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Beckenham to Crystal Palace Tram Extension

Question No: 1 / 2012

James Cleverly

What is the most recent estimated cost for a tram extension from Beckenham to Crystal Palace?

Rescheduling bus route 96 to include Darent Valley Hospital

Question No: 2 / 2012

James Cleverly

An increasing number of Bexley borough residents are being referred by their local group medical practitioners to Darent Valley Hospital in Dartford. What is the current situation regarding proposals to reschedule bus route 96, en route to Bluewater, to include a stop at Darent Valley Hospital?

Roadworks Pollution

Question No: 3 / 2012

James Cleverly

What is the impact of excessive and disruptive roadworks on air pollution in London? What are the expected environmental benefits of your success in reducing roadworks on TfL roads by 13 per cent over the past year, and how do you plan to build on this in future years?

River Lea

Question No: 4 / 2012

James Cleverly

Are you concerned about recent reports of high levels of pollution in the River Lea and has the GLA had any discussions with the Environment Agency as to how this problem can be resolved?

Crime on public transport

Question No: 6 / 2012

Richard Tracey

By how much has crime increased or decreased on the underground and buses in London since April 2008?

Crossrail 2

Question No: 7 / 2012

Richard Tracey

What is the most recent estimated cost for Crossrail 2 – the Chelsea-Hackney Line?

Crossrail 3

Question No: 8 / 2012

Richard Tracey

What is the estimated cost for Crossrail 3 – a 4km tunnel between Waterloo and Euston?

North London Tram Network

Question No: 9 / 2012

Richard Tracey

What is the estimated cost for a tram network from Wembley and Ealing to Wood Green?

Second Thames Barrier

Question No: 10 / 2012

Richard Tracey

What is the most recent estimated cost of building a second Thames Barrier?

Wanstead Park

Question No: 11 / 2012

Roger Evans

Do you share my concern that Wanstead Park has been placed on the 'At Risk' register by English Heritage and at the slow response of the Corporation of London which is responsible for the majority of the site? Will you use your office to persuade the City Corporation to make the necessary investment to lift the 'at risk' status and to preserve this historic park and its unique water and architectural features?

Redbridge Roundabout Subways

Question No: 12 / 2012

Roger Evans

In the light of the recent muggings that have taken place in the subways by Redbridge Roundabout, what improvements is TfL putting in place?

Hotel on LDA Land in Havering

Question No: 13 / 2012

Roger Evans

Will you affirm your support for plans to build a hotel on LDA land adjacent to the Centre for Engineering and Mechanical Excellence in Havering? What steps can you take to ensure that this valuable economic development opportunity is not delayed or overlooked during the reorganisation of LDA responsibilities?

Police School Academies

Question No: 14 / 2012

Steve O'Connell

Would you support setting up more police school academies – similar to the initiative at Avenue School involving Belmont SNT – across London to hep foster good relations between the police and young people?

Ending Gang and Youth Violence fund

Question No: 15 / 2012

Steve O'Connell

Where would you like to see the recent Home Office funding to promote early intervention work spent in Croydon?

Safety on Tram network

Question No: 16 / 2012

Steve O'Connell

Would the Mayor look into appointing a full time Tram Neighbourhood Officer to increase police visibility on the tram network?

Dangerous dogs

Question No: 17 / 2012

Steve O'Connell

In light of the decision to allow Alex Blackburn-Smith to avoid a jail sentence after his dog killed Barbara Williams, what more can be done to prevent people from owning and mistreating dangerous dogs?

School transport

Question No: 26 / 2012

Andrew Boff

What is the proportion of children cycling, walking, taking public transport and being driven in a private car to school in London by age of pupil, by mode and by borough?

Bike it project

Question No: 27 / 2012

Andrew Boff

In the 2010/11 school year, the proportion of pupils regularly cycling to school (pupils cycling once or twice week or more) in Bike It schools has increased from 12% to 20.4%. Will you make a statement about the success of the Bike It project and will you visit a Bike It school in February or March 2012?

Olympics Ticket Allocation

Question No: 28 / 2012

Andrew Boff

Following the announcement that the Mayor's office has reserved 506 Olympic Games tickets, to be given to 'individuals deemed able to bring business to London and drive its economic development', could you confirm that this represents your full allocation? Who will be funding the £300,000 cost of the tickets? Will you publish a list of the names and organisations of individuals that will be offered tickets?

London 2012 Ticketing

Question No: 29 / 2012

Andrew Boff

Could the Mayor please provide an explanation for the suspension of the London 2012 ticketing exchange website only hours after it was re-opened to the public earlier this month?

Wi-fi in the Olympic Park

Question No: 30 / 2012

Andrew Boff

What is the current status of plans to have public Wi-Fi access across the Olympic Park during games time? If delivered, will this be free to access?

Police Base on Wanstead Flats

Question No: 31 / 2012

Andrew Boff

Can you confirm that the decision to site a temporary Metropolitan Police muster, briefing and deployment centre on Wanstead Flats for the duration of the Olympic Games will not set a precedent for the future temporary buildings being located on the Flats or other public areas protected by law from enclosure? Are there plans to use the same site for 2017 World Athletics Championship security operation?

Games lanes at Heathrow

Question No: 32 / 2012

Andrew Boff

Do you think it is fair that Londoners and ordinary visitors are likely to face delays when arriving at Heathrow ahead of the Olympic Games opening ceremony due to the dedicated immigration lanes set aside for Games Family Members?

2017 Athletics Championships

Ouestion No: 33 / 2012

Andrew Boff

How much investment will grassroots sport in London receive as a result of hosting the 2017 World Athletics Championships? Across London, how many people are expected to take up athletics as a result of hosting the Championships and how will this participation be encouraged?

2017 Athletics Championships (2)

Question No: 34 / 2012

Andrew Boff

Thank you for making public The Capita Symonds report into the benefits of the 2017 IAAF World Athletics Championships following my question 0406/2010. The report estimates that the event's media value would be in excess of £60 million. What proportion of this figure will directly benefit tax payers, and in what ways?

Riot Act Compensation Claims

Question No: 35 / 2012

Andrew Boff

It has been reported that out of an estimated £200m of claims received for compensation

through the Riot Act following last summer's riots, less than £4,000 has so far been paid out. In light of the difficulties currently faced by riot victims in accessing this compensation, what are you doing to ensure that householders and small businesses in London are getting access to the compensation for which they are eligible?

Participation in sport

Question No: 36 / 2012

Andrew Boff

• Hugh Robertson, Olympics Minister, has announced that the 1million target of increasing participation in sport as a result of the Olympics will not be reached and was an over-ambitious target at the out-set.

How many Londoners have been inspired, so far, to take up sport as a result of the London 2012 Games?

How many people are expected to take up athletics as a result of the hosting of the 2017 World Athletics championships:

- a) In London?
- b) Across the UK?

How will this participation be encouraged?

Subletting

Question No: 37 / 2012

Andrew Boff

What impact do you expect the Government's plans to outlaw the subletting of Council homes will have on the availability of social housing in London and on investment in new social housing?

Metropolitan Line

Ouestion No: 38 / 2012

Victoria Borwick

When do you expect the Metropolitan Line's extension to Watford Junction to be completed and what benefits will this bring to residents in Harrow and Brent?

Gang Crime

Question No: 39 / 2012

Victoria Borwick

How will the police be making use of new Government funding to tackle gang crime in Enfield and Haringey?

Team London

Question No: 40 / 2012

Tony Arbour

What progress is being made in your Team London projects at Tolworth in Kingston and at Twickenham Green in Richmond and how will these schemes benefit their local communities?

Press accreditation for Editor of "The Clench" Journal

Question No: 41 / 2012

Brian Coleman

As a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Farriers, I am aware of the vital part Farriers will play in the Equine Events at the London Olympics next year, not only in the services they will be providing for farriers accompanying the equestrian teams but also in the significant hospitality events they will be hosting.

Will the Mayor override LOCOG's bureaucracy and arrange for the Editor of the Worshipful Company of Farrier's Journal, The Clench, to receive a press accreditation for the Olympic Equestrian events so he can report on the events for which Farriers will be playing such a fundamental part?

Reopening dormant stations

Question No: 42 / 2012

Brian Coleman

In light of the success of the London Overground, would you consider investigating the feasibility of reopening dormant stations in my constituency such as Primrose Hill?

Loan repayments

Question No: 43 / 2012

Valerie Shawcross

Has Transport for London incurred any financial penalties as a result of the earlier-than-planned debt repayment agreed by the Transport for London board on 7th December 2011?

Transport for London press office

Question No: 44 / 2012

Valerie Shawcross

In response to a written question from my colleague last year you stated that Transport for London employs 27 press officers, with a total cost of £2.09million including on-costs. You stated that this was a reduction of 38% since 2009. How did this reduction yield the £16.5million necessary for 440 extra PCSO's? How many press officer posts have actually been cut from the Transport for London press office since 2008?

New Bus for London Fleet

Ouestion No: 45 / 2012

Valerie Shawcross

When will the entire fleet of the New Bus for London be in service, how many vehicles will be in the fleet, what routes will the buses operate on and what will the total cost be? How many New Bus for London vehicles has Transport for London planned to be in service in a) 2012/13 b) 2013/14 and c) 2014/15.

New Bus for London tour

Question No: 46 / 2012

Valerie Shawcross

The New Bus for London has recently undergone a tour of outer London boroughs to show outer London residents the new vehicle. When exactly will the New Bus be operational on routes

in each of these boroughs? Please give a response for each borough involved.

New Bus for London tour 2

Question No: 47 / 2012

Valerie Shawcross

What is the cost to Transport for London of the New Bus' tour of outer London and how many Transport for London staff have been involved including a) front line operational staff and b) press officers. Were any front line staff diverted from passenger services for this exercise?

Cyclist Safety

Question No: 48 / 2012

Valerie Shawcross

Please give an update on progress with regards to the publication of the capital's most dangerous roads and junctions for cyclists and for a full review of design safety at each these junctions, following the London Assembly motion agreed in December?

Cyclist Safety 2

Question No: 49 / 2012

Valerie Shawcross

How will TfL engage with cyclists as part of it's review of the capital's most dangerous junctions following the Assembly's motion in December? How will you ensure that their views are properly considered?

Hammersmith Flyover 1

Question No: 50 / 2012

Valerie Shawcross

Please give an update on work to repair the flyover. Will the flyover need to be rebuilt and what are the traffic implications of this?

Hammersmith Flyover 2

Question No: 51 / 2012

Valerie Shawcross

What has the inspection schedule for Hammersmith flyover been for the past three years? Why have recent inspections failed to pick up on the serious corrosion issues at the flyover, particularly when similar issues have arisen in similar structures elsewhere in the country recently, for example Gravell Hill at Spaghetti Junction, which was repaired for similar reasons in 2010?

Hammersmith Flyover 3

Ouestion No: 52 / 2012

Valerie Shawcross

How will the closure of the Hammersmith flyover impact on the operation of the Olympic Route Network? What contingency plans for the ORN does Transport for London have in place?

Hammersmith Flyover 4

Question No: 53 / 2012

Valerie Shawcross

Could the flyover be reopened to light traffic whilst repairs are carried out? Is this option being pursued by Transport for London?

Hammersmith flyover 5

Question No: 54 / 2012

Valerie Shawcross

Have Transport for London identified any other similar road structure on the TLRN which may be affected by similar issues to Hammersmith and if so where are these and what plans have Transport for London made for inspection of their structural integrity and repair?

Tower Bridge Road/Abbey Street/Long Lane junction

Question No: 55 / 2012

Valerie Shawcross

Do Transport for London still anticipate that they will be in a position to outline their findings and present a scheme to enhance safety at the junction to stakeholders early this year? What is the timeframe for this?

Westow Street/Westow Hill/Central Hill junction

Question No: 56 / 2012

Valerie Shawcross

Please give an update on improvements for pedestrians at this junction in Crystal Palace, in particular with regard to traffic signals.

