, are your statements not creating significant risk to the future potential of this key growth sector of London's economy?

## **Energy Supply (5)**

**Question No: 2013/3773**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

With reference to your 15 September article in The Sun 'Turbines won't do job.. let's go nuclear', would the Mayor like to see a moratorium on all future wind farm development in the UK?

## **Visit to Dagenham Wind Power Project**

**Question No: 2013/3774**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Has the Mayor or his Energy Advisor visited the Ford Dagenham wind power project and talked to Ford about the benefits the generation of onsite renewable energy brings?

## **London Decentralised Energy Capacity Study**

**Question No: 2013/3775**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

What potential for wind energy was identified in the Mayor's London Decentralised Energy Capacity Study?

## **Shale Gas**

**Question No: 2013/3776**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

The Government's current guidance on shale gas states "No-one knows at this point what proportion, if any, of the gas in the ground will ever be practically and commercially producible." Why then is the Mayor so confident that shale gas can positively contribute to securing future energy supplies for London's homes and businesses?

## **Recycle for London Budget Underspend**

**Question No: 2013/3777**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

What plans are there for the £1 million that was allocated to the Recycle for London Campaign and left unspent when the programme closed this spring?

### **Capital Clean Up (1)**

**Question No: 2013/3778**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Please provide more details on the level of financial contribution and other material support provided by McDonalds for the Mayor's Capital Clean Up Programme?

### **Capital Clean Up (2)**

**Question No: 2013/3779**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

How many applications for Community Clean Up grants were received and how many were successful?

### **Capital Clean Up (3)**

**Question No: 2013/3780**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Have yearly targets been established further to the Mayor's aim of attracting 10,000 "clean up local champions" by summer 2016 and if so please provide details?

### **Climate Week**

**Question No: 2013/3781**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Following on from New York's successful hosting of its 5th annual "Climate Week" event, does the Mayor believe London is being left behind in showing leadership on climate change and will the Mayor consider a London "Climate Week" event?

### **Biodiversity Strategy (1)**

**Question No: 2013/3782**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Please provide details of the total financial cost of the biodiversity strategy including all monies spent on its production and publication.

### **Biodiversity Strategy (2)**

**Question No: 2013/3783**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Please provide details of the budget for the team tasked with implementing the biodiversity strategy from the point at which the strategy was published.

### **Biodiversity Targets**

**Question No: 2013/3784**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Please provide an update on progress against the 13 targets set out in the Biodiversity Action Plan and incorporated into the London Plan.

## **Business Food Waste Solutions Project (1)**

**Question No: 2013/3785**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Please outline how this project will engage with SMEs in reducing their food waste and associated costs?

## **Business Food Waste Solutions Project (2)**

**Question No: 2013/3786**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Have any delivery targets been established for the roll out of this project? If so please provide details.

## **Source London (1)**

**Question No: 2013/3787**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Please provide a breakdown of how many Source London electric charging points have been taken out of service due to technical problems and for how long they were inoperable

## **Source London (2)**

**Question No: 2013/3788**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Please provide figures for how many members Source London has had for each year that it has been in operation?

## **Smart London Demonstrator Programme (1)**

**Question No: 2013/3789**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

What role will the programme play in attempts to combat air pollution and have any targets been set to achieve this?

## **Smart London Demonstrator Programme (2)**

**Question No: 2013/3790**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

What long term effects will this programme have on reducing air pollution and making London a "smarter city" after its completion in 2016?

## **London Schools Hydrogen Challenge**

**Question No: 2013/3791**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

How many schools have so far applied to be part of the challenge?

## **Big Green Fund**

**Question No: 2013/3792**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

What criteria were established for selecting recipients of funding from the "Big Green Fund"?

## **Removal of Diesel Particulate Filters**

**Question No: 2013/3793**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Following your answer to MQ 3177/2013 I have been advised by a constituent that the removal of Diesel Particulate Filters is illegal under Reg: 61A Road Vehicles (Construction & Use) Regulations) (2001). I am also advised that the Greater Manchester Police Force has mounted five prosecutions last year.

Please clarify if it is a criminal offence, in the view of the Mayor, to remove factory fitted diesel particulate filters from cars?

## **Removal of Diesel Particulate Filters**

**Question No: 2013/3794**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

If the removal of Diesel Particulate Filters is already a criminal offence under Reg: 61A Road Vehicles (Construction & Use) Regulations) (2001) who is the lead agency for enforcement, the Police or the Vehicle and Operator Services Agency?

## **Fuel Poverty - Know Your Rights**

**Question No: 2013/3795**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Can the Mayor provide details on how many Londoners have been helped out of fuel poverty by his Know Your Rights helpline?

## **Fuel Poverty- Know Your Rights**

**Question No: 2013/3796**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

How much funding has gone to the Know Your Rights helpline in the years 2012/13 and 2013/14? How effective has the service been in helping Londoners?

## **Mayoral Advisor Visits (1)**

**Question No: 2013/3797**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

What actions and outcomes resulted as a consequence of the Mayor's Environment and Energy Advisor's trip to San Francisco in April of this year?

