15 December 2010

PRIORITY ORDER PAPER

Report No: 4

Subject: Questions to the Mayor

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Questions not asked during Mayor's Question Time will be given a written response by Monday 20 December 2010

Budget 2011/12

Question No: 3934 / 2010

Mike Tuffrey

In setting your 2011/12 budget how will you prioritise front line services and cut wasteful expenditure?

Train timetables

Question No: 4242 / 2010

Steve O'Connell

Will you lobby the Office of Rail Regulation to reverse their decision not to allow Southern Railway to introduce an additional off peak and Saturday service train per hour between Brighton and London Victoria via East Croydon considering the proposal was approved by both the timetabling committee and Network Rail, as this would greatly benefit travellers in south London?

Chair of the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority

Question No: 3992 / 2010

Darren Johnson

Will you sack Brian Coleman?

Scrapping of the Education Maintenance Allowance

Question No: 4005 / 2010

Joanne McCartnev

What effect do you believe scrapping the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) will have on London's young people? What action are you planning to take to persuade the coalition government not to scrap the EMA?

LDA Funding

Question No: 4195 / 2010

Tony Arbour

Please can you provide an update on negotiations with Government regarding the funding for economic development work in London?

Rape Crisis Centres

Question No: 4013 / 2010

Jennette Arnold

What assurances can the Mayor give concerning future revenue funding for both the established and newly opened Rape Crisis centres, given that the voluntary service is in such dire straights?

Dangerous Dogs

Question No: 4212 / 2010

Richard Tracey

"In light of the continued problem of dog attacks, what is the Mayor doing in regard to his policy on dangerous dogs?"

27 Missing Fire Appliances

Question No: 4009 / 2010

Navin Shah

At the MQT meeting on 17 November, in your oral update, you said "it seems to me that we are entirely in agreement that there shouldn't be a reduction in Fire Appliances". The Chair of LFEPA nodded in agreement to your statement.

Can you confirm that this actually means you are saying, with the agreement of your Chair, that there will be no cuts to fire appliance provision in the current financial year, nor in the financial year 2011/2012?

Thames Tideway Tunnel (1)

Question No: 4207 / 2010

Tony Arbour

Is the Mayor confident of Thames Water's claim that the majority of spoil at Barn Elms can and will be removed by barge considering that only 10,000 tonnes was removed from the Olympic site in this way?

Abolition of LDA

Question No: 4010 / 2010

Murad Qureshi

The Mayor's public draft Climate Change Mitigation and Energy (CCME) Strategy was published on Friday 8th October when clearly your office knew nothing of Government plans for the LDA. As the whole strategy is heavily reliant on LDA activity, it is hard to imagine how you will now implement even a small proportion of the programmes or policies set out in this strategy, so the Government's decision, timing and lack of communication with the Mayor's office must be deeply embarrassing.

Now London is to lose the LDA, how will you see to it that London develops its existing geographical and sectoral strengths in the low carbon economy?

Halal Slaughter

Question No: 4265 / 2010

Richard Barnbrook

Your answer to MQ 3089/2010 states, "in terms of animal welfare, there is no difference between halal and non-halal slaughter"! According to a major halal abattoir based in Somerset, the stun used "knocks the animal out for around 15-20 seconds." Opinion is that halal slaughter takes at least 4 minutes, and hence all that a "low voltage stun" does is knock out the animal so that its throat can be cut with the least resistance. After 20 seconds, the animal is alive, breathing and fully conscious again and suffers tremendous pain for the remaining three and a half minutes of its life as it is ritually slaughtered.

The British Veterinary Association and the government's advisers 'The Farm Animal Welfare Council' still say this method of slaughter (pre-stunned or not) causes intolerable cruelty, and have repeatedly demanded that it be banned. As Mayor of London, are you really qualified to question the wisdom of these eminent organisations?

Olympic Stadium (1)

Question No: 4188 / 2010

Andrew Boff

What criteria will be used to select the post-2012 Games tenant for the Olympic Stadium?

Underground service suspensions

Question No: 4011 / 2010

Valerie Shawcross

Are TfL doing a better job than Tubelines?

Student Protests

Question No: 4179 / 2010

Brian Coleman

Will the Mayor condemn the violence by student protestors on 10th and 24th November, including dangerous attacks on police officers in the line of duty? Does the Mayor agree that, whilst protestors are entitled to express their views peacefully, there is no place for violence of this nature?

Total Benefit Cap

Question No: 4012 / 2010

Nicky Gavron

What is the Mayor's position on the total benefit cap and its impact on London?