Vauxhall Gyratory

Question No: 57 / 2012

Valerie Shawcross

Please give an update on plans to improve matters for road users and pedestrians at this key gyratory.

Northern Line extension

Question No: 58 / 2012

Valerie Shawcross

Please give an update on plans to extend the Northern Line to Nine Elms/Battersea since the developer involved went into administration. What progress has been made in this situation?

Air Quality

Ouestion No: 59 / 2012

Valerie Shawcross

I note that a report on Air Quality was intended to be discussed at item 4 during the Transport for London 'Safety, Health and Environment Assurance Committee' on December 15th2011. The report is marked as 'to follow' and seems to be unavailable on the TfL website. Please could I be sent a copy of this report?

Bus services in Peckham

Question No: 60 / 2012

Valerie Shawcross

Please give an update on progress on work to explore ways to improve travel, particularly bus travel in the Peckham/Southampton Way area.

South London Line

Question No: 61 / 2012

Valerie Shawcross

Concerns have been expressed to me that Denmark Hill station will lose services to Victoria in the late evenings and weekends following the withdrawal of the South London Line in December. Can you clarify this position and indicate whether the current Catford loop services from/to Sevenoaks will continue to operate to and from Victoria in the evenings and weekends (as opposed to the Catford loop Monday-Friday daytime services which operate to and from Sevenoaks via the Thameslink network and Blackfriars?)

South London Line 2

Question No: 62 / 2012

Valerie Shawcross

Please can you provide clarification of how many trains will operate to London Bridge, Victoria, and Blackfriars/Thameslink destinations, per hour, during both peak and off peak times, from a) Denmark Hill and b) Peckham Rye, following the withdrawal of the South London Line in December 2012?

Transport for London promotional material

Question No: 63 / 2012

Valerie Shawcross

With regard to Transport for London's 'Every Journey Matters' publication: a) how many copies of this have been printed, b) what was the cost to Transport for London for the production of this pamphlet, c) were any external consultants involved in the production and d) was any sponsorship from external organisations involved?

Kender Street Triangle works

Question No: 64 / 2012

Valerie Shawcross

Further to your answer to question number 3504/2011 and to communications I have received from Transport for London officers, I understand the post-implementation report on the Kender Street works and impact on local residential streets (such as St Mary's Road, Astbury Road etc) is to be ready 'in the new year'. Please could you provide an update on the report and plans to meet with local residents and stakeholders to discuss this?

London Economy

Question No: 65 / 2012

Valerie Shawcross

What action did you personally take to try and avert major employer Nestle's pullout from London?

London Road Safety Plan

Question No: 66 / 2012

Valerie Shawcross

When will the updated London Road Safety Plan, due for publication during 2011, be published?

Disability Living Allowance

Question No: 67 / 2012

Jennette Arnold

The Responsible Reform Report on the Disability Living Allowance (1) was published on the 9th of January. This report, put together by people who are sick and disabled across the UK, underlines and confirms the objections you have rightly raised against the scrapping of the Disability Living Allowance and its replacement with the Personal Independence Payments.

The report also finds that the along with very strong opposition to the proposed changes there are significant questions to be asked regarding the consultation process and the government's own response to the consultation which claimed support for the personal independence payments which was not expressed in the responses received.

We are now at the eleventh hour to halt this damaging and costly process.

Will you stand alongside Londoners living with disability and commit to personally calling on the government to reconsider the Personal Independence Payment scheme in light of the new report and the questions that it raises?

(1) http://bit.ly/A3fiLH

International Year of Co-operatives

Question No: 68 / 2012

Jennette Arnold

What will the GLA be doing to mark the UN International Year of Co-operatives?

Support for Mutual and Co-operative Businesses in London (1)

Question No: 69 / 2012

Jennette Arnold

Can you provide a detailed breakdown of the information and support the GLA provides to both co-operative and mutual start-up businesses and SMEs in London?

Support for Mutual and Co-operative Businesses in London (2)

Question No: 70 / 2012

Jennette Arnold

Can you provide a detailed breakdown of previous LDA initiatives that provided information and support to both co-operative and mutual start-up businesses and SMEs in London?

Support for Mutual and Co-operative Businesses in London (3)

Question No: 71 / 2012

Jennette Arnold

Can you provide me with a detailed breakdown by borough of all the co-operative and mutual

Support for Community Finance

Question No: 72 / 2012

Jennette Arnold

In your Health Inequalities Strategy- First steps to delivery report you commit to working to raise awareness of credit unions. This is very laudable and I fully support this aim. Can you please detail what specific action you have taken personally as Mayor to promote and support community finance in the capital?

Joining your Local Credit Union

Question No: 73 / 2012

Jennette Arnold

In your Health Inqualities Strategy-First Steps to Delivery Report you commit to raising awareness of availability of responsible financial support for people on low incomes, such as credit unions. As you know credit unions work best when people on all income levels join them. Will you commit to joining your local credit union in order to lead by example and spread the word about credit unions to people on high incomes?

Disgust at Comments in Press

Question No: 74 / 2012

Jennette Arnold

A Constituent has written to me to express her "utter disgust" at the recent comments made by Cllr Daniel Moylan's in the Evening Standard on the 6th December where he described Ken Livingstone as "schizophrenic" for his fares reduction pledge.

She writes:

As someone who has a close family member who suffers from Schizophrenia, and as sufferer of a mental illness myself, I am aghast that government officials still retain these backward, stigmatising and unhelpful views.

I was wondering if you could ask the Mayor the following:

- 1) will [the Mayor] ask Mr Moylan to apologise for the offence he has caused using such comments?
- 2) Do Transport for London staff have to attend Disability Equality training? If so has Mr Moylan attended such training? If not, can the Mayor ensure he does so immediately?

Walthamstow Stadium

Question No: 75 / 2012

Jennette Arnold

Constituents in Waltham Forest have requested that I put the following question to you in relation to Walthamstow Stadium:

- 1) Why has the Mayor let L&Q board up [Walthamstow Stadium] for the last 3 years plus? All their plans have been withdrawn and by the mayor's own three dragons working kit the stadium shows a 26 million loss to the tax payer if L&Q are allowed to build.
- 2) L&Q current owners have land banked for 4 years and if they ever build they will cost the tax payer 26 million yet the mayor supports them. Why ?
- 3) Government inspector has stated that greyhound racing is viable at the site so why will the

Mayor not stand by his original comment and give residents what they want, which is greyhound racing? The Mayor is wasting millions of tax-payer money and costing the night time economy of east London by letting the world number one greyhound stadium lay in ruins and boarded up.

4) L&Q have been caught fixing planning dates with the local council and stopping residents objecting to sites yet the mayor will not comment. Why?

Access to legal aid

Question No: 76 / 2012

Joanne McCartney

In light of the Government's planned cuts to the legal aid system, what action are you taking to ensure that ordinary Londoners will continue to be able to access legal advice? Last year you rightly criticised the proposals on domestic violence. Can I therefore take it that defending Londoners from the Government's legal aid cuts is a priority?

Pedestrian Crossing

Question No: 77 / 2012

Joanne McCartney

I have been contacted by constituents who report difficulties experienced by pedestrians attempting to cross the road at the junction of North Hill with Church Road in Highgate. Despite the presence of traffic lights this is a junction which currently lacks any formal pedestrian crossing facilities. A care home, GP surgery, nursery and junior school are all located at this location and there is an understandable fear that uses of these services are at particular risk of harm.

I understand that London Borough of Haringey Officers are making representations to Transport for London's signals team regarding the possibility of having pedestrian facilities installed. Will you support their representations and look at improving the usability of this junction for pedestrians?

Bus Signs

Ouestion No: 78 / 2012

Joanne McCartney

A constituent has contacted me about the difficulty he experiences in reading bus stop signs, and in particular the SMS bus stop code plates installed as part of Transport for London's recently launched bus arrival information system. He is a wheelchair user and struggles to read the signs because of their small size and elevated position. This is apparently a particular problem at night where bus stops are unlit. Can I ask that you investigate and look at how this problem might be mitigated?

West Anglia Route

Question No: 79 / 2012

Joanne McCartney

What action are you currently taking to make improvements to services on the West Anglia Route which runs through my constituency, and specifically what are you doing to ensure progress is made on the four-tracking proposals for the route?

Integrated Prosecution Teams

Question No: 80 / 2012

Joanne McCartney

CPS staff working in Integrated Prosecution Teams at police stations are able to directly engage with officers and receive reports and evidence directly, enabling efficient preparation of case files. Do you share concerns that the removal of Integrated Prosecution Teams from police stations could lead to delays in justice?

Police Preventative work with young people

Question No: 81 / 2012

Joanne McCartney

How much did has the Met spent on preventative and diversionary programmes in each financial year between 2000 and 2011? Please can you provide annual breakdowns by programme?

Neighbourhood Link

Question No: 82 / 2012

Joanne McCartney

Residents on one of my Safer Neighbourhood Team's email circulation list have been told that their regular and direct communications will stop and that instead they need to sign up to Neighbourhood Link. Does this change effect information and communications from all Safer Neighbourhood Teams across the capital? Are you concerned that this could risk losing or weakening direct contact with residents and communities?

Form filling in the Police service

Question No: 83 / 2012

Joanne McCartney

In your 2008 election campaign your promised to "tear up red tape and needless form-filling, so we can get more police out on the streets". Over the last 3 years what changes or efforts have you made to reduce needless form filling in the Police?

Technology in the Met (1)

Question No: 84 / 2012

Joanne McCartney

Following the Sapphire Command's use of wi-fi technology to issue advice in bars and clubs over the festive period, what other uses of this technology are the Met considering?

Technology in the Met (2)

Question No: 85 / 2012

Joanne McCartney

What consideration are the Met giving to expanding the use of tablets for use by officers on the beat to enable them to efficiently record crime on the go instead of going back to the station to log crimes on a desk computer?

Technology in the Met (3)

Question No: 86 / 2012

Joanne McCartney

Would you support the ability for officers to text in reports of Stop & Searches? This system could be expanded to prompt a call back to the individual to ask them if they were content with the police conduct and whether the reasons for the Stop & Search had been explained properly to them. Do you agree that this could be a solution to help address some of tensions and dissatisfaction with this practice?

Technology in the Met (4)

Question No: 87 / 2012

Joanne McCartney

Would you recommend that the MPS set up a facility where people could send in photographs or videos they have recorded on their smart phones of crimes or evidence? Further, a facility that allowed members of the public to do this anonymously if they preferred (similarly to CrimeStoppers) could increase the quantity and quality of evidence the police receive.

Coordination between the MPS and LAS (1)

Question No: 88 / 2012

Joanne McCartney

The recent publication of the London Assembly investigation 'The future of the London Ambulance Service' revealed that the MPS is the biggest organisational source of demand for the LAS and highlighted that just one out of 300 daily police requests for ambulances was needed to save a life. What lessons does this present for the MPS?

'Honour' crime levels

Question No: 89 / 2012

Joanne McCartney

Recent research reveals that 2,823 incidents of 'honour-based' violence were recorded by police in Britain last year, with 495 incidents recorded by the MPS. We also know that so-called 'honour' crimes are typically under reported. What resources is the Met committing to combat this violence?

Safer Transport Teams

Question No: 90 / 2012

Joanne McCartney

Further to the alarmingly high number of vacancies revealed in the reply to my question 0217/2011 from the Chair of the MPA and Commissioner of the MPS last month, please can you provide updated figures for planned and actual numbers of Safer Transport Team officers per borough?

Safer Neighbourhood Teams

Ouestion No: 91 / 2012

Joanne McCartney

Please can you list by borough the planned and actual numbers of Sergeants, Police Officers and PCSOs in Safer Neighbourhood Teams?

Westminster PCSOs Question No: 92 / 2012

Joanne McCartney

Recent media reports have revealed cuts to PCSOs in enhanced Safer Neighbourhood Teams in Westminster. Please can you outline any plans to reduce the headcount of other enhanced SNT teams across the Capital and, if so, specify which wards in which boroughs will be effected?