## **Mayoral Advisor Visits (2)**

**Question No: 2013/3798**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

What actions and outcomes resulted as a consequence of the Mayor's Environment and Energy Advisor's trip to New York in May of this year?

## **Mayoral Advisor Visits (3)**

**Question No: 2013/3799**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

What actions and outcomes resulted as a consequence of the Mayor's Environment and Energy Advisor's trip to Rio de Janeiro in June 2012?

## **Mayoral Advisor Visits (4)**

**Question No: 2013/3800**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Can you please provide details of all international flights undertaken by Mayoral advisors over the past year? What CO2 offsetting programme is used in relation to these flights?

## **Community Energy and Planning**

**Question No: 2013/3801**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

How is the Mayor taking forward his proposal in the London Plan Revised Early Minor Alterations to "promote community led initiatives for renewable and low carbon energy being taken forward through neighbourhood planning"?

## **Switching Energy Supplier**

**Question No: 2013/3802**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

How has the Mayor encouraged Londoners to switch their energy supplier? According to Which?, switching suppliers can save an average of £141 and London has one of the lowest levels of supplier switching in the UK. Londoners could be saving five times the amount of money as that observed by 97% of the households that went through the RE:NEW programme with a simple phone call.

## **Clean Air Act**

**Question No: 2013/3803**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Has the Mayor responded to Defra's call for evidence to support a policy review of the Clean Air Act 1993 and if so will the Mayor publish that response?

### **Affordable Warmth and Health Action Plan (1)**

**Question No: 2013/3804**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

With reference to MQ 3375/2013 I'm glad you have confirmed that as part of your programme of tackling fuel poverty in London, you have finalised a new 'Affordable Warmth and Health Action Plan'. Can you outline the key actions in the Plan?

### **Affordable Warmth and Health Action Plan (2)**

**Question No: 2013/3805**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

How much budget has been allocated by the Greater London Authority and London Councils to your new Affordable Warmth and Health Action Plan over 2013/14?

### **Affordable Warmth and Health Action Plan (3)**

**Question No: 2013/3806**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

What targets have been set for alleviating fuel poverty in London in your new Affordable Warmth and Health Action Plan?

### **Affordable Warmth and Health Action Plan (4)**

**Question No: 2013/3807**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

How many GLA officers will be working on the delivery of your new Affordable Warmth and Health Action Plan?

### **Affordable Warmth and Health Action Plan (5)**

**Question No: 2013/3808**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Can you confirm when your new Affordable Warmth and Health Action Plan was agreed and what actions have taken place since its completion?

### **Affordable Warmth and Health Action Plan (6)**

**Question No: 2013/3809**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Can you make available to the London Assembly a copy of your new Affordable Warmth and Health Action Plan?

### **Automatic Rollover Contracts**

**Question No: 2013/3810**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Following your answer to MQ 3153/2013 will the Mayor lobby the big six energy companies to cease this practice which ties struggling SMEs into long and expensive contracts?

## **Rainwater Harvesting**

**Question No: 2013/3811**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Following your answer to MQ 3167/2013 please detail how much the pilot cost, how many schools were involved and how the success of this project was measured?

## **London Energy Efficiency Fund**

**Question No: 2013/3812**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Following your answer to MQ 3161/2013 can the Mayor provide a redacted version of the papers produced for the Advisory Committee to allow greater scrutiny of this important project?

## **Climate Change Strategy**

**Question No: 2013/3813**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Following your answer to MQ 3169/2013 it is clear that a great deal of information has been learnt through these work streams. However it is not clear how this information will be used practically. Please detail how the information learnt will be used in making London more resilient to heatwaves?

## **Responding to Heatwaves**

**Question No: 2013/3814**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Following your answer to MQ 3173/2013 what steps will you be taking to ensure other parts of London are able to respond to heatwaves at a community level?

## **Health Building**

**Question No: 2013/3815**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Following your answer to MQ 3174/2013, you state that as the GLA was not the lead applicant it is not possible to publish the TSB's response. However as it was a joint bid for funding was there any attempt to solicit feedback and will you please consider obtaining and sharing such information?

## **Energy Efficiency**

**Question No: 2013/3816**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Following your answer to MQ 3183/2013 how do these costs compare to other comparable materials produced for similar schemes?



## **London Underground Electricity Supply**

**Question No: 2013/3817**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Following your answer to MQ 3185/2013, what proportion of London Underground's electricity supply is derived from renewable sources and what targets have been set in this regard?

## **New Substations**

**Question No: 2013/3818**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Following your answer to MQ 3197/2013 will the Mayor be lobbying for the two further substations that are omitted from UKPN's Business Plan submission to Ofgem?

## **Welfare Reform**

**Question No: 2013/3819**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Following your answer to MQ 3157/2013 please direct me to the precise section (s) of the Government's impact assessment that references fuel poverty in London.