Elected Commissioners

Question No: 4194 / 2010

Andrew Boff

Do you anticipate that an Elected Commissioner would have more control over Met police policy in regard to publishing prostitutes photos online?

Consultation on the Annual Pay Award

Question No: 4004 / 2010

Len Duvall

In your twenty-sixth Mayor's Report you advise that you responded to the Head of Paid Service's consultation on the Annual Pay Award, which recommended a nil pay award for staff. You also state that BMAC, at its meeting on 21 October, supported UNISON's proposal to award a 4% pay increase to those staff on grade 3 and below. However, you chose not to mention that you opposed this proposal, thereby denying the lowest paid workers at the GLA a pay rise this year. Why did you omit to mention this in your report?

Greener Vehicle Discount

Question No: 4185 / 2010

James Cleverly

The Mayor is due to offer a Greener Vehicle Discount of 100% of the congestion charge to cars that emit 100gCO2/km or less and meet the Euro 5 standard for air quality. As even the greenest of cars still takes up road space, is this proposal a tacit admission that the Congestion charge was never really about congestion?

River Services

Question No: 3909 / 2010

Caroline Pidgeon

Are river services an integral part of London's transport network?

Snow (1)

Question No: 4217 / 2010

Richard Tracey

There were clear improvements in the ways in which TfL dealt with the heavy snow last week compared to previous years. However, what lessons can be learnt to help London to cope better still with snow in the future?

Police Funding

Question No: 4008 / 2010

Joanne McCartney

Have you now received any more clarity from central government with regards to MPS funding for the forthcoming financial year?

5 year fire dispute

Question No: 4205 / 2010

Tony Arbour

Following the Resolution Advisory Panel's recommendations, can the Mayor note that the Lfepa Chair has managed to finally resolve a dispute that had been going on for 5 years?

Clean Air Zone

Question No: 3935 / 2010

Mike Tuffrey

How soon would it be feasible for the congestion charging zone to become a Clean Air Zone?

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

Strikes

Question No: 4007 / 2010

Valerie Shawcross

What steps have you personally taken to improve industrial relations within the GLA's Functional bodies?

Housing standards (1)

Ouestion No: 3973 / 2010

Jenny Jones

Will HCA London and the GLA group continue with your plans to adopt and roll out the London Housing Design Guide for all affordable housing, in spite of the Housing Minister's decision to scrap the national HCA core housing standards?

Questions for Written Answer

Olympic Park CPO – outstanding claims

Question No: 3864 / 2010

Dee Doocey

When do you expect the 116 outstanding compensation claims cases arising from the Olympic Park Compulsory Purchase Order to be resolved?

Olympic Park CPO – legal and professional fees

Question No: 3865 / 2010

Dee Doocey

How much has the LDA spent to date on legal and other professional fees relating to compensation claims which arose from the Olympic Park Compulsory Purchase Order?

ODA transformation budget

Question No: 3866 / 2010

Dee Doocey

Is the Olympic Delivery Authority's budget of £350 million for the transformation of the Olympic Park guaranteed? For what specifically is this budget allocated?

Olympic Stadium - community usage

Question No: 3867 / 2010

Dee Doocey

What steps have you taken to ensure that any agreement about the future use of the Olympic Stadium includes a guarantee of 90% community usage, as is the policy of your sporting legacy plan "A Sporting Future for London"?

Aquatics Centre – community usage

Question No: 3868 / 2010

Dee Doocey

What steps have you taken to ensure that any agreement about the future use of the Aquatics Centre includes a guarantee of 90% community usage, as is the policy of your sporting legacy plan "A Sporting Future for London"?

Royal Parks - London Zoo

Question No: 3869 / 2010

Dee Doocey

When the responsibility for management of the Royal Parks transfers to the Greater London Authority, would you consider any plans to extend the area of Regent's Park currently occupied by London Zoo?

Royal Parks – commercial events

Question No: 3870 / 2010

Dee Doocey

When the responsibility for management of the Royal Parks transfers to the Greater London Authority, will you ensure that there is no increase in the number of commercial events, such as pop concerts, that take place?

Royal Parks - public access

Question No: 3871 / 2010

Dee Doocey

When the responsibility for management of the Royal Parks transfers to the Greater London Authority, will you ensure that there is no reduction in public access to the parks?

Olympic Park employment

Question No: 3872 / 2010

Dee Doocey

Please can you say how many of the Olympic Park contractor workforce are resident in each London Borough, and give the current total of the Olympic Park workforce?