Calls to 101

Question No: 93 / 2012

Joanne McCartney

Why should good citizens pay to use the 101 number to report crimes? Do you agree that this number should be free to call?

River Lee Navigation

Question No: 94 / 2012

Joanne McCartney

Will you support the bid British Waterways are submitting to Transport for London's Greenways programme to refurbish the towpath between Stonebridge Locks and Tottenham Locks on the River Lee Navigation? As well as aesthetic enhancements, this scheme would also improve walking and cycling routes.

Bus stop overcrowding - Broomfield School

Question No: 95 / 2012

Joanne McCartney

According to the Winter 2011 Enfield Safer Transport Team newsletter one of their network priorities is overcrowding at bus stops near Broomfield School. A resident has also written to me highlighting the dangers for schoolchildren who overspill onto the carriageway at this location and has asked whether pedestrian railings could be installed to guard against danger. Please can you instruct Transport for London to look properly into this matter immediately, consult with the Safer Transport Team and school to see if any steps are needed to ensure pupils are as safe as possible at this location?

Conservative Walk Out = Cyclists' Safety Motion Falls

Question No: 96 / 2012

John Biggs

I have been contacted by a Londoner who, in response to the Conservative Walk out from the Plenary Meeting on 7th December asks me to raise the following:-

"Which idiots decided to walk out and put cyclists at risk in London?? Lunacy.

No pubic service. No self respect. No morals. No integrity. No votes from us.

I'll speak to 2 people a day about this until Election Day... as will 5 of my friends...

3000 votes minimum by Election Day that you've just lost. Idiots the lot of you."

Given recent cyclist fatalities, are you surprised by this response and do you defend the Conservative Members walk out bearing in mind it prevented a very important debate on Cyclist safety. Surely this should be a cross party issue?

Olympic Park Legacy, Visitor Attraction

Question No: 97 / 2012

John Biggs

A Londoner has suggested that the creation of a world class Science Museum in East London would be beneficial to East London as part of the Olympic Legacy. It is widely recognised that the Olympic Park should contain a new visitor attraction after the Games. What are your initial views on this and what alternative steps are you taking to secure any further visitor attraction?

Trains: Number v Size Question No: 98 / 2012

John Biggs

National Express East Anglia are reducing the frequency of service of some peak trains to Inner London stations, including Bethnal Green and Cambridge Heath (and London Fields). They are however, making the remaining trains longer in order to serve similar numbers of commuters. Do you agree with this approach?

Penalty Notices – Cyclists v Motorists

Question No: 99 / 2012

John Biggs

I have been contacted by a constituent who has read your answers to 3525/2011 and 3526/2011, in which you stated that 8027 cyclists have been penalised for cycling on the pavement and 112 motorists penalised for driving in a cycle lane. He asks if you believe that the police are disproportionately enforcing some road safety legislation?

Roadsafe Reporting System

Question No: 100 / 2012

John Biggs

A constituent has contacted me and has asked me to raise the following questions with you.

How many Police Officers have been reported through the Metropolitan Police Roadsafe London reporting system?

How many taxi drivers have been reported through the Metropolitan Police Roadsafe London reporting system?

What has been the outcome of such reports?

Fuel Poverty in East London

Question No: 101 / 2012

John Biggs

Thank you for your response to MQT 3910/2011. Unfortunately you seem to have answered a question I did not ask. I wanted to know about renew in City & East (the City, Newham, Tower Hamlets, Barking & Dagenham) and not in the wider East London area which, from your answer, includes Hackney, Waltham Forest & Havering.

Can you therefore provide figures for all 32 boroughs and the City, showing how many homes have been treated under RE:NEW to date and how many will be treated by May 2012?

Platform canopies

Question No: 102 / 2012

Navin Shah

I have been contacted by a constituent who is concerned about the stability of the platform

canopies on the London Overground's Euston-to-Watford Junction line. Most are top-heavy, and rely on tension in angled steel support girders behind their back walls for stability. These are nearly a hundred years old, and some look badly corroded. Can you arrange for a technical examination of these canopies, in conjunction with Network Rail, to reassure the public?

Transport for London roads (1)

Question No: 103 / 2012

Navin Shah

I understand from April, you gain legal powers to decide how Transport for London roads appear on maps in order to direct traffic better. Although Transport for London almost invariably owns main roads only, does the Mayor agree that a review of maps across London would be a proportionate response?

Transport for London roads (2)

Question No: 104 / 2012

Navin Shah

Will Transport for London take into account local feeling should any London Boroughs want to 'demote' any of their relevant roads? For instance, if Brent were to decide to 'demote' the depiction of the narrow and residential Tubbs Road, Harlesden, would that be acceptable to Transport for London?

Light-rail to Brent Cross (1)

Question No: 105 / 2012

Navin Shah

The elevated A41/North Circular Road traffic roundabout is due to be enlarged, and given a fifth access road, to and from Brent Cross Shopping Centre. Do you acknowledge that there is currently an unused but perfectly viable route that threads underneath the south side of that roundabout, for some sort of light-rail or guided bus, in the decades ahead, to connect the Brent Cross central area to Brent Cross Northern Line station?

Light-rail to Brent Cross (2)

Question No: 106 / 2012

Navin Shah

Will you ensure that the enlarged roundabout support piers are designed by Transport for London so that this potential route is maintained, at no cost, as opposed to the current design, included in the approved Brent Cross Cricklewood planning application?

Pollution next to the North Circular (1)

Question No: 107 / 2012

Navin Shah

What levels of particulates and nitrogen oxides do you consider acceptable at the new Brent Cross Bus Station, due to be relocated next to the ten-lane North Circular Road? Will you install sensors, and temporarily close the bus station if the levels were exceeded? Do you have concerns for the ten million passengers every year, because tiny individual risks become real premature deaths when multiplied up?

Pollution next to the North Circular (2)

Question No: 108 / 2012

Navin Shah

Do you expect new high buildings on the other side of the North Circular to funnel noise and extra pollution into the new bus station? What reassurances can you give Transport for London staff who will spend much of, or all, their working life there? Are you therefore obtaining planning permission for a totally-enclosed bus station, with air-locks or positive pressure filter systems?

Civilian Officers (1)

Question No: 109 / 2012

Navin Shah

Please could you give me a list of all the boroughs taking part in the trial of the new rostering system for civilian officers working in custody and police station front desks?

Civilian Officers (2)

Question No: 110 / 2012

Navin Shah

I have been contacted by a constituent who is concerned the new rostering system being trialled in some parts of London has resulted in civilian officers working in custody and front office in police stations not being able to take breaks on 12 hour shifts. Senior management, when approached by the trade unions, say they should have their breaks but this does not work in practice. Will you look at this and ensure officers are getting the breaks owed to them?

Civilian Officers (3)

Question No: 111 / 2012

Navin Shah

I understand civilian officers on custody watch are required to watch individuals remanded at the station deemed to be at risk. I am told no officer is supposed to spend more than 2 hours watching a prisoner and is required to take a break of at least 1 hour before continuing their watch. Officers are finding they are not relieved and may spend up to 5 hours watching one prisoner which can result in a variety of health and safety problems. I would like to know how widespread these problems are and how they are being tackled?

The Olympic Board

Ouestion No: 112 / 2012

Navin Shah

Was the Olympic Board made aware of any ongoing legal cases regarding the Dow Chemical Company when it was agreed to allow Dow the contract for the stadium wrap?

Brent Cross Toilets

Question No: 113 / 2012

Navin Shah

The only toilet for the male and female bus drivers at Brent Cross Shopping Centre has been closed 3 times since 28 November; drivers have been told it will not be opened until February. This forces drivers to use the bushes near the Brent River to relieve themselves when Brent Cross Shopping Centre is closed. This facility has been closed because of a perceived 'mis-use' of the facilities (graffiti on one of the walls) for which all other employees are not responsible

for. Do you not agree that all bus drivers should have access to toilet facilities at Brent Cross and should not be punished for one person's stupidity?

Residents of St Raphaels's Estate

Question No: 114 / 2012

Navin Shah

I have been contacted by the residents of St Raphael's Estate who are extremely upset about the changes to the 206 and 224 bus routes. Residents feel they were not made fully aware of all the changes or the impact it would have on their lives. Residents have lost out on two buses, which came on to their estate. They have collected 279 names and addresses on a petition of people affected. Will Transport for London consider restoring these bus services to the estate?

Private Renting during the Olympics

Question No: 115 / 2012

Navin Shah

Thank you for your answer to Question No: 3963 / 2011. Unfortunately my constituent was disappointed with your non-committal response. How will you protect tenants in London who want to continue their tenancy but are being forced out of their homes as landlords want to short-let their properties during the Olympics?

Black cab fares

Question No: 116 / 2012

Navin Shah

I have been contacted by a constituent who would like you to conduct an assessment of Black Taxi fares and investigate whether a review can be made with regards to night tariffs? When will you carry this out?

Dangerous Junctions

Question No: 117 / 2012

Navin Shah

How many accidents have been recorded at the following junctions? How many KSIs have been recorded at the following junctions? What plans have Transport for London got to improve the safety for pedestrians and road users at the following junctions?

- Stanmore Broadway with Stanmore Hill
- Northolt Road
- Honeypot Lane between Kingsbury Roundabout and Cumberland Road
- Weston Drive off Wemborough Road towards Belmont Circle
- Elmstead Avenue/Forty Lane

Outer London Commission Draft Interim Recommendations (1) Ouestion No: 118 / 2012

Navin Shah

In your recently published Outer London Commission Draft Interim Recommendations you state that "parking policy provides the flexibility to address local circumstances, especially in town centres and office locations, while also recognising the need to continue to promote sustainable

Outer London Commission Draft Interim Recommendations (2) Ouestion No: 119 / 2012

Navin Shah

The Outer London Commission Draft Interim Recommendations reported that boroughs and stakeholders had voiced concerns over the efficiency of orbital public transport movement in outer London. How will you address these concerns?

Outer London Commission Draft Interim Recommendations (3)

Question No: 120 / 2012

Navin Shah

Town centre renewal is a recommendation in the draft report from the Outer London Commission. Useful suggestions such as improving night-life will hopefully stimulate local growth. However, considering the Outer London Fund is only for superficial improvements and in lieu of the cuts to Boroughs budgets from the Coalition Government, how are you deciding what areas to allocate funding to and how are you going to implement such high ambitions with such a limited budget and scope of power locally?

Cycling

Question No: 121 / 2012

Navin Shah

There have been a number of complaints from my constituents about congestion. There are too many parked cars on the road which makes it difficult for motorists and cyclists to navigate the road. There are many instances where cars drive in cycle lanes. Do you have any suggestions or plans to help ease this problem which discourages people to cycle?

Old Oak Common

Question No: 122 / 2012

Navin Shah

Now HS2 has been given the go-ahead from the Coalition Government, can you confirm Old Oak Common will be a major interchange?

Chiltern Timetable (1)

Question No: 123 / 2012

Navin Shah

Do you agree that Chiltern Railways should fulfill their commitment to put in place an off peak service of two trains an hour to Sudbury and Harrow Road Station and Sudbury Hill Station?

Chiltern Timetable (2)

Question No: 124 / 2012

Navin Shah

In light of the major housing development taking place directly next to Sudbury and Harrow Road Station, will you ensure Transport for London works with Chiltern Railways to improve the service to this station?

Comprehensive Housing Planning Guidance

Question No: 125 / 2012

Nicky Gavron

Your Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Guidance note outlines that you intend to "shortly publish for consultation draft supplementary guidance dealing comprehensively with housing issues". When do you anticipate the publication of this consultation and will it alter the approach you have taken to housing?

Affordable Rent 1

Question No: 126 / 2012

Nicky Gavron

Given the implications of the Affordable Rent policy for London's poorest (including increased rent levels), why have you not opposed the policy?

Affordable Rent 2

Question No: 127 / 2012

Nicky Gavron

Do you believe that Affordable Rent and social rented housing meet the same housing needs?