## **Jubilee Sports Centre, Queens Park Ward**

**Question No: 2013/3820**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

The London Plan states in 3.19b that proposals which result in a net loss of sports and recreation facilities, including playing fields should be resisted. On these grounds, will you consider calling in the proposal in Westminster for the loss of the Jubilee Sports Centre in the Queens Park Ward?

## **Works at Edgware Rd tube**

**Question No: 2013/3821**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Are there any other works planned to Edgware Rd (Bakerloo line) tube station apart from the lift works already proposed?

## **City Hall crane costs**

**Question No: 2013/3822**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

How much does the GLA spend annually on hiring cranes in order to service and maintain the exterior of City Hall?

## **Badger cull in London**

**Question No: 2013/3823**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

With over 500 farms in Greater London (reference Mayor's Question 1899/2008), has there been a badger cull in London during the last year and to what extent?

## **ITU Triathlon World Championships**

**Question No: 2013/3824**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Did TFL undertake any consultations to assess the impact on the transport network prior to London hosting the Triathlon events grand final?

## **Burial space in London**

**Question No: 2013/3825**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

When do you expect London to run out of burial spaces and in which boroughs are there the most acute shortages?

## **London Plan & burial space**

**Question No: 2013/3826**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Section 3D.19 of the London Plan relating to burial space states:

"DPD policies should ensure that provision is made for London's burial needs, including the special needs of certain religious or cultural groups for whom burial is the only option. Provision should be based on the principle of proximity to local communities" and..... "The Mayor will promote the policies for sustainable cemeteries published by London Planning Advisory Committee (LPAC) in 1997"

What has the Mayor done during his tenure in office to achieve this?

## **Exporting congestion charging to China**

**Question No: 2013/3827**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Will you be promoting the concept of a congestion charge when you next visit China?

## **Dredging the Thames**

**Question No: 2013/3828**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Can you clarify how dredging along the Thames are scheduled and prioritised and further, what are the PLA's statutory duties in relation to keeping the navigation ways along the Thames clear?

## **Dredging at Brentford**

**Question No: 2013/3829**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

When was the last time the Thames was dredged at Brentford?

## **Cycling infrastructure on TfL's roads through Chiswick (1)**

**Question No: 2013/3830**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Can you confirm whether the Sutton Court Road/A4 junction is being assessed under the junction review scheme for safe cycling?

## **Cycling infrastructure on TfL's roads through Chiswick (2)**

**Question No: 2013/3831**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

With regards to the Hogarth roundabout, representatives from Hounslow Cycling Campaign agreed with TfL engineers, at a site meeting in March 2013, that signalised crossings were necessary in order to provide a safe, continuous cycle route through the junction. However, a subsequent email (June 2013) from TfL's North & West region Senior Regional Planner; Laura Dyett claimed that TfL were working on plans for 'informal crossings'. The cycle lanes at the junction are currently a mess and are closed as they are so unsafe. Can you please confirm what the current proposals for this scheme are?

## **Cycling infrastructure on TfL's roads**

**Question No: 2013/3832**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

What are you doing to improve the state of road surfaces for cyclists? I've noticed the area of road nearest to the pavement and which happens to be used by cyclists the most, is often in the poorest state with uneven surfaces. Are you doing anything to address this?

## **Study to boost river travel capacity**

**Question No: 2013/3833**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

TfL has commissioned a new study to look at boosting capacity at three central London piers, aiming to unlock further growth in River Bus and River Tour Services. The piers being looked at are Bankside, Embankment and Westminster. Will you consider extending the study to areas like Hounslow where there is no river stopping service at all?

## **Hounslow East tube station-footpath from Kingsley Road to The Orchard/North Drive**

**Question No: 2013/3834**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Does TfL have any responsibility for the maintenance of the footpath and adjoining land between Kingsley Road and The Orchard/North Drive near Hounslow East tube station?

## **Marylebone Police Station**

**Question No: 2013/3835**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Can you please update me about the status of Marylebone police station. Is the station now closed and is it up for sale or do you intend to offer it for sale in the foreseeable future?

## **Health impacts of cold homes**

**Question No: 2013/3836**

[Onkar Sahota](#)

Living in a cold, damp home leads to a higher risk of poor health outcomes, including cardiovascular and respiratory diseases and mental health problems among all age groups, but also has indirect negative health impacts on children's dexterity and educational attainment. Alarming, as Winter approaches, about 560,000 London households are in fuel poverty and take-up of the Government's Green Deal remains low. The ONS said excess winter mortality for 2011/12 was highest in London. What will you be doing this Winter to reduce the negative health impacts for those Londoners living in cold homes?

## **London Health Commission I**

**Question No: 2013/3837**

[Onkar Sahota](#)

What is Lord Ara Darzi's remit for your London Health Commission?

## **London Health Commission II**

**Question No: 2013/3838**

[Onkar Sahota](#)

What are the terms of reference for your London Health Commission?

## **Walk-in Centres**

**Question No: 2013/3839**

[Onkar Sahota](#)

Knowing very well that A&Es are under pressure in the summer months and things will only get worse in the winter months will you, as part of your work to reduce health inequalities in London, ask the NHS to stop the closures of walk-in centres that the most vulnerable rely on until we have a proper solution for London?

