

Written Answers to Questions Not Answered at the Plenary Meeting on 2 December 2015

LFEPA Cuts and the Safety of Londoners

Question No: 2015/3980

[Fiona Twycross](#)

Since 2009/10, the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority has had to make cuts of £105.8 million and a further £50 million has been taken from the LFEPA reserves. Are you confident that in light of these and future budget cuts, the London Fire Brigade will continue to be fit for purpose and can ensure the safety of Londoners?

Oral response

Dissolution of LFEPA

Question No: 2015/3981

[Tony Arbour](#)

In light of the similar responses from the Mayor, Assembly and Fire Authority to the Government's consultation 'Enabling closer working between the Emergency Services', what impact do you envisage the dissolution of LFEPA and the establishment of a Deputy Mayor for Fire and Emergency Planning would have on the London Fire Brigade?

Oral response

Impact of climate change on your work

Question No: 2015/3982

[Jenny Jones](#)

Are you well prepared for the impact that a changing climate might have on the fire brigade's work over the coming decade?

Oral response

New Technology

Question No: 2015/3983

[Stephen Knight](#)

What role are advances in technology playing in the Brigade's work, both in terms of new challenges posed and new tools available to it, or likely to become available to it in the near future?

Oral response

Closure of Westminster Fire Station

Question No: 2015/3984

[Murad Qureshi](#)

How has the closure of Westminster fire station impacted attendance times in the City of Westminster?

[Gareth Bacon AM \(Chairman, LFEPA\) and Ron Dobson CBE QFSM \(Commissioner for Fire and Emergency Planning, London Fire Brigade\)](#)

It is not possible to specifically isolate the impact of closing Westminster fire station on attendance times in Westminster.

Westminster fire station closed on 9 January 2014. First and second appliance attendance times in the City of Westminster for the three years between 2012/13 and 2014/15 are set out below. Although the performance in 2014/15 will reflect the impact of the station closures and fire engine removals as part of the implementation of the Fifth London Safety Plan (LSP5), there are other changes in both 2013/14 and 2014/15 which impact on attendance time performance, including the removal of second fire engines at some stations to provide a contingency resource in the event of strike action, as well as temporary station closure to allow the rebuilding of some fire stations.

In Westminster	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
First fire engine	05:02	05:08	05:22
Second fire engine	05:51	06:11	06:01

Closure of Knightsbridge Fire Station (1)

Question No: 2015/3985

[Murad Qureshi](#)

How has the closure of Knightsbridge fire station impacted attendance times in the City of Westminster?

[Gareth Bacon AM \(Chairman, LFEPA\) and Ron Dobson CBE QFSM \(Commissioner for Fire and Emergency Planning, London Fire Brigade\)](#)

It is not possible to specifically isolate the impact of the closure of Knightsbridge fire station on attendance times in the City of Westminster.

Knightsbridge fire station closed on 9 January 2014. Attendance times in Westminster are as outlined in the answer to LFEPA Plenary question 2015/3984.

Closure of Knightsbridge Fire Station (2)

Question No: 2015/3986

[Murad Qureshi](#)

How has the closure of Knightsbridge fire station impacted attendance times in the borough of Kensington and Chelsea?

[Gareth Bacon AM \(Chairman, LFEPA\)](#) and [Ron Dobson CBE QFSM \(Commissioner for Fire and Emergency Planning, London Fire Brigade\)](#)

It is not possible to specifically isolate the impact of closing Knightsbridge fire station on attendance times in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea.

Knightsbridge fire station closed on 9 January 2014. First and second appliance attendance times in Kensington and Chelsea for the three years between 2012/13 and 2014/15 are set out below. Although the performance in 2014/15 will reflect the impact of the station closures and fire engine removals as part of the implementation of the Fifth London Safety Plan (LSP5), there are other changes in both 2013/14 and 2014/15 which impact on attendance time performance, including the removal of second fire engines at some stations to provide a contingency resource in the event of strike action, as well as temporary station closure to allow the rebuilding of some fire stations.

In Kensington & Chelsea	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
First fire engine	04:29	04:38	04:44
Second fire engine	05:25	06:08	06:19