Social Rented Housing 1

Question No: 128 / 2012

Nicky Gavron

You state in your Draft Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Guidance that "Government is clear that there will be no grant funding for social rented housing in the 2011–15 spending round and that funding for most new affordable housing will be provided as affordable rent".

The Mayor will take over the responsibilities of the Homes and Communities Agency from 1 April 2012. What remit will your office have to direct funding under this arrangement? Are you constrained to only funding certain tenures?

Social Rented Housing 2

Question No: 129 / 2012

Nicky Gavron

Do you agree with the Government's position that there should be no grant funding for social rented housing?

Social Rented Housing 3

Question No: 130 / 2012

Nicky Gavron

Do you agree with the Housing Minister (Inside Housing, 6 January 2012) that the "rewards" of social rented housing have been reaped by "those who know how to play the system best"? Or do you agree with the President of the Chartered Institute of Housing, who believes the Government is "pitting household against household, profession against profession, pointing the finger of blame for housing problems at the people who live in and manage a scarce resource"?

Draft Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Guidance 1

Question No: 131 / 2012

Navin Shah

In your Draft Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Guidance you state that "boroughs should ensure that they do not constrain affordable housing delivery (particularly for family housing) through their approach to affordable housing definitions and targets (for example by confining the sub-market rent element solely to conventional social rented housing)". Do you agree with me that this would clearly prevent boroughs from delivering social rented housing? Why have you taken this decision?

Welfare reform 1

Question No: 132 / 2012

Nicky Gavron

You said in MQ 3968/2011 that you had gained four concessions from the government (more time for existing claimants, more funding for local authorities, incentives for landlords to reduce their rents through Discretionary Housing Payments and exemptions for former homeless people from the shared accommodation rate). How many and what other concessions did you ask from the government?

Welfare reform 2

Question No: 133 / 2012

Nicky Gavron

You are right to say the primary objective of the Local Housing Allowance reforms is not to reduce rents (MQ 3967/2011). However, you and your colleagues in government have long told the public that landlords will reduce their rents as a result of these reforms. Will you now acknowledge this is unlikely to happen in London?

Welfare reform 3

Question No: 134 / 2012

Nicky Gavron

From this month the Local Housing Allowance changes will begin pushing low income families from inner to outer London and beyond. What resources and services will you make available to help these households?

Local Housing Allowance

Question No: 135 / 2012

Nicky Gavron

How have you worked with the boroughs to ensure they are prepared for the changes to Local Housing Allowance and what measures have you taken to minimise the impact on those affected?

Exhibition industry

Question No: 136 / 2012

Nicky Gavron

Do you believe London needs more exhibition space?

Bromley Road/Whitefoot Lane/Southend Lane junction

Question No: 137 / 2012

Len Duvall

I welcome the long overdue progress that has finally been made on developing additional pedestrian crossings at this difficult junction. However, please clarify what work has taken place on proposals to remove the pedestrian guard rails and changes to the Tiger's Head bus stop. These proposals have caused concerns which have been raised with me by Phoenix Community Housing, who are a key local stakeholder. Can consideration be given to reviewing the need to remove the guardrails and could Phoenix Community Housing also be added to the list of consultees on this issue if this has not already been done?

Station Accessibility 1

Question No: 138 / 2012

Len Duvall

Will the Mayor respond to local residents' continued requests for TfL to improve Penge West station's step access by installing a southbound entrance/exit?

Station Accessibility 2 Ouestion No: 139 / 2012

Len Duvall

Will the Mayor intervene on behalf of Lewisham residents over the on-going discussions between TfL and Network Rail of the opening hours of the exit gate from platform 4 of Lewisham Station? When the station lift to the main exit is out of action this is the only exit without a step and should be kept open at all times for commuters with disability issues.

River Crossings

Question No: 140 / 2012

Len Duvall

In response to question 4021/2011 the Mayor stated there is 'consideration of a fixed link at Gallions Reach in the longer term if demand requires it'. The current Woolwich ferry is often reduced to one boat in operation, or completely closed at weekends, and cannot be relied upon as an alternative road crossing; Dartford crossing is 16 miles away; and Blackwall regularly suffers from congestion. What further requirements would satisfy the Mayor to provide the much needed transport links across the river?

Digital inclusion and City-wide Wifi 1

Question No: 141 / 2012

Len Duvall

Westminster and Kensington and Chelsea Councils have recently announced their borough-wide wifi coverage programme a head of the 2012 Games. Can the Mayor provide an update on his own scheme to provide wifi at tube stations and bus stops and what plans are there to extend this coverage across London?

Digital inclusion and City-wide Wifi 2

Question No: 142 / 2012

Len Duvall

With regard to the Mayor's plans for tube and bus station based wifi, how has he identified and allocated hubs for this scheme?

Digital inclusion and City-wide Wifi 3

Question No: 143 / 2012

Len Duvall

With regard to the Mayor's plans for tube and bus station based wifi, can he give an outline of his programme to role the scheme out across the 31 boroughs?

Digital inclusion and City-wide Wifi 4

Question No: 144 / 2012

Len Duvall

With regard to the Mayor's plans for tube and bus station based wifi, which Boroughs are not receiving hubs and why?

Digital inclusion and City-wide Wifi 5

Question No: 145 / 2012

Len Duvall

A study by National Housing Federation recently highlighted that a third of those not online are social housing tenants- a statistic that reflex and compounds wider inequalities across London. With this in mind, what assessment has the Mayor conducted on the impact of his tube and bus station based wifi in boroughs with higher density of social housing to ensure this digital inclusion scheme is open to all and not an already 'well-connected' few?

Training and Employment 1

Question No: 146 / 2012

Len Duvall

What additional incentives will the Mayor provide for employers to take on at-risk and vulnerable young people in his Mayoral Apprenticeship Scheme?

Training and Employment 2

Question No: 147 / 2012

Len Duvall

In 2009, the Mayor announced he would be investing £12m in pre-apprenticeships for London's NEETS population to support and encourage young people to enter apprenticeship training. Can the Mayor provide a breakdown of 1) the number of young people who have participated in this scheme and 2) the number of those who have gone on to take up apprenticeships in London.

Training and Employment 3

Question No: 148 / 2012

Len Duvall

Can the Mayor provide an up-date of the number of jobs created in each borough through The Five Borough Employment scheme?

Fire services response times

Question No: 149 / 2012

Len Duvall

Can the Mayor confirm if under the new London fire safety plan if response times for fire services will be maintained?

CrossRail Contributions

Question No: 150 / 2012

Nicky Gavron

How much of the £300,000,000 required from developers to deliver CrossRail has so far been raised?

Saatchi Block

Question No: 151 / 2012

Nicky Gavron

Please provide the register of interests that was submitted by your office in relation to the Saatchi Block (80 Charlotte Street) development planning decision.

Impact on Chiswick of closing the Hammersmith flyover

Question No: 152 / 2012

Murad Qureshi

Has TfL done an assessment of the impact that the closure of the Hammersmith flyover is having on Chiswick, and what are you doing to limit the impact of the closure on this residential part of West London?

Met borough intelligence units

Question No: 153 / 2012

Murad Oureshi

How many full time equivalent staff is there in each borough's borough intelligence unit? Can you please also provide the numbers per borough in 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011?

Guidance on low carbon cooling systems

Question No: 154 / 2012

Murad Qureshi

You previously advised that:

"Detailed information and guidance on designing and specifying low carbon cooling systems for developments has been produced by the GLA and London Southbank University and this will be available from the GLA in Autumn 2011."

This now seems to be overdue. Can I please have a copy of this guidance?

CO2 savings and low carbon measures

Question No: 155 / 2012

Murad Qureshi

In 2009 you advised that the second phase of the report you commissioned to assess CO2 savings and low/zero carbon measures secured through the GLA's planning process would be published in early 2010. Has this report now been published, if so can I please have a copy? If

not, can you please explain why it has not yet been published and advise when it will be?

Update on home energy efficiency scheme RE:NEW

Question No: 156 / 2012

Murad Qureshi

How many homes have now been treated under your RE:NEW home energy efficiency scheme to date?

Borough roll-out of home energy efficiency scheme RE:NEW

Question No: 157 / 2012

Murad Oureshi

Which boroughs have now treated homes under the RE:NEW home energy efficiency scheme? Please provide a breakdown of how many have been treated in each borough to date?

London City Airport

Question No: 158 / 2012

Murad Oureshi

On 8 July 2009, the London Borough of Newham granted LCA planning permission to increase the number of permitted air transport movements (ATMs) to 120,000 flights per year. The increase will allow LCA to handle up to 3.9 million passengers, up 1.4 million on the 2.5 million passengers handled in 2006.

As the increased number of flights at London City Airport inevitably means more than 500,000 more passenger will be using the airport, this should automatically have come to you for planning approval. Why did you not insist on this?

Edgware Road railings

Question No: 159 / 2012

Murad Oureshi

I have noticed that we have lost the railings in the middle of the Edgware Road - Is this another instance of metal theft or something that TfL have decided to get rid off?

Water Fountains

Question No: 160 / 2012

Murad Qureshi

Your water strategy says you will install water fountains. How many have you installed so far - over three and a half years into your mayoralty?

Water pipe misconnection check

Question No: 161 / 2012

Murad Qureshi

Why are you no longer calling for RICS to introduce a misconnection check as part of the survey when selling a property? Is this no longer necessary?

London's energy needs provided by renewable sources

Question No: 162 / 2012

Murad Qureshi

By the end of your term how much of total energy needs of London will be provided by renewable energy sources?

Hammersmith Flyover and Westway

Question No: 163 / 2012

Murad Qureshi

Can you please confirm to me that the Westway doesn't have the same problems as the Hammersmith flyover and will it also be inspected?

Bike hire scheme in South London

Question No: 164 / 2012

Murad Qureshi

Why is so little of the bike hire scheme in South London and what are you going to do about it?

Nestlé moving out of Croydon

Question No: 165 / 2012

Murad Qureshi

What if anything did you do to stop Nestlé moving out of Croydon or is this move a reflection of your laissez-faire approach to developing the outer suburbs?

£2.7m contract with Arup

Question No: 166 / 2012

Murad Qureshi

Could you please provide detail of precisely what technical, commercial and financial adivce Arup will be providing at a cost of £2,689,578?

Carbon Emissions Reduction Target (CERT) funding in London boroughs

Question No: 167 / 2012

Murad Qureshi

How much Carbon Emissions Reduction Target (CERT) funding has been levered into each London borough in conjunction with your RE:NEW scheme or any other Mayoral programme?

Taxi ranks

Question No: 168 / 2012

Murad Qureshi

How many taxi ranks are there in London, and how many were there when you took office in 2008?

Taxi Touting & enforcement

Question No: 169 / 2012

Murad Qureshi

I am advised there is still a worrying problem of illegal cab drivers touting for business, but

insufficient enforcement. What resources are currently deployed to prevent illegal touting in London?

Complaints about illegal mini cab drivers and offices

Question No: 170 / 2012

Murad Qureshi

How many complaints did TfL and the Met receive in 2011 about illegal mini cab drivers and how many implicated mini cab offices? What enforcement action or prosecutions were carried out as a result?

Energy Companies' Record

Question No: 171 / 2012

Murad Qureshi

Your answer to my question 4000 / 2011 refers me to a list of meeting dates, which does not help me understand how or indeed whether you are pressing the energy companies about their poor energy saving record in London. Being "in regular contact" does not tell me whether you are challenging poor performance - it could just as easily be evidence of collusion.

Can you please therefore tell me what specific issues you have raised with each energy company about their poor performance in London, and what response you have received from each of them?

Success of RE:NEW energy efficiency programme

Question No: 172 / 2012

Murad Qureshi

Do you think your energy efficiency programme RE:NEW scheme has been a success? What criteria are you using to measure its success?

Carbon savings of RE:NEW energy efficiency programme

Question No: 173 / 2012

Murad Qureshi

How much carbon has your energy efficiency programme RE:NEW saved overall in London? How are you measuring the carbon saved per home?