Olympic Village employment

Question No: 3873 / 2010

Dee Doocey

Please can you say how many of the Olympic Village contractor workforce are resident in each London Borough, and give the current total of the Olympic Village workforce?

Targetted training and employment programmes

Question No: 3874 / 2010

Dee Doocey

Are there any Olympic-related training or employment programmes which are targeted to London Boroughs outside the five original host boroughs? Please give details.

TfL owned property

Question No: 3875 / 2010

Caroline Pidgeon

Please provide a list of all property and sites owned by TfL along with a list of use, planned use and an estimate of value.

Courthill Road junction

Question No: 3876 / 2010

Caroline Pidgeon

In answer to a previous question on Courthill Road junction in Lewisham (Question number 2981/2010) you stated: "Traffic modelling and discussions with key stakeholders are continuing to this end, and are scheduled to be completed by the end of this calendar year." Can you please provide an update as to how far this modelling and discussions has actually progressed and how close Transport for London are to finding more "radical solutions" as an alternative to providing pedestrian facilities at this junction as requested by current and former ward councillors and many local residents.

New Victoria Line Trains

Question No: 3877 / 2010

Caroline Pidgeon

Please outline the problems with the new trains on the Victoria Line, which are proving less reliable than the old ones?

Jubilee Line Upgrade

Question No: 3878 / 2010

Caroline Pidgeon

What is the expected completion date for the upgrade work on the Jubilee Line?

Test Track at Highgate

Question No: 3879 / 2010

Caroline Pidgeon

When do you expect to complete the building of a longer test track at Highgate, so that the tube upgrades can be completed quicker and easier?

Tube Upgrade closures

Question No: 3880 / 2010

Caroline Pidgeon

In a recent interview in The Guardian, Peter Hendy said "We've got no intention of doing the sub-surface lines or the Northern or the Picc like the Jubilee Line. There will be closures, because you've got to close them when you dig the track up, but we're expecting a lot less closures." Does this mean TfL are looking into using shorter block closures as I have been pressing for some time?

London Underground Capacity (1)

Question No: 3881 / 2010

Caroline Pidgeon

Please list for each Underground line, the total number of trains that are scheduled to run during peak hours.

London Underground Capacity (2)

Question No: 3882 / 2010

Caroline Pidgeon

For the month of October 2010, separated by lines, please list how many tube trains during peak times were not running. Please also give the reason for this, for example, lack of staff, a fault due to cracked train bracket etc.

Freedom Pass Deal (1)

Question No: 3883 / 2010

Caroline Pidgeon

Is it fair that the Boroughs may have to pick up the extra costs for the Freedom Pass as a result of your increase in fares and your withdrawal from the five year agreement?

Freedom Pass Deal (2)

Question No: 3884 / 2010

Caroline Pidgeon

How do you plan to reach a resolution to the funding dispute you have with London Councils over the Freedom Pass?

Removal of Traffic Signals

Question No: 3885 / 2010

Caroline Pidgeon

Can you assure me that any subsequent costs over and above the £6000 to remove a single traffic signal will not have to be met by the Boroughs?

Staff Nominee Travel

Question No: 3886 / 2010

Caroline Pidgeon

Further to MQ 3208/2010, how many staff nominee cards are there in use at the moment across the whole of TfL?

Overcrowding at Bank Station

Question No: 3887 / 2010

Caroline Pidgeon

Please provide a list in date order of the number of times since 2008 that emergency announcements have been used at Bank station to deal with serious levels of overcrowding?

Increase in Bus Fares

Question No: 3888 / 2010

Caroline Pidgeon

What is TfL's estimate of how much extra revenue the increase in bus fares from January 2011 will bring in 2011/12?

Cancellation of the Zone 2-6 Oystercard

Question No: 3889 / 2010

Caroline Pidgeon

What is TfL's estimate for additional revenue for one day travelcards that include Zone 1, as a result of the removal of Zone 2-6 and 2-9 one day travelcards?

Seating at Bermondsey Station

Question No: 3890 / 2010

Caroline Pidgeon

Will you please admit to the people of Bermondsey that removing the seats at Bermondsey Tube Station was a mistake, and apologise?

Dangerous Bus Stop on Muswell Hill

Question No: 3891 / 2010

Caroline Pidgeon

The stop for southbound route W7 at Muswell Hill is on a steep hill. This is not just inconvenient but dangerous for passengers using the stop and TfL seem reluctant to move it. Will you instruct TfL to take action before somebody gets seriously hurt?

P12 Bus Route in Bermondsey

Question No: 3892 / 2010

Caroline Pidgeon

Why does the destination of the P12 bus sometimes change mid-route leaving passengers stranded with no connecting bus?