## **NHS underspend**

**Question No: 2013/3840**

[Onkar Sahota](#)

Given your duty to reduce health inequalities in London, do you think that underspend in the NHS should be used to provide greater social care for elderly Londoners in their own home, and do you think this would reduce health inequalities?

## **Calls to 111**

**Question No: 2013/3841**

[Onkar Sahota](#)

To ensure that all Londoners have access to appropriate care, do you think calls to NHS 111 should be handled by nurses?

## **Review A&E closures**

**Question No: 2013/3842**

[Onkar Sahota](#)

In light of the rising pressure on London's A&Es, which serve some of the most deprived communities in the country, do you agree there should be a strategic review of the piecemeal A&E closure programmes currently under way in London?

## **Shadow Secretary of State for Health's rescue plan for A**

**Question No: 2013/3843**

[Onkar Sahota](#)

Do you support the Shadow Secretary of State for Health's plan to rescue A&E departments? Do you think its implementation would be beneficial to Londoners?

## **London Health Board meetings**

**Question No: 2013/3844**

[Onkar Sahota](#)

At the last MQT you promised me that you would look into whether the meetings of the London Health Board can be held in public. At September's Health Committee meeting both Ruth Carnall and Anne Rainsberry said that there is no reason why they cannot be held in public. Will you please confirm whether the future meetings will be public or not?

## **Food banks**

**Question No: 2013/3845**

[Onkar Sahota](#)

What are you doing to support the food banks that Londoners increasingly rely onto feed themselves and their children?

## **Audit of 'Bedroom Tax**

**Question No: 2013/3846**

[Navin Shah](#)

Have you carried out an audit of the impact of the 'Bedroom Tax' on a Borough by Borough basis in London and do you have any estimates of how many households will have to move out from their current accommodation as a result? If not, do you have any plans to undertake any such research?

### **'Bedroom Tax' (1)**

**Question No: 2013/3847**

[Navin Shah](#)

Do you think the 'bedroom tax' is likely to lead to a significant reduction in overcrowding? Can you indicate the level of reduction in overcrowding across London resulting from this policy?

### **'Bedroom Tax' (2)**

**Question No: 2013/3848**

[Navin Shah](#)

Do you know what the implications of the 'bedroom tax' in the incomes of low-income Londoners and for Registered Providers?

### **London's Affordable Homes Target (1)**

**Question No: 2013/3849**

[Navin Shah](#)

With only 43 starts in the first quarter of this year - can you guarantee that you would meet your target of building 55,000 affordable homes for London by 2015?

### **London's Affordable Homes Target (2)**

**Question No: 2013/3850**

[Navin Shah](#)

Can you confirm the percentage of family size affordable homes you plan to deliver for London by 2015?

### **Affordable Homes in Brent**

**Question No: 2013/3851**

[Navin Shah](#)

Can you please tell me how many affordable homes will be delivered in Brent by 2015 and indicate the percentage proportion of units e.g. how many Studio, 1, 2, 3 and 4 bedroom units have you targeted for?

### **Affordable Homes in Harrow**

**Question No: 2013/3852**

[Navin Shah](#)

Can you please tell me how many affordable homes will be delivered in Harrow by 2015 and indicate the percentage proportion of units e.g. how many Studio, 1, 2, 3 and 4 bedroom units have you targeted for?

## **Homeless Families (1)**

**Question No: 2013/3853**

[Navin Shah](#)

Figures from Shelter show that 2,090 homeless families across England have been placed in B&Bs after losing their homes, an eight per cent rise on the same period last year, and the highest since September 2003.

Overall homeless figures also rose by more than five per cent in the last year. This includes 8,790 families with children - the equivalent of one family losing their home every 15 minutes.

What are you doing to provide support available to families who face losing their homes, and to provide the safety net that gives families who fall on hard times the advice and support they need to rebuild their lives?

## **Homeless Families (2)**

**Question No: 2013/3854**

[Navin Shah](#)

Can you give evidence of dates and times you have met with relevant officers ie. local authorities about the number of homeless families living in bed & breakfast accommodation?

## **Payday loan bans**

**Question No: 2013/3855**

[Navin Shah](#)

A ban on payday lenders advertising in public spaces in Leeds is to be examined by the City Council. Birmingham City Council is thought to be considering similar plans. It has also teamed up with 8 other local authorities such as Liverpool, Newcastle, Sheffield, Leeds, Tower Hamlets and Islington, to draw up proposals for a bylaw to stem companies which charge annual interest rates of up to 5,000% on short-term loans.

- 1) When will the Mayor stop accepting pay day loan adverts on GLA property and businesses such as TFL buses?
- 2) Do you have a strategy to work with Borough Councils in London towards introducing initiatives against proliferation of Payday Loan companies locally and provide support and advice to those who have succumbed to the horrific short-term loans?