Carbon savings of ten easy measures in RE:NEW energy efficiency programme

Question No: 174 / 2012

Murad Qureshi

How much carbon has been saved by each of the ten easy measures in your RE:NEW energy efficiency programme and how is this measured?

Payments to assessors of energy efficiency programme RE:NEW

Question No: 175 / 2012

Murad Qureshi

How much are the assessors paid for home visits under your RE:NEW energy efficiency programme - either per visit or hourly rate.

Breakdown of budget for energy efficiency programme RE:NEW

Question No: 176 / 2012

Murad Qureshi

Can you please provide a breakdown of how the £7,825,630 budget for your energy efficiency programme RE:NEW has been allocated: how much for staffing, how much to buy the equipment for the ten easy measures, how much for publicity, how much for admin, how much for parking costs, etc.

Budget spend for energy efficiency programme RE:NEW

Question No: 177 / 2012

Murad Qureshi

How much of the £7,825,630 budget for your energy efficiency programme RE:NEW has been spent to date? Will the whole sum be spent by the end of March 2012, and if not, are there any contingency plans to carry the underspend into 2012/2013?

Tree planting in boroughs

Question No: 178 / 2012

Murad Qureshi

How many trees have you had planted in each borough in each year of your mayoralty?

Battersea power Station Development

Question No: 179 / 2012

Murad Qureshi

Now that Real Estate Opportunities have gone into administration and the government says it will meet its £200 million commitment to the scheme, if a new developer can be found swiftly, would that offer still stand – for example if Chelsea FC were to come in with their stadium offer?

Dust suppressant application on Marylebone / Euston Road

Question No: 180 / 2012

Murad Qureshi

Between what times do the dust suppressant vehicles operate and how often is dust suppressant applied to the Marylebone / Euston Road section?

Dust suppressant application on Victoria Embankment / Upper Thames Street

Question No: 181 / 2012

Murad Qureshi

Between what times do the dust suppressant vehicles operate and how often is dust suppressant applied to the Victoria Embankment / Upper Thames Street section?

Dust suppressant application on Park Lane

Question No: 182 / 2012

Murad Oureshi

Between what times do the dust suppressant vehicles operate and how often is dust suppressant applied to the Park Lane section?

Dust suppressant application at Earls Court

Question No: 183 / 2012

Murad Qureshi

Between what times do the dust suppressant vehicles operate and how often is dust suppressant applied to the Earls Court section?

Dust suppressant application on A2

Question No: 184 / 2012

Murad Qureshi

Between what times do the dust suppressant vehicles operate and how often is dust suppressant applied to the section on the A2?

Dust suppressant application to Blackwall Tunnel corridor

Question No: 185 / 2012

Murad Qureshi

Between what times do the dust suppressant vehicles operate and how often is dust suppressant applied to the Blackwall Tunnel corridor?

Capacity of combined heat and power (CHP)

Question No: 186 / 2012

Murad Qureshi

During your tenure as Mayor, what has happened to date to the capacity of combined heat and power (CHP) in London?

Ticket offices

Question No: 187 / 2012

Jenny Jones

Given the increasing demand on the tube do you agree ticket offices at tube stations should remain open until at least 7pm?

Light switches at tube stations

Question No: 188 / 2012

Jenny Jones

How many London Underground stations still don't have light switches installed? What are the total predicted savings in terms of energy bills and carbon dioxide emissions from the installation of lighting controls at those stations?

Faulty Oyster cards

Question No: 189 / 2012

Jenny Jones

To make it easier for people to get a refund on faulty Oyster cards, will you extend Oyster card

Low Emission Zone filters (1)

Question No: 190 / 2012

Jenny Jones

Are you concerned about the cost of fitting a filter system to a vehicle in order to be compliant with stage 3 of the Low Emission Zone? What are you doing to bring down the cost?

Low Emission Zone (2)

Question No: 191 / 2012

Jenny Jones

Why does the approval system for filter systems apparently exclude products from abroad, even if they achieve the standard required?

Low Emission Zone (3)

Question No: 192 / 2012

Jenny Jones

What are you doing to make it easier for small workshops to become approved fitters of vehicle filter systems? What specific skills or knowledge are required to necessitate the approval process, rather than allowing any skilled mechanic to fit them?

Hornsey Lane Bridge

Question No: 193 / 2012

Jenny Jones

What contact has TfL had with Haringey Council about installing better anti-suicide measures on the Hornsey Lane bridge over the A1, such as a net and a free SOS phone? Will you press the council to implement these in order to prevent further loss of life?

Supported housing (1)

Question No: 194 / 2012

Jenny Jones

In 2009 the Government removed the ringfence on supported housing funding and the present government has maintained funding levels in cash terms. But while some boroughs have maintained full funding levels, other boroughs are cutting commissioned services by up to 40%, with an average budget cut across London of 11.5% in 2011/12. How are you using your influence with boroughs to ensure that the provision of supported housing is still meeting the needs of vulnerable tenants and is being protected from disproportionate cuts across London?

Supported housing (2)

Question No: 195 / 2012

Jenny Jones

How are you using your influence with boroughs to ensure that they offer consistent and meaningful opportunities for consultation and negotiation in decommissioning supported housing services, and that they are providing sufficient certainty to providers to ensure vulnerable tenants are protected?

Supported housing (3)

Question No: 196 / 2012

Jenny Jones

What are you doing to monitor the provision of supported housing services across London, which play an important role in your pan-London homelessness strategy?

Supported housing (4)

Question No: 197 / 2012

Jenny Jones

Can you list any representations you have made to individual boroughs regarding their provision of supported housing services in the past two years, whether verbally or in writing?

London level of benefit cap

Question No: 198 / 2012

Jenny Jones

In light of evidence from the Chartered Institute of Housing about the shortfall of housing affordable to Local Housing Allowance claimants, and in light of reports that the London Borough of Croydon is seeking accommodation agreements in Manchester and Walsall, will you now support calls for a higher London cap on housing benefits and the forthcoming Universal Credit to ensure that all Londoners can find a home in the capital?

Cycle superhighway speed limits

Question No: 199 / 2012

Jenny Jones

Since you answered question 3346/2011 the DfT has published review of infrastructure and cyclist safety which found that cutting vehicle speeds, particularly at junctions, would be the single most effective measure to increase the safety of cyclists. In light of this, will you revisit calls from cyclists and pedestrian groups for a 20mph speed limit on sections of Cycle Superhighways that send cyclists through busy town centres and junctions such as New Cross, Peckham and Camberwell without physical separation?

A316 cycle route (1)

Question No: 200 / 2012

Jenny Jones

Will you look again at the past recommendations for light controlled crossings on the A316 cycle route at London Roundabout? A constituent informs me that the recent changes by Transport for London to help cater for pedestrians and cyclists travelling east/west along Chertsey Road, crossing both arms of London Road, are minimal and ineffective.

A316 cycle route (2)

Ouestion No: 201 / 2012

Jenny Jones

Will you make public Transport for London's data for the predicted use of the London Road roundabout on the A316 and the judgement criteria that they used to decide that providing a continuous cycle route via a signalised crossroads at London Road/A316 would result in

increased queuing and displacement of traffic?

Traffic lights policy

Question No: 202 / 2012

Jenny Jones

Can you confirm whether TfL has a policy of not introducing new traffic lights, and does this take account of the role that traffic lights can play in cycle lanes to be separated from roads?

Tottenham Hale and the Cycle Superhighway

Question No: 203 / 2012

Jenny Jones

Thank you for your answer to my question 3348/2011 about ensuring the redesign of Tottenham Hale takes account of the Cycle Superhighway which it will be part of. Can you confirm that changes proposed to the High Road will lead to a situation where there is no separated cycle lane either north bound, or south bound on the actual superhighway, but where the very wide pavement on the western side of the High Road will remain a shared space for cyclists and pedestrians?

TfL review of cycling & pedestrian safety at major junctions

Ouestion No: 204 / 2012

Jenny Jones

Will this review be published in stages as each route, or junction is re-examined, rather than us having to wait for one comprehensive report?

TfL review of cycling & pedestrian safety at major junctions

Question No: 205 / 2012

Jenny Jones

Which elements of this review will you announced prior to April when our streets enjoy a surge in cyclist numbers?

Cycle hire membership (1)

Question No: 206 / 2012

Jenny Jones

Please can you supply figures, broken down by month of how many new members have joined the Cycle Hire Scheme since August 2011?

Cycle hire membership (2)

Question No: 207 / 2012

Jenny Jones

Can you also provide, broken down by month, how many people have renewed their annual membership since August 2011?

Cycle hire sponsorship

Question No: 208 / 2012

Jenny Jones

Thank you for your answer to my question 3699/2011. Can you confirm that there is no existing budget for the expansion of cycle hire to west London and that the sponsorship money from Barclays is not dependent upon this phase 3 expansion happening?

Bow roundabout (1) Question No: 209 / 2012

Jenny Jones

Thank you for your answer to question 3701/2011. Whilst I appreciate that your advisers are not normally involved in the development of individual schemes, please could you confirm that none of your advisers read any of the TfL reports which considered the recommendations of the 2010 Jacobs report on the Bow Roundabout and that none of your advisers were present at any meetings where such recommendations were rejected?

Bow roundabout (2)

Question No: 210 / 2012

Jenny Jones

Thank you for the answer to my question 3702/2011. Did you receive that requested TfL briefing on the Jacobs report ahead of the meeting to discuss Bow Roundabout with Debbie Dorling on the 22nd November 2011?

Cycling budget for 2012/12

Question No: 211 / 2012

Jenny Jones

Can you provide a breakdown of the Transport for London budget for cycling in 2012/13, not including money spent through LIPs, indicating funding for: cycle hire, cycle superhighways, greenways, cycle parking and cycle training?

Pedestrian casualties (1)

Question No: 212 / 2012

Jenny Jones

Can you tell me the number of pedestrian casualties on or within 5 metres of signalised pedestrian crossings in London, broken down by injury category (i.e. slight, serious, or deaths), in each of the years 2009, 2010, and 2011?

Pedestrian casualties (2)

Question No: 213 / 2012

Jenny Jones

How many, if any, pedestrian casualties have occurred at or within 5 metres of locations where signalised pedestrian crossings in London have been removed since 2009? Please provide a statistical breakdown of the injury categories of such casualties and, for each such casualty, (a) the location of the crossings where the casualties occurred, (b) the date of the crash which resulted in injury, and (c) an indication of the severity of injury (fatal, serious, slight).

Road safety plan

Question No: 214 / 2012

Jenny Jones

Why has your draft London Road Safety Plan failed to appear, despite three years of promises that it would? Will you now have time to formally consult the London Assembly on the document as you promised and to finalise it ahead of the pre-election period?

Road safety cameras

Question No: 215 / 2012

Jenny Jones

How many digital safety cameras is Transport for London aiming to purchase and over how many years, in order to completely replace the existing wet film cameras?

Review of taxi driver licensing

Question No: 216 / 2012

Jenny Jones

Will you ensure that the current Transport for London review of the London Taxi and Private Hire Licensing Department will not result in any cuts to staff which could decrease the number of licensing inspections and investigations, threatening public safety?

High Speed 2 and Euston

Question No: 217 / 2012

Jenny Jones

Have you received assurances from the Government that they will fund extra capacity at Euston if High Speed Rail 2 does go ahead?

High Speed 2 support

Question No: 218 / 2012

Jenny Jones

Do you support the government's plans for HS2 in London?

Mental health stigma

Question No: 219 / 2012

Jenny Jones

TfL took the very welcome step of signing up to the Time to Change Pledge on the 1st December 2011, committing TfL to raising awareness about mental illness and to helping stop the stigma associated with it. Days later, your deputy chair of TfL described Ken Livingstone as "schizophrenic" in relation to his fares policy. What action will you take on this and other cases to make good on TfL's pledge?

London Food Strategy Projects

Question No: 220 / 2012

Jenny Jones

What are the outputs of the Food Strategy projects to date?