Southeastern Trains during adverse weather conditions

Question No: 3893 / 2010

Caroline Pidgeon

What conversations have you, your office or any of the senior management at TfL had with Southeastern Trains regarding their performance during the week starting 29th November 2010? What conclusions have been made from these conversations?

Marylebone Farmers' Market

Question No: 3894 / 2010

Caroline Pidgeon

Will you use your influence to oppose any sell-off by Westminster Council of the home of Marylebone Farmers' Market?

New Bus for London (1)

Question No: 3895 / 2010

Caroline Pidgeon

I believe there will be a bus conductor operating on the new Bus for London for two shifts a day, Monday to Friday, which will be the only time passengers can "hop on, hop off."

- a) What will the proposed hours be for these shifts?
- b) For what hours of the day will the back doors be in use instead of an open platform?

New Bus for London (2)

Question No: 3896 / 2010

Caroline Pidgeon

Can you please list which mobility and accessibility groups TfL have consulted with over the design for the New Bus for London?

Junction of Abbey Street, Tower Bridge Road and Long Lane

Question No: 3897 / 2010

Caroline Pidgeon

Over the last four years there have been 13 collisions out the junction of Abbey Street, Tower Bridge Road and Long Lane. Local residents also inform me that it is incredibly difficult to cross this junction. Will you instruct TfL to seriously look into this problem and come up with a solution?

Cycle Hire Scheme Expansion

Question No: 3898 / 2010

Caroline Pidgeon

Will you consider extending the Cycle Hire Scheme further north than Cloudesley Road in Angel, N1?

Overrunning Works on the Jubilee Line

Question No: 3899 / 2010

Caroline Pidgeon

Will you arrange for the Metropolitan Line to stop at Neasden when the Jubilee Line is not working, in view of the overrunning works on the Jubilee Line?

Will you come to Brent?

Question No: 3900 / 2010

Caroline Pidgeon

Will you agree to travel on the rail replacement bus through Brent one weekend when the Jubilee Line and Metropolitan Line are not running, to experience the replacement services as Brent residents have had to endure for so long?

New Metropolitan Line Trains (1)

Question No: 3901 / 2010

Caroline Pidgeon

Following the launch of the new Metropolitan Line train running between Wembley Park and Watford, can you confirm how many new trains are now in service and if it has been possible to extend the service?

New Metropolitan Line Trains (2)

Question No: 3902 / 2010

Caroline Pidgeon

Can you provide the timetable currently proposed following the full introduction of the new Metropolitan Line trains, including routes covered and number of trains? If this has changed since the original plan please can you confirm why?

Transport Plans for the Royal Wedding 29th April

Question No: 3903 / 2010

Caroline Pidgeon

Will you ensure the whole transport network is in service on April 29th 2011 so that Londoners and visitors can fully enjoy the Royal Wedding?

Number 18 Bus

Question No: 3904 / 2010

Caroline Pidgeon

What issues have been identified by bus operators, Safer Transport teams, and TfL following the change of the number 18 bus to a double decker bus? Have any concerns been identified on other routes where similar changes have been made?

PR2 Bus Route

Question No: 3905 / 2010

Caroline Pidgeon

What does the future hold for the PR2 and how will you improve bus transport in the Park Royal area? Does some form of Fast Bus feature in your plans?

Brentfield Road

Question No: 3906 / 2010

Caroline Pidgeon

What proposals are you bringing forward to improve bus services between Brent Park Tesco and Harlesden Station following the meeting with petitioners that took place earlier this year?

Legible London for Brent

Question No: 3907 / 2010

Caroline Pidgeon

Will you consider extending your pilot Legible London scheme to the borough of Brent ahead of the Olympic Games?

Tube Replacement Bus service Savings

Question No: 3908 / 2010

Caroline Pidgeon

Following the news that over £5m has been spent on rail replacement buses on the Jubilee Line since April 2009, can you please state how much would have been saved by the following from the start of the Jubilee Line works:

- a) Stopping the Metropolitan line at Willesden Green both ways
- b) Stopping the Metropolitan Line at Neasden going towards Willesden

Accumulative maps of air noise (1)

Question No: 3910 / 2010

Caroline Pidgeon

Further to your reply to Question Number 3295/2009 will you please publish the letter you sent to the Minister and the reply that you received?