## **Ramps on the Underground**

**Question No: 2013/3856**

[Navin Shah](#)

As you will know, LU recently announced the roll out of ramps at 19 more stations on the Tube, which is great news. However, I have been contacted by Transport for All who are less thrilled by the fact that there are 40 stations where there is still a gap or step between platform and train. This includes Kilburn Station, where there was a ramp which was taken away.

The ramp at Kilburn Station was working safely before but for unknown reasons it was removed six months, forcing wheelchair users in the area to go from 20minute journey on the Tube to 2 hours by bus.

I would really appreciate if TfL could bring the ramp back to Kilburn Station without any delay? If this can't be done, I'd like to know why not.

## **Metropolitan Police and a new cadet scheme aimed at teenagers**

**Question No: 2013/3857**

[Navin Shah](#)

I have been contacted by a Harrow constituent, who says that he has become aware through Twitter, that the Metropolitan Police are heavily promoting a new cadet scheme aimed at teenagers. He would like to know how much money is being spent on this scheme by the Met Police and would like to know why they are inventing their own cadet force instead of working closely with the existing cadet forces which already receive government money. What is your response to this?

## **Step Free Access for Outer London Stations**

**Question No: 2013/3858**

[Navin Shah](#)

What strategy there is in TfL's business plan to prioritise step free access for Outer London stations which seem to have been neglected?

## **Step Free Access for Rayners Lane Station**

**Question No: 2013/3859**

[Navin Shah](#)

I support local residents and commuters using Rayners Lane station who are concerned about lack of step-free access to this vital station in South Harrow area. Please indicate what plans you have to provide this critical amenity?

## **Accessibility on Public Transport (1)**

**Question No: 2013/3860**

[Navin Shah](#)

A local disability group has contacted me to ask you when there will there be access improvements e.g. provision of lift at Harrow on the Hill and Stanmore stations?



## **Accessibility on Public Transport (2)**

**Question No: 2013/3861**

[Navin Shah](#)

A local disability group has written to me stating that even though some of the tube and train stations on the Jubilee Line are advertised as being accessible, this is not the case for people with electric wheelchairs.

They have asked whether something can be done about the gap between platforms and tubes/trains?

## **Accessibility on Public Transport (3)**

**Question No: 2013/3862**

[Navin Shah](#)

A local disability group has stated that some buses have enough space for wheelchairs, but would like to know whether all buses will be made accessible for wheelchair users?

What will you do about this and have you had many complaints of this kind?

## **London Transport Bus Blinds**

**Question No: 2013/3863**

[Navin Shah](#)

I write further to your answer to Question No: 3231 / 2013. Thank you for the explanation but you have not answered question B) which asks 'Who did TfL consult about the change?' Isn't consultation required to meet the Equalities Act you refer to in your response? In addition, the concern surrounding the change of destination blinds was about better contrast/visibility afforded by the yellow and black blinds during the daytime compared to the new ones. Any comments?

## **2020 Vision - Harrow**

**Question No: 2013/3864**

[Navin Shah](#)

I write further to your answer to Question No: 3240 / 2013. I note that you have not answered my question about the exclusion of Intensification Areas in your vision document. However, I'm glad that the Outer London Commission is investigating the further potentials for the Intensification Areas. Can you please advise when would the investigation results / report be published? Would you be consulting on the outcome of OLC's findings / recommendations?

## **Free Schools at Fire Station Sites**

**Question No: 2013/3865**

[Navin Shah](#)

I write further to your answer to Question No: 3241 / 2013. You state that LFB had 'early' discussions with GLA officers. When do you expect to announce the findings of these joint discussions?

## **Change of use from Office to Residential (1)**

**Question No: 2013/3866**

[Navin Shah](#)

I write further to your answer to Question No: 3242 / 2013. Can you give evidence of dates and times you have met with boroughs and others to monitor the impact of this policy carefully?

## **Change of use from Office to Residential (2)**

**Question No: 2013/3867**

[Navin Shah](#)

I write further to your answer to Question No: 3242 / 2013. Harrow Council's application for exemption was for a small geographical area only e.g. limited to the 'Intensification Area'. Why did you not support Harrow's application which met your criteria of 'strategic overview' and small 'geographical area'? As a consequence of your failure to support Harrow's pleas for exemption there will be detrimental impact on the economic regeneration proposals made in their area action plan.

## **Accessibility on the new London Buses**

**Question No: 2013/3868**

[Navin Shah](#)

I write further to your answer to Question No: 3237 / 2013. You state 'TfL is investigating to further improve the accessibility and usability of wheelchair bay...' Can you indicate the timetable for this and how will the findings of the investigation be announced to the relevant bodies / users and the members of public as a whole?

## **Conversion of Shops into Flats**

**Question No: 2013/3869**

[Navin Shah](#)

Will you be opposing the Government's plans to reverse the conversion of shops into flats without requiring planning permission across London? Please advise your policy / strategic approach to this ill-conceived deregulation.

## **Closure of Jubilee/Met Line**

**Question No: 2013/3870**

[Navin Shah](#)

Why do you persist on weekend closure of Jubilee/Met Line Services on major event days like Ashes Test Match and at Wembley Stadium.