Countdown rollout at bus stops

Question No: 221 / 2012

Darren Johnson

Constituents have pointed out that the new text service for bus information costs a standard network rate plus 12p for the response, while smart phones are expensive to own and operate. Lower income residents therefore value Countdown signs at their bus stops. Did you carry out an equalities impact assessment when you decided to only place Countdown at 2,500 bus stops, leaving boroughs to fund extra signs out of their stretched LIP funding? If so, can I please have copies of relevant documentation?

Countdown rollout through LIPs

Question No: 222 / 2012

Darren Johnson

How many Countdown signs are you expecting boroughs to roll out at bus stops through LIP funding in 2012/13? How many were paid for by this means in 2011/12?

Shark fins

Question No: 223 / 2012

Darren Johnson

With over 70 million sharks killed every year for their fins, an extremely cruel and unsustainable practice, will you join me in welcoming the European Commission's recent proposal to completely ban shark finning in EU waters and by EU boats? Will you confirm that shark fin consumption would not be allowed under the GLA group's responsible procurement policies? What measures could the GLA group take to help end the sale and consumption of shark fin in the city, particularly in the run up to the 2012 Olympics?

Storage of closed Fire Brigade Museum collection

Question No: 224 / 2012

Darren Johnson

The Fire Brigade Museum collection contains some items of national historic importance such as the Massey Shaw display. Will you ensure that, until a new site can be found for the Fire Brigade museum, temporary storage of the collection is located in suitable storage where the condition of the collection is guaranteed and deterioration avoided?

Massey Shaw collection - Fire Brigade Museum

Question No: 225 / 2012

Darren Johnson

Would you consider investigating a temporary relocation of the Massey Shaw collection at one of the London museums, such as the Imperial War Museum or the Victoria and Albert Museum, until suitable new location is found for the Fire Brigade Museum?

Fare evasion on the New Bus for London

Question No: 226 / 2012

Darren Johnson

Can you confirm the arrangements to prevent fare evasion on your New Bus for London when conductors aren't present, as your publicity implies that passengers will be able to board and alight using all three doors as was the case with bendy buses?

Disabled parking spaces (1)

Question No: 227 / 2012

Darren Johnson

Will you ensure that Source London parking bays don't replace disabled parking bays for blue badge holders, and review existing electric parking bays to ensure this hasn't happened to date? Will you also ensure that electric parking bays allow for disabled access?

Disabled parking spaces (2)

Question No: 228 / 2012

Darren Johnson

Will you liaise with the Department for Transport and other relevant authorities to ensure that disabled parking bays in London aren't replaced by bays for electric vehicles and by "parents and children" parking bays, and encourage them to address this issue at a national level?

London & Partners budget (1)

Question No: 229 / 2012

Darren Johnson

Can you please provide a detailed breakdown of how London & Partners are spending their public money in 2011/12 and 2012/13?

London & Partners budget (2)

Question No: 230 / 2012

Darren Johnson

Will you ensure that London & Partners publish open data on all spending over £500 when they are spending public money to further your transparency policy?

Operation connect (1)

Question No: 231 / 2012

Darren Johnson

When will Operation Connect be up and running in each of the 14 selected boroughs? Please break down the response per borough.

Operation connect (2)

Question No: 232 / 2012

Darren Johnson

Can you please tell me the cost Operation Connect, broken down by year and borough?

Operation connect (3)

Question No: 233 / 2012

Darren Johnson

Which other agencies do the Metropolitan Police Service work with on Operation Connect, what funding do they provide to the MPS and does the MPS have any estimate of their on-costs arising from working with the MPS? Please only include agencies working on police operations, for example by assisting with intelligence, not the wider support services in the partnership programme.

Operation connect (4)

Question No: 234 / 2012

Darren Johnson

Will Operation Connect continue to run in boroughs that are unable to provide a partnership programme?

Fair pay transparency

Question No: 235 / 2012

Darren Johnson

When can the public expect to find information about the highest and lowest paid staff, along with a declared commitment to fair pay principles, on the web sites of LFEPA, the MPS and TfL? You promised to implement this in June 2011.

Fair pay policies

Question No: 236 / 2012

Darren Johnson

In June 2011 you told me you would consider writing to your 20 biggest contractors asking them to follow the GLA in disclosing their executive pay and the difference between the lowest and the highest-paid employees. I have since published a detailed proposal for a Fair Pay Mark to take this idea further. Will you now write to those contractors and also consider making a Fair Pay Mark a standard part of the responsible procurement policy?

Apprenticeships (1)

Question No: 237 / 2012

Darren Johnson

Thank you for your answer to question 3732/2011. Can you tell me how much of the cost of the apprenticeships in the GLA group has been covered by Government funding, and how much by core budgets?

Apprenticeships (2)

Question No: 238 / 2012

Darren Johnson

Thank you for your answer to question 3732/2011. What would you consider to be "an appropriate mix of apprenticeships opportunities" with regard to the mix of ages and skill levels for the GLA group?

Gritting routes

Question No: 239 / 2012

Darren Johnson

Will you publish open data on all the gritting routes and schedules on the TfL major road network this winter, and encourage boroughs to do the same for their own road networks?

Hydrogen economy

Question No: 240 / 2012

Darren Johnson

On the 26th March 2010 you set out a 'London hydrogen action plan' to create a 'hydrogen network' by 2012, aiming to encourage a minimum of a 150 hydrogen-powered vehicles on the road in London by 2012." Are the hydrogen network and the minimum number of vehicles now in place?

Silvertown crossing tolling

Question No: 241 / 2012

Darren Johnson

Are you considering tolling the proposed Silvertown Crossing?

River crossing tolling

Question No: 242 / 2012

Darren Johnson

Are you considering tolling the Blackwall Tunnel or other Thames crossings in order to help pay for the proposed Silvertown Tunnel?

Silvertown crossing cost estimate

Question No: 243 / 2012

Darren Johnson

Does the £700m cost estimate include the costs of servicing debts or a private finance initiative?

Silvertown crossing funding

Question No: 244 / 2012

Darren Johnson

Can you guarantee that no public transport fares income will be used to pay for the Silvertown road crossing?

Silvertown crossing business case

Question No: 245 / 2012

Darren Johnson

Will you make the full business case for the proposed Silvertown crossing available to the public?

Silvertown crossing and air pollution

Question No: 246 / 2012

Darren Johnson

The Government have told the European Commission that London still won't have met the European legal limits for air pollution by the time that you hope the Silvertown Crossing will be built in 2022. Will this be a consideration in your environmental assessment of the project and when will you be publishing that assessment?

Silvertown crossing vehicle numbers

Question No: 247 / 2012

Darren Johnson

What is the estimated number of vehicles that will use the proposed Silvertown Crossing every year? What will be the estimated annual impact on vehicles using the existing tunnels at Rotherhithe and Blackwall? Can you provide a breakdown for trips made by Heavy Goods Vehicles?

Thames Gateway Bridge planning

Question No: 248 / 2012

Darren Johnson

Have you continued to safeguard the land for the future building of the Thames Gateway Bridge?

Low emission taxi fund

Question No: 249 / 2012

Darren Johnson

In your answer to my question 3367/2011 you state that the "low emission taxi fund that would provide subsidies to drivers to switch to the cleanest vehicles on the market". Can you confirm that the 15 year age limit on licensing of black cabs has now taken effect and drivers have to switch to newer vehicles without the support of such a subsidy?

No idling campaign

Question No: 250 / 2012

Darren Johnson

Your Air Quality Strategy states that you will "make London a 'no idling zone' for parked vehicles with a particular focus on buses, coaches, taxis, private hire vehicles, and delivery vehicles". Can you explain what enforcement action is being taken against each of those groups? What reduction in pollutants have you modelled in your air quality strategy as a result of this no idling zone?

Taxis and the no idling campaign

Question No: 251 / 2012

Darren Johnson

In your answer to my question 1255/2011 you gave me figures for the reduction in the pollution that would come from taxis as a result of your no idling campaign. On what basis did you calculate this, i.e. how many taxis would need to reduce their idling for what proportion of the time, in order to achieve these estimated reductions?

Air pollution assessments for new developments

Question No: 252 / 2012

Darren Johnson

When assessing planning applications referred to you, do you accept as 'realistic' air pollution assessment scenarios which are calculated on the basis that London will meet your target of 100,000 electric vehicles in the capital by 2020?

London 2012 ticket exchange

Question No: 253 / 2012

Dee Doocey

How many tickets were sold on the London 2012 ticket exchange website before it was shut down?

Met officers with criminal records

Question No: 254 / 2012

Dee Doocey

According to recent reports, 356 Metropolitan Police officers and 41 Met PCSOs have criminal records. How many of these are for violent, sexual or racist offences, or offences involving dishonesty? Please break this down by type of offence.

Policing of Occupy London camp

Question No: 255 / 2012

Dee Doocey

How much has policing the Occupy London camp outside St Paul's Cathedral cost the MPS in total? Please can you give the number of person hours as well as the cost.

London and Partners – inward investment

Question No: 256 / 2012

Dee Doocey

How much inward investment has London and Partners achieved for London since it took over this role from Think London on 1 April 2011? Can you give brief details, and how does this compare to the previous two financial years?

London and Partners – tourism spending

Question No: 257 / 2012

Dee Doocey

How much tourism spend in London has London and Partners generated since it took over this role from Visit London on 1 April 2011? How does this compare to the previous two financial years?

London and Partners - students

Question No: 258 / 2012

Dee Doocey

How many extra students have commenced studying at London Universities as a result of the efforts of London and Partners since it took over this role from Study London on 1 April 2011? How does this compare to the previous two financial years?

GLA Group apprenticeships

Question No: 259 / 2012

Dee Doocey

Your Economic Recovery Action Plan of December 2008 pledged that the GLA Group would provide 1,000 apprentices a year for three years (3,000 by the beginning of 2012). How many apprenticeships had been provided by the GLA Group by 31st December 2011?

Race/faith hate crime

Question No: 260 / 2012

Dee Doocev

How many 1) accusations and 2) offences of race/faith hate crime have been recorded in each London borough in each year since 2008/9? Please also provide all available data for 2011/12?

Drink driving figures

Question No: 261 / 2012

Dee Doocey

Can you please provide the total number of arrests for drink driving for the following calendar years, broken down by borough, and showing number of arrests, charges and convictions: 2009, 2010, 2011?

London 2012 contractors

Question No: 262 / 2012

Dee Doocey

According to recent press reports, LOCOG are preventing companies from using the fact that they have been involved in delivering the 2012 Games when seeking new business contracts. Is this true, and do you agree with this policy?

Air Quality on London Greenways

Question No: 263 / 2012

Mike Tuffrey

New research findings from Sustrans suggest that levels of Nitrogen Dioxide (NO2) on London Greenways (safe, quiet routes through parks, green spaces and lightly trafficked streets) are up to 60% lower than on adjacent busy roads. Given this dramatically improved air quality, and in view of the public health benefits, will you increase the dedicated annual funding stream for London's Greenways to its previous level of £4m (2009/10) and establish a strategic network across London?

Monitoring Local Air Quality

Question No: 264 / 2012

Mike Tuffrey

Following your commitment to "[raise] Londoners' awareness of air quality and its effect on health" (MQ 3126/2011), what are you doing to ensure that schools and pupils in London are able to monitor air quality in their local area? Please detail how much funding has been made available for this purpose?

Thames Cable Car

Ouestion No: 265 / 2012

Mike Tuffrey

When do you expect the European Commission to make a decision regarding your £8 million bid to the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) to support the development of the Cable Car across the River Thames?

Food Waste (1)

Question No: 266 / 2012

Mike Tuffrey

Please provide an up-to-date list of the food waste collection services offered in each London borough.

Food Waste (2)

Question No: 267 / 2012

Mike Tuffrey

Will you set a date by which all boroughs should have introduced food waste collections? If not, why not?