## **Broadband in Rotherhithe**

**Question No: 2013/3871**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Are you prepared to take steps as Mayor of London, working with BT and other relevant agencies, to progress the roll out of improved broadband speeds in the Rotherhithe area?

## **Transport works co-ordination**

**Question No: 2013/3872**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

I have received a complaint from a Londoner who was forced to pay for a minicab for part of a necessary weekend journey recently, because not only local tube services, but also local rail services were both suspended for works. While I - and the resident in question - fully appreciate the need for works to be undertaken at weekends, what steps do TfL currently take to try to co-ordinate closures with Network Rail, and what can be done in future to ensure that at least some services remain available?

## **Crystal Palace Park**

**Question No: 2013/3873**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Please outline what involvement Transport for London and Network Rail have had so, in the proposals to rebuild the Crystal Palace, with regard to public transport capacity in the area.

## **Crystal Palace Park 2**

**Question No: 2013/3874**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Please indicate how Transport for London and Network Rail will be engaged in the discussions regarding the proposals to rebuild the Crystal Palace.

## **Barclays Cycle Hire problems**

**Question No: 2013/3875**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

I have received several complaints from constituents over the past couple of months about sums of money being erroneously deducted from their bank accounts, apparently by the cycle hire scheme. Sometimes the deductions seem to be for no reason and in some cases the sums involved have been significant, causing distress and inconvenience for those affected. Has a systemic problem with the system been identified and what is being done to prevent further erroneous deductions?

## **255 bus extension**

**Question No: 2013/3876**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Please give an update on the delayed plan to extend this bus route.

## **Bus blinds**

**Question No: 2013/3877**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Neither your answer to my question 3256/2013 nor your answer to my question 3257/2013, nor indeed your answer to my colleague Navin Shah, number 3231/2013 made any attempt to answer my actual questions about the new 'white on black' bus blinds, which I have continued to see appearing on more and more buses, apparently at random. So I ask again:

1. How are buses selected for installation of the new blinds?
2. How much has this change cost to date and what will the final cost of changing all the bus blinds in London be?

And additionally

3. How many buses out of the existing fleet have now had their bus blinds changed to the new ones?

## **Non-TfL Congestion Charge payment websites**

**Question No: 2013/3878**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

What are TfL doing to alert customers to the issue of private companies who are running websites charging significantly higher fees for payment of the congestion charge? Are TfL taking any action against these companies?

## **Universal Free School Meals**

**Question No: 2013/3879**

[Fiona Twycross](#)

Can you confirm that you support the provision of universal free school meals for all primary school children?

## **Food banks**

**Question No: 2013/3880**

[Fiona Twycross](#)

With reference to your answer to question 3288/2013, you referred me to a discussion at a Plenary meeting when you said you would "discuss with my team whether or not I will go on a trip" to a food bank. What decision resulted from this discussion? Will you visit a food bank?

## **Banking Reform Bill (1)**

**Question No: 2013/3881**

[Fiona Twycross](#)

With relation to your answer to question 3282/2013, please provide (a) any written representations you received and any meeting agendas and (b) a list of meeting attendees.

## **Banking Reform Bill (2)**

**Question No: 2013/3882**

[Fiona Twycross](#)

With relation to your answer to question 3281/2013, who in government have you (a) met and/or (b) written to regarding the Banking Reform Bill? Please provide any correspondence and meeting agendas.

## **Zero-hours contracts (1)**

**Question No: 2013/3883**

[Fiona Twycross](#)

With reference to your answer to question 3289/2013, I was asking for your opinion on zero hours contracts, which is relevant to your position as Mayor given your role as a champion for London, your statutory responsibility for economic development across the city and your responsibility for funding and delivering a range of capital projects. Do you believe the use of zero-hours contracts in London is acceptable?

## **Zero-hours contracts (2)**

**Question No: 2013/3884**

[Fiona Twycross](#)

With reference to your answer to question 3292/2013, will you commit to including provisions within future agreements with contractors, including for capital funding projects such as the Affordable Housing Programme, that ensure no zero-hours contracts are used?

## **London Living Wage (1)**

**Question No: 2013/3885**

[Fiona Twycross](#)

What research have you undertaken of the macroeconomic benefits that would be generated from the London Living Wage becoming the "norm"?

## **London Living Wage (2)**

**Question No: 2013/3886**

[Fiona Twycross](#)

You have said that you want the London Living Wage to become the "norm" in London by 2020. Would you support an initial introduction of a mandatory London Living Wage for certain sectors in the capital that are deemed most able to afford it?

### **London Living Wage (3)**

**Question No: 2013/3887**

[Fiona Twycross](#)

What will be the additional cost to the GLA of ensuring all employees of the GLA, its functional bodies and contractors are paid the London Living Wage?

### **London Living Wage (4)**

**Question No: 2013/3888**

[Fiona Twycross](#)

Please list all the companies and trade bodies your office has engaged with to promote the London Living Wage.

### **Regional growth**

**Question No: 2013/3889**

[Fiona Twycross](#)

With reference to your answer to question 3296/2013, have you given the government any advice on regional policy outside of London, particularly on the key factors of economic growth, governance, planning and housing?

### **Devolution**

**Question No: 2013/3890**

[Fiona Twycross](#)

Which economic powers would you want devolved to the Greater London Authority?

### **High Speed 2**

**Question No: 2013/3891**

[Fiona Twycross](#)

In your view, would cities outside of London gain greater economies of agglomeration from HS2 over other regional projects - a range of which were proposed in a recent publication by the New Economics Foundation - that could be funded for similar amounts of money?

### **Foreign visits (1)**

**Question No: 2013/3892**

[Fiona Twycross](#)

Will you be taking/have you taken Lynton Crosby on either of your planned trade trips to China and Kuwait?

### **Childcare (1)**

**Question No: 2013/3893**

[Fiona Twycross](#)

What are you doing to bring down the cost of childcare in London?

## **Childcare (2)**

**Question No: 2013/3894**

[Fiona Twycross](#)

What actions are you encouraging from the government to bring down the cost of childcare in London?

## **Jobs**

**Question No: 2013/3895**

[Fiona Twycross](#)

In 2012 you pledged to create 200,000 jobs by 2016. How many have you created so far?

## **"Bedroom Tax"**

**Question No: 2013/3896**

[Fiona Twycross](#)

Please can you provide an answer to the question 1728/2013 I asked you about the 'bedroom tax' in May this year - 'Do you welcome the decision by councils such as Islington that those affected by the 'bedroom tax' policy will not be evicted if they have nowhere else to go. Do you think other London Council's should also adopt this policy?'

## **Sale of Fire Stations (1)**

**Question No: 2013/3897**

[Fiona Twycross](#)

Are you planning to put free schools in any of the ten fire stations which are planning to close? If so, which stations and on what basis?

## **Sale of Fire Stations (2)**

**Question No: 2013/3898**

[Fiona Twycross](#)

Are you able to assure Londoners that any money from the sale of the fire stations up for closure will be used by the London Fire Brigade to reinvest and help to improve safety for Londoners, or, like in previous years, will you take that money to shore up other GLA projects - such as the £50m that you took from the London Fire Brigade to shore up one of your police election commitments in previous years.

## **London Fire Brigade Museum**

**Question No: 2013/3899**

[Fiona Twycross](#)

With Southwark fire station up for closure, what reassurance can you give to those that are concerned about the London Fire Brigade Museum, currently based on the Southwark site?

## **London Fire Brigade ranking in Stonewall Index**

**Question No: 2013/3900**

[Fiona Twycross](#)

Between 2005 and 2009, the London Fire Brigade was ranked top fire and rescue service by Stonewall as an LGBT employer yet are now not even in the top 100. Do you think it is important that the London Fire Brigade returns to being a leading employer for the LGBT community and demonstrating that by getting back on to the Stonewall list for 2014?

## **Fire Fighters Pension Age**

**Question No: 2013/3901**

[Fiona Twycross](#)

Do you agree with the findings of the government review into the normal pension age of firefighters that stated that a majority would not meet the normal pension age and, in light of that report, do you support firefighters who are arguing for the Government to understand the specific issue facing firefighters? Or do you believe that the government are right, and if a firefighter fails a fitness test between 55 and 60, than they should be out of a job and unable to claim their pension until they reach 60?

## **Fire Appliances**

**Question No: 2013/3902**

[Fiona Twycross](#)

Can we have your assurance that when the firefighters strike action finishes, all appliances will be returned to their base stations?

## **School Places**

**Question No: 2013/3903**

[Fiona Twycross](#)

Given your announcement that you would set aside land for 12 Free Schools and in light of research by the NUT showing that by 2016 one in four children may not have a school place, and that there is already a 10% shortage of places in some areas, do you believe that Free Schools will fill that vacuum?

## **Tuberculosis in London**

**Question No: 2013/3904**

[Fiona Twycross](#)

In answer to MQ 3265/2013 you advised that:" Public Health England will be working with key partners to make concerted efforts to significantly reduce the level of TB in London in the coming years" In addition to the work led by Public Health England, do you feel you can do anything to tackle TB in London?



## **Women in the workforce**

**Question No: 2013/3905**

[Fiona Twycross](#)

London has the lowest parental employment rates in the country. What action will you take to reduce barriers to work for women with children?

## **Pay Day Lenders**

**Question No: 2013/3906**

[Fiona Twycross](#)

I note your answer to Question 3260/2013, please tell me if you support plans to block websites providing pay day loans in the GLA.

## **Pay Day Lenders (1)**

**Question No: 2013/3907**

[Fiona Twycross](#)

In light of the number of Londoners forced to resort to payday lenders, do you think the recent measures announced by the Financial Conduct Authority go far enough?

## **Co-Operative Councils**

**Question No: 2013/3908**

[Fiona Twycross](#)

Do you welcome Lambeth Council's move towards becoming a co-operative council?