Recycling

Question No: 268 / 2012

Mike Tuffrey

In view of statistics released by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) which show that the proportion of household waste sent for recycling rose by just 0.7 per cent, from 31.8 percent in 2009/10 to 32.5 per cent 2010/11, how will you meet your target to recycle or compost 45 per cent of London's waste by 2015?

Anaerobic Digestion

Question No: 269 / 2012

Mike Tuffrey

London sends around 460,000 tonnes of municipal food waste to landfill each year, yet planned schemes for anaerobic digestion will only provide a total capacity of c. 260,000 tonnes. Do you intend to address this shortfall? If so, how?

Water metering

Question No: 270 / 2012

Mike Tuffrey

Research has shown that household metering reduces water use by about ten per cent. Given that London is facing a possible drought this summer, why have initial targets – to meter all houses and blocks of flats by 2015, and all individual flats by 2020 – been delayed by 5 years in your adopted Water Strategy?

TfL Properties at Brownhill Road, Catford (1)

Question No: 271 / 2012

Mike Tuffrey

Buildings owned by TfL at 16-22 Brownhill Road (SE6) have been largely empty since they were first purchased by the Department of Transport in 1987. Do you agree that releasing this site for development would help boost housing supply and also improve the environment for those living and working in the area?

TfL Properties at Brownhill Road, Catford (2)

Question No: 272 / 2012

Mike Tuffrey

As Chair of TfL will you ensure all the information necessary is provided so that the Secretary Of State for the Department for Communities and Local Government can finally consider whether to direct TfL to dispose of their interest in land at 16-22 Brownhill Road, Lewisham?

Pollution from London's bus fleet

Question No: 273 / 2012

Mike Tuffrey

Further to TfL's press release of 08 December 2011, how will you ensure that all buses in London's fleet are compliant with Euro IV (NOx) emissions standard by 2015, including the estimated 1,000 'Euro III' buses which are not currently funded for replacement or upgrade?

TfL contract with Associated Newspapers Ltd (1)

Question No: 274 / 2012

Mike Tuffrey

How much revenue is generated through TfL's contract with Associated Newspapers Ltd, which allows free 'Metro' newspapers to be distributed at around 250 underground stations and 14 bus stations on weekday mornings? Please list by year from 2008.

TfL contract with Associated Newspapers Ltd (2)

Question No: 275 / 2012

Mike Tuffrey

How much revenue, in total, has been invested in public transport as a result of TfL's contract with Associated Newspapers Ltd?

Electric buses

Question No: 276 / 2012

Mike Tuffrev

Further to MQ 3337/2011, please provide an update on TfL's plans to conduct a trial of allelectric buses to establish if developments in battery performance might offer an alternative to diesel and hybrid technology in certain operating conditions?

Zero-Emission Taxi

Question No: 277 / 2012

Mike Tuffrey

What progress have you made in developing an affordable taxi capable of zero-emission operation by 2020?

Low Emission Taxi Fund

Question No: 278 / 2012

Mike Tuffrey

A financial incentive scheme to encourage drivers to purchase the cleanest available taxis was promised by the end of 2011. When will this measure be implemented?

Electric vehicles in the GLA group fleet

Question No: 279 / 2012

Mike Tuffrey

Please provide an update on the number of electric vehicles (EVs) currently operating in the GLA group fleets? Please also list this figure as a proportion of the total number of vehicles in the fleets.

Electric Vehicle Delivery Plan

Question No: 280 / 2012

Mike Tuffrey

Does the delayed timing and reduced scale of delivery for the Electric Vehicle Delivery Plan (EVDP) harm your ambition to make London the "electric car capital of Europe"?

Green energy for the Tube

Question No: 281 / 2012

Mike Tuffrey

Given the proportion of renewable energy used to power the Tube has only increased by 1 percentage point since 2008 (MQ 0103/2008), it will take until 2044 to achieve your aspiration to source 30 per cent of London Underground's energy from renewable sources. Do you agree it would be a huge missed opportunity if London Underground were to wait this long before meeting your target?

Air Quality on Tube

Question No: 282 / 2012

Mike Tuffrey

Health and Safety Executive (HSE) guidelines for occupational exposure to 'dust' have not changed since 1998, yet the health effects of exposure to air pollution have become much better understood in recent years. Will you therefore adopt the precautionary principles put forward by the Institute of Occupational Medicine (IOM) and Trades Union Congress (TUC), who suggest that employers should aim to keep exposure to 'respirable' and 'inhalable' dust below 1 mg/m3 and 5 mg/m3 respectively?

Use of dust suppressants

Question No: 283 / 2012

Mike Tuffrey

Will you review the number of locations where dust suppressant technology is used in light of provisional data recorded by the London Air Quality Network (LAQN) which shows that the daily mean PM10 objective was exceeded at eleven separate sites during 2011?

Clean Air Fund - Green Infrastructure

Question No: 284 / 2012

Mike Tuffrey

Further to MQ 3132/2011 and 3329/2011, when will you evaluate the cost and effectiveness of using green infrastructure (e.g. street trees, green walls and low-level hedges) to remove dangerous airborne particles from London's air?

Best Practice Guidance for reducing emissions from

Construction/Demolition

Question No: 285 / 2012

Mike Tuffrey

A review of Best Practice Guidance for reducing emissions from construction and demolition processes was promised in you Air Quality Strategy. Can you confirm when this guidance will be published?

London Housing Company

Question No: 286 / 2012

Mike Tuffrey

Further to MQ 3319/2011 can you now provide details of the projects which are due to receive £360,000 of LDA funding which had previously been set aside for the development of the London Housing and Property Company (LHPC), as detailed in a budget request to the Housing Investment Group (HIG) of 21 October 2011?

London Wildweb site

Question No: 287 / 2012

Mike Tuffrey

A constituent has reported that the Wildweb site (www.london.gov.uk/wildweb) has now been unavailable for over a year, despite assurances that a new site would be operational by the end of 2011. Can you confirm when public access will be restored?

Construction Jobs

Question No: 288 / 2012

Mike Tuffrey

In your Mayor's Report (December 2011 – 11 January 2012) you state that 100,000 construction jobs will be created thanks to the housing investment programme 2011-15. Please provide a full breakdown of the sources of these jobs and the analysis behind the calculation of this statistic

Taxi Touting (1)

Question No: 289 / 2012

Caroline Pidgeon

Combating illegal taxi touting is the joint responsibility of TfL and the Metropolitan Police. Please clearly explain what each organisation is responsible for?

Taxi Touting (2)

Question No: 290 / 2012

Caroline Pidgeon

Please provide details of how the Metropolitan Police and TfL are working together to combat illegal minicab touting?

Taxi Touting (3)

Question No: 291 / 2012

Caroline Pidgeon

Please confirm how many convictions were made in 2011, 2010, 2009 and 2008 for the offence of taxi touting?

New Bus for London (1)

Question No: 292 / 2012

Caroline Pidgeon

Please provide full details of the total cost of the new Bus for London including research and development?

New Bus for London (2)

Question No: 293 / 2012

Caroline Pidgeon

Please list what commercial interest you have had from other parts of the UK and overseas in your new bus for London, particularly expressions of interest in purchasing vehicles of the same design?

New Bus for London (3)

Question No: 294 / 2012

Caroline Pidgeon

Please provide your timetable for the rollout of further new Buses for London, outlining on what dates, and on which routes, the buses will begin to operate?

New Bus for London (4)

Question No: 295 / 2012

Caroline Pidgeon

How do you plan to tackle fare evasion on the new bus for London?

Cycle Superhighways (1)

Question No: 296 / 2012

Caroline Pidgeon

Please detail what steps you have taken towards implementing a Zone 1 bike grid to provide complete North-South and East-West bike lanes?

Cycle Superhighways (2)

Question No: 297 / 2012

Caroline Pidgeon

Please confirm how many one way streets were made two way for cyclists in 2011?

Cycle Superhighways (3)

Question No: 298 / 2012

Caroline Pidgeon

Please advise which one way streets you plan to make two way streets for cyclists in 2012?

Cycle Superhighways (4)

Question No: 299 / 2012

Caroline Pidgeon

Please explain why London's Cycle Superhighways cost between £10-£20 million each, yet in Chicago properly segregated cycle lines of the sort that cycle campaigners have been calling for were provided at a mere \$140,000 per lane.

Mentoring Scheme (1)

Question No: 300 / 2012

Caroline Pidgeon

Could you please confirm to date the total number of applications to be mentors in the GLA's mentoring scheme and provide a breakdown by ethnicity?

Mentoring Scheme (2)

Question No: 301 / 2012

Caroline Pidgeon

Could you please confirm to date the total number of applications to be mentees in GLA's mentoring scheme, and provide a breakdown by ethnicity?

Project Horizon (1)

Question No: 303 / 2012

Caroline Pidgeon

Whilst acknowledging that Project Horizon is still ongoing, please state the exact number of staff who have left TfL as a result of Project Horizon between March 2011 (when Project Horizon was approved) and January 25th 2012.

Project Horizon (2)

Question No: 304 / 2012

Caroline Pidgeon

Whilst acknowledging that Project Horizon is still ongoing, please state the exact number of staff who have received redundancy packages as a result of Project Horizon between March 2011, when Project Horizon was approved and January 25th 2012.

Project Horizon (3)

Question No: 305 / 2012

Caroline Pidgeon

Whilst acknowledging that Project Horizon is still ongoing, please provide the total cost of each redundancy package for staff who have left TfL between March 2011, when Project Horizon was approved and January 25th 2012 as a result of Project Horizon in the following bands: up to £25,000; £25,001 to £50,000; £50,001 to £75,000; £75,001 to £100,000; and over £100,001.

Fines for street works

Question No: 306 / 2012

Caroline Pidgeon

Please publish the number of charges that have been made to utility companies working on TfL controlled roads under section 74 of the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 (amended 2002) between their introduction in 2002 and December 31st 2011?

Hammersmith Flyover

Question No: 307 / 2012

Caroline Pidgeon

The closure of the Hammersmith flyover has caused considerable congestion and disruption in that area. What data has been collected to measure the impact on congestion and journey times for the full closure period and the partial opening period?

Clock Tower at the Junction of City Road and Goswell Road, EC1

Question No: 308 / 2012

Caroline Pidgeon

The Clock Tower at the junction of City Road and Goswell Road is broken and has been for some months. Could you please give a date by which TfL will fix this?

7/7 Bombings

Question No: 309 / 2012

Caroline Pidgeon

The Coroner's inquest into the July 7 bombings made a series of recommendations addressed to TfL and the London resilience team. For each recommendation could you please advise what steps have been taken to make the Coroner's recommendations a reality?

Countdown signs roll out (1)

Question No: 310 / 2012

Caroline Pidgeon

What future plans do you have to roll out further countdown signs at bus stops where there are high numbers of passengers, e.g. Southampton Way SE5?

Countdown signs roll out (2)

Question No: 311 / 2012

Caroline Pidgeon

Will you consider installing countdown signs at the following bus stops, Finsbury Park 59282, Crouch End 7671, Rosebery Road 71605 and Manor House 71930 to help local passengers?

Rotherhithe Tunnel (1)

Question No: 312 / 2012

Caroline Pidgeon

A constituent has asked why hand cyclists are banned from travelling through the Rotherhithe Tunnel? In this year of the 2012 Games and given the fact that hand cyclists travel at similar speeds to other cyclists will you ask TfL to reconsider this policy?

Junction at King's Cross (1)

Question No: 313 / 2012

Caroline Pidgeon

Does the York Way/Pentonville Road/Grays Inn Road junction comply with TfL's 2005 London Cycling Design Standards with regards to lane and carriageway width?

Junction at King's Cross (2)

Question No: 314 / 2012

Caroline Pidgeon

If the junction at York Way/Pentonville Road/Grays Inn Road does not comply with TfL's standards when did you first become aware of this fact?

Junction at King's Cross (3)

Question No: 315 / 2012

Caroline Pidgeon

If the junction at York Way/Pentonville Road/Grays Inn Road does not comply with TfL's standards please explain why TfL has failed to act to make the junction compliant with its own standards?