## **Air Quality**

**Question No: 2013/3909**

[Fiona Twycross](#)

You have said in the past you think you will be able to meet your target on Air Quality in advance of the deadline set out in your 2020 vision. However, it is still predicted 45% of the main road network will have harmful and illegal levels of nitrogen dioxide by 2020.

Can you now provide a definite answer on timescale, and are you confident London will avoid being fined by the European Commission for being in breach of air quality rules?

## **Vladimir Putin**

**Question No: 2013/3910**

[Fiona Twycross](#)

On behalf of London's LGBT community, and given that London is twinned with Moscow, will you join me in condemning Vladimir Putin's nomination for the Nobel Peace Prize, in the light of his record on LGBT rights?

## **Transport Information**

**Question No: 2013/3911**

[Fiona Twycross](#)

When getting around London I find that the best source of information is the 'City Mapper' app. It seems to me this offers a superior level of information than the TfL website. Will TfL be looking into improving its transport information to match other providers?

## **Young People**

**Question No: 2013/3912**

[Fiona Twycross](#)

An increasing number of Londoners are living in shared accommodation further into their adult lives. In the week where the Government has suggested removing benefits for under 25 year olds, I would be interested to hear at what age you think people should be able to live independently in London?

## **Stamp Duty**

**Question No: 2013/3913**

[Fiona Twycross](#)

You recently appealed to the Chancellor to reduce stamp duty as it was stamping on the hands of Londoners trying to buy a house. What representations have you made to the Chancellor about this?

## **Single Parents**

**Question No: 2013/3914**

[Fiona Twycross](#)

Is the Mayor concerned that while nationally 60% of single parents are in work, the rate in London is scandalously low at just 48%. Does he agree this is a factor in the unacceptably high levels of child poverty in London? What are you doing to address low levels of employment among single parents?

## **Childcare**

**Question No: 2013/3915**

[Fiona Twycross](#)

Given the Mayor's general responsibility to promote economic development and wealth creation, what level of household incomes (by percentage) does the Mayor think is acceptable for families to spend on childcare in London?

## **Youth Unemployment**

**Question No: 2013/3916**

[Fiona Twycross](#)

Shockingly half of 18 to 24-year-old black men in the UK are unemployed compared to the national average of a quarter of 18 to 24-year olds. What are you doing to tackle this in London?

## **Minimum Wage**

**Question No: 2013/3917**

[Fiona Twycross](#)

You previously stated your disagreement with one London Assembly Member's proposal for a Minimum Wage holiday when responding to my question (2725/2013). Another London Assembly Member has reportedly called for the minimum wage to be scrapped. Can you clarify your position on his statement, and clearly state your position on the minimum wage in London?

## **Crystal Palace Park**

**Question No: 2013/3918**

[Fiona Twycross](#)

Will the Mayor make sure that despite his own personal publically stated enthusiasm for the plans to build of a replica of Crystal Palace in Crystal Palace Park, residents and local businesses are consulted extensively on the plans and will he provide assurances that their views will be fully taken in to account in any final decision on whether the project should go ahead in the form proposed?

## **Apprenticeship minimum wage**

**Question No: 2013/3919**

[Fiona Twycross](#)

The Apprenticeship Pay Survey published by the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills in October 2013 shows that 29 per cent of apprentices were not paid the minimum wage in 2012 and the number of apprentices paid below the minimum wage has increased by 45 per cent from 2011. What action are you taking to ensure that apprentices are being paid at least the minimum wage in London?

## **Apprenticeship data**

**Question No: 2013/3920**

[Fiona Twycross](#)

Following on from MQ 2227/2013, when do you expect to release your first set of completions data? Would you be able to provide me with the latest completion figures?

## **Apprenticeship campaign**

**Question No: 2013/3921**

[Fiona Twycross](#)

Following on from MQ 2230/2013, can you provide me with an update on your campaign which you state will increase the number of apprenticeships starts in London? Has there been an evaluation of your campaign, and if so could you please provide me with a copy?

## **Apprenticeship loans**

**Question No: 2013/3922**

[Fiona Twycross](#)

Do you believe the introduction of loans for apprentices over 24 to pay for on the job training will discourage people from taking up apprenticeships?

## **Remittances to Somalia**

**Question No: 2013/3923**

[Fiona Twycross](#)

Will you make representations to the Government to step in and provide a solution to ensure the Somalian diaspora in London can continue to use money transfer services to send money to Somalia?

## **Remittances to Somalia (2)**

**Question No: 2013/3924**

[Fiona Twycross](#)

There are estimated to be 70,000 Somalis living in London. The removal of the remittance service will impact on businesses in London which rely on the commission this generates. What will you do as Mayor to stand up for these Londoners?

## **Primary School Places Crisis**

**Question No: 2013/3925**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

Given your announcement that you would set aside land for 12 Free Schools, does the Mayor think that the government should hand back responsibility for opening new schools to local authorities to tackle the primary school places crisis rather than trying to tackle the problem centrally?