Junction at King's Cross (4)

Question No: 316 / 2012

Caroline Pidgeon

Please explain what correspondence TfL has had with the Metropolitan Police about the compliance of this junction at York Way/Pentonville Road/Grays Inn Road?

Junction at King's Cross (4)

Ouestion No: 317 / 2012

Caroline Pidgeon

Please explain if there are other junctions on the TfL road network that are not compliant with TfL's own standards and when they will be rectified?

Unpaid congestion charge

Question No: 318 / 2012

Caroline Pidgeon

Please publish a table showing the total amount in unpaid Congestion Charge and Penalty Charge Notices per year that is now owed for each Embassy or diplomatic mission in London as at 25 January 2012?

Oyster overcharging for the year

Question No: 319 / 2012

Caroline Pidgeon

Please provide a breakdown of maximum fare charges on Oyster resulting from incomplete journeys between 1st January 2011 and 31st December 2011. Please include the number of incomplete journeys and the Pay As You Go value.

Penalty charges (1)

Question No: 320 / 2012

Caroline Pidgeon

Please set out the reasons why your decision to implement the increased penalty charges on London's transport network as from the 2nd January 2012, as set out in the Mayoral decision 906 signed on November 29th 2011, did not take place?

Penalty charges (2)

Question No: 321 / 2012

Caroline Pidgeon

Are you satisfied that you had all the information you needed before you signed on November 29th 2011 the Mayoral Decision 906 which increased Penalty Fares on London's transport network as from 2nd January 2012?

Tube passengers claiming compensation for delays (1)

Question No: 322 / 2012

Caroline Pidgeon

Please publish a table which shows the number of tube passengers who have successfully claimed compensation for a delayed journey between 1st January 2011 and 31st December 2011.

Tube passengers claiming compensation for delays (2)

Question No: 323 / 2012

Caroline Pidgeon

Please publish a table detailing the estimated number of tube passengers who are eligible for delayed journey compensation between 1st January 2011 and 31st December 2011.

TFL contract with CBS Outdoor Ltd

Ouestion No: 324 / 2012

Caroline Pidgeon

As Chair of TfL do you agree that you have breached your manifesto commitment to open and transparent finances by having TfL conduct the deal with CBS Outdoor Ltd behind closed doors? If you don't agree, why not?

Motorcycles in bus lanes

Question No: 325 / 2012

Caroline Pidgeon

Given that motorcycles are now allowed to use bus lanes across London, please outline your plans to ensure that speed enforcement and safety awareness campaigns are carried out to reduce the potential risk to pedestrians and cyclists?

Transfer from Tube to Bus (1)

Question No: 326 / 2012

Caroline Pidgeon

If an Oyster Pay As You Go customer touches in at a Tube station and then finds that their Tube service is subject to long delay or disruption, they can go to an alternative Tube station where

their first charged will be cancelled while they take another route. If the passenger decides to take a bus or rail service as an alternative, the first charge is not cancelled unless a customer applies for a refund? Why is this the case?

Transfer from Tube to Bus (2)

Question No: 327 / 2012

Caroline Pidgeon

Will you commit to investigating the possibility of Pay As You Go passengers being able to 'transfer' to buses or other modes of transport on the Oyster Network after tapping in and out from a tube station without having made a journey, for example due to delays or disruption? If so, please identify when you expect these investigations to be completed.

Quiet Carriages on the Tube (1)

Question No: 328 / 2012

Caroline Pidgeon

Following recent calls to introduce quiet carriages on the Tube, what action have you taken to investigate the feasibility of such a proposal?

Quiet Carriages on the Tube (2)

Question No: 329 / 2012

Caroline Pidgeon

Will you commit to investigate the feasibility of quiet carriages on the Tube? If so, please identify when you expect these investigations to be completed.

Oyster and Disabled Railcard (1)

Question No: 330 / 2012

Caroline Pidgeon

It has been brought to my attention that, after applying their Disabled Railcard to their Pay As You Go Oyster card, some users are not in fact benefitting from the proper discount. For example, a peak ticket from Zone 4 to Zone 1, with a Disabled Railcard, purchased from a ticket office costs £2.65; however, the same journey using an Oyster card with the Disabled Railcard embedded costs £3.60. How do you explain this disparity between the walk up fare and the Oyster fare? What measures have you taken to ensure that Railcards loaded on to Oyster cards result in the proper discounts?

Kensington Olympia Tube service

Question No: 331 / 2012

Caroline Pidgeon

Now that the timetable changes affecting Kensington Olympia have been in place for several weeks; do you have evidence of the 'clear net positive benefit' of the decision to remove weekday services? Please describe what you believe to be the positive outcomes of the change.

Motor Vehicle Lights

Question No: 332 / 2012

Caroline Pidgeon

Further to your response to MQ 3843/2011, it is accepted that motorists are responsible for the

maintenance of their vehicle's lights, however what steps are taken by the Taxi and Private Hire Office to ensure that taxis and private hire vehicles have all their lights in good working operation so as to protect pedestrians, cyclists and other road users? I have received several reports of such vehicles driving around London with inadequate lights.

Suburban Rail Services

Question No: 333 / 2012

Caroline Pidgeon

Further to your response to MQ 0594/2011, please provide an update on the progress of your discussions with the Department for Transport regarding running suburban rail services as part of the London Overground network. Specifically, what was the outcome of the independent review of the case for devolution of rail services in London?

Transport for London staff failure to attend council meetings

Question No: 334 / 2012

Caroline Pidgeon

Given TfL's recent failure to attend a meeting with residents and councillors in Redbridge will you instruct TfL to ensure a representative is present at the next meeting of the Ilford Transport Liaison Group?

Every Journey Matters (1)

Question No: 335 / 2012

Caroline Pidgeon

What is the purpose of TfL's "Every Journey Matters" promotional campaign?

Every Journey Matters (2)

Question No: 336 / 2012

Caroline Pidgeon

In February 2011 the Rt. Hon Eric Pickles MP, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government said: "Councils need to give due diligence to their communications operation and make sure every effort has been made to focus taxpayers' money to where it should be spent protecting frontline services." Do you think that Transport for London's latest promotional campaign "Every Journey Matters" meets the Minster's wish to see public money spent only on frontline services and not wasted on promotional campaigns?"

Cycle Hire Scheme

Question No: 337 / 2012

Caroline Pidgeon

Please publish a table showing for the month of December 2011 the average time per day that each docking station has:

no available bikes

b) no available docking spaces for bikes?

Freedom of information requests

Question No: 338 / 2012

Caroline Pidgeon

How many Freedom of Information requests submitted to TfL in 2011 were:

Answered within the statutory deadline of 20 working days

Answered between 0 and 5 working days after the statutory deadline

Answered between 6 and 10 working days after the statutory deadline

Answered more than 10 working days after the statutory deadline

On street coin operated bus ticket machines (1)

Question No: 339 / 2012

Caroline Pidgeon

Further to your belated answer to MQ 3801/2011 you have not answered my specific questions. What is the total cost, including labour, of removing the 661 roadside coin operated bus ticket machines outside the central London area?

On street coin operated bus ticket machines (2)

Question No: 340 / 2012

Caroline Pidgeon

What was the total cost of planning, purchasing and installing the 661 roadside coin operated machines that have been removed as a result of the phasing out of bendy buses?

Armed Forces covenant

Question No: 341 / 2012

Caroline Pidgeon

Will you work with the London Boroughs to ensure all councils sign up to the Armed Forces Community Covenant?

A24 London Road (1)

Question No: 342 / 2012

Caroline Pidgeon

Please provide a breakdown for each of the years 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011, the total number of Penalty Charge Notices that have been issued by TfL on both sides of the highway of the A24 London Road between the side roads Wordsworth Drive and Lavender Avenue.

A24 London Road (2)

Question No: 343 / 2012

Caroline Pidgeon

Please provide a breakdown for each of the years 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011, the total revenue raised by TfL for Penalty Charge Notices, including release fees for towed vehicles, on both sides of the highway of the A24 London Road between the side roads Wordsworth Drive and Lavender Avenue.

A24 London Road (3)

Question No: 344 / 2012

Caroline Pidgeon

Please confirm when TfL will proceed with the survey to review the placing of dual use short term parking and loading bays on London Road between the side roads Wordsworth Drive and Lavender Avenue as supported by local businesses, residents and local Liberal Democrat Councillors

A24 London Road (4)

Question No: 345 / 2012

Caroline Pidgeon

Please advise if TfL has any plans to install cameras at the junction of London Road and Cheam Common road?

Crime, London Transport

Question No: 346 / 2012

Richard Barnbrook

Robberies and sexual offences increased between April and September compared to the corresponding period a year earlier. Busses, Docklands Light Railway and the London Underground were all affected by the increase, what additional measures are TFL taking to arrest this worrying uptrend?

Planning Laws

Question No: 347 / 2012

Richard Barnbrook

You overturned Merton Council's rejection of an anaerobic digestion plant for Sita UK in Mitcham. Merton Councillor Ian Munn said he was not surprised by your decision as London's planning laws made the scheme's approval inevitable. Is Councillor Munn correct, were you ever in a position to reject this application?

In light of your decision for Sita UK in Mitcham, is the proposed facility by the North London Waste Authority at Pinkham Wood likely to be given the green light once all considerations have been met?

Transport during the Olympics

Question No: 348 / 2012

Richard Barnbrook

Are negotiations underway between TFL and London bus drivers on "special bonuses" for work during the Olympics?

Are you in favour of increased salaries either through bonuses or other payments for Transport workers during the Olympic periods?

Have TFL a contingency budget for increased "salary costs" during the Olympics?

Re:New

Question No: 349 / 2012

Richard Barnbrook

How many properties in London to-date have benefitted from this initiative?

Met Police

Question No: 350 / 2012

Richard Barnbrook

Bearing in mind by law the Metropolitan Police are not allowed to strike, do you think spending nearly £1 million of London taxpayers money funding union activists is excessive?

Mayoral Tributes

Question No: 351 / 2012

Richard Barnbrook

Ken Livingstone has promised to call the ArcelorMittalOrbit "the Johnson" should he be elected London Mayor in May; do you believe this to be a fitting tribute to your efforts on behalf of Londoners?

If re-elected Mayor in May would you consider as a tribute to your predecessor naming the Thames Super Sewer "The Livingstone Tunnel"?

Racist Crimes

Question No: 352 / 2012

Richard Barnbrook

From my discussions with white Londoners, it is my opinion that many feel more prominence is given to victims that are black than when the victim is white. Does it concern you that this perception exists within the white community and do you think more should be done to allay their perceived fears?

Shooting Looters & Rioters

Question No: 353 / 2012

Richard Barnbrook

Do you agree with the report by the Chief Inspector of Constabulary Sir Denis O'Connor who said that the police may need to take extraordinary measures to protect life and businesses in a "riot situation" which may include the police using firearms to deter rioters and looters?

168 BUS STAND ON SOUTH END GREEN

Question No: 354 / 2012

Caroline Pidgeon

Local Councillors and residents have been voicing concerns that the current location of the 168 bus stand on the South End Green lay-by turning is unsuitable and dangerous. However recent proposals to relocate the stop outside Morrisons Supermarket have been found unsuitable by Camden Council, Transport for London and the bus operating company. How do you and TfL propose to improve the safety and practicality of this bus stop, and will you commit to working with residents and bus users to find the best solution?

Bus 484, Brockely

Question No: 355 / 2012

Len Duvall

Within the past year there have been four crashes on Harefield Road, Brockley, as a result of the No. 484 bus speeding. Will the Mayor respond to local residents' concerns and complaints and look into diverting the buses down a route, say Wickham Road, that is a more appropriate for two-way bus traffic?

South London Line 3

Question No: 356 / 2012

Valerie Shawcross

In your letter to me dated 21st September 2011, you indicated that TfL would 'look at bus options between Clapham, Victoria and the City' in advance of the withdrawal of the South London Line service this December. Please can you provide an update on this work?