Accumulative maps of air noise (2)

Question No: 3911 / 2010

Caroline Pidgeon

Are you aware of the DREAMS, (Distributed Remote Environmental Array & Monitoring System), noisemapping trial taking place to the west of London City Airport? Has any evaluation been undertaken of the specific levels of air noise specifically created by London City Airport comparing typical daily noise levels with the noise levels that existed in the five days in April 2010 when air traffic was grounded due to the volcanic eruption of Eyjafjallajokull as well as when air traffic was grounded during the recent snow?

Accumulative maps of air noise (3)

Question No: 3912 / 2010

Caroline Pidgeon

In answer to MQ 2926/2010 about accumulative maps of air noise you stated: "This matter is currently being pursued in the context of reviewing the impact of changes in departure flight paths from London City Airport, in area which may also be affected by Heathrow arrivals." Please can you set out in detail what actual actions are taking place in relation to the matter being "pursued"?

Redevelopment of the Royal Docks

Question No: 3913 / 2010

Caroline Pidgeon

Do you have any concerns that the noise levels created by London City Airport could have a detrimental impact on the regenerations plans for the area around the Royal Docks?

Greenwich and Woolwich Foot Tunnels

Question No: 3914 / 2010

Caroline Pidgeon

Further to your decision to take no action to assist cyclists crossing the Thames during the refurbishment of both the Greenwich and Woolwich Foot Tunnels will you at least consider making representations to Greenwich Council to ensure that the publicised limited opening hours of the Greenwich Foot Tunnel are at least properly maintained by Greenwich Council and their contractors Dean and Dyball?

Unpaid Congestion Charge and Penalty Charge Notices by Embassies

Question No: 3915 / 2010

Caroline Pidgeon

Please publish a table showing the cumulative amount in unpaid Congestion Charge and Penalty Charge Notices that is now owed for each embassy or diplomatic mission in London.

Tube Strikes (1)

Question No: 3916 / 2010

Caroline Pidgeon

How many days of tube strikes have there been in the calendar year of 2010?

Tube Strikes (2)

Question No: 3917 / 2010

Caroline Pidgeon

Can you supply the figures, since 2000, for how many tube strikes there were in each calendar year?

Tube Strikes (3)

Question No: 3918 / 2010

Caroline Pidgeon

Can you confirm if any compensation is available to season ticket holders because of the strikes?

Tube Strikes (4)

Question No: 3919 / 2010

Caroline Pidgeon

What is the estimated loss of revenue on a strike day?

Tube Strikes (5)

Question No: 3920 / 2010

Caroline Pidgeon

TfL provide information on each strike day of the percentage of services running. How is this calculated and how accurate is it?

Cutting Zone 2-6 Travelcards

Question No: 3921 / 2010

Caroline Pidgeon

Further to MQ 3529/2010, can you provide the precise definition for "one off tours?"

Community Rail (1)

Question No: 3922 / 2010

Caroline Pidgeon

Further to MQ 3520/2010, excluding the tri-yearly meetings between local user and community groups and LOROL (LOROL Passenger Group), in what way does TfL London Rail work closely with such groups?

Community Rail (2)

Question No: 3923 / 2010

Caroline Pidgeon

Would it not be beneficial for local user and community rail groups to be invited to participate in the newly formed London Orbital Partnership?

Replacement Bus Services

Question No: 3925 / 2010

Caroline Pidgeon

For each of the last 5 years, how much has TfL spent on replacement bus services to cover for engineering works on both the DLR and London Overground services. Please break this down per year and per route.

Same-day bookings – Door to Door Transport Services

Question No: 3926 / 2010

Caroline Pidgeon

Please supply the number of same-day booking trips, on a yearly basis, from 2004/05 to 2009/10.

'Steels Village'

Question No: 3927 / 2010

Caroline Pidgeon

A group of local Camden residents are keen to rebrand a parade of shops on Haverstock Hill, which serves as a community hub for local residents, as 'Steels Village', thus giving a name and clear identity to a location which residents feel has long been ignored. Given the Government's localism and 'big society' agenda, will you support this concept?

Cycle Hire Scheme at 'Steels Village'

Question No: 3928 / 2010

Caroline Pidgeon

Local residents have asked me to enquire whether you have any plans to extend the Cycle Hire Scheme to the 'Steels Village' area on Haverstock Hill?

ESF Youth Programme 2011-13

Question No: 3929 / 2010

Caroline Pidgeon

It had been planned that the LDA would co-finance the European Social Fund (ESF) Youth programme 2011-13 to "invest significant funding over three years in skills, employment and training activities for Londoners aged 16 to 19 who are not in education, training or employment" which was a priority of your Time for Action plan. Can you confirm which organisation will now co-finance this programme? When will procurement restart for this programme? Will organisations be able to access this funding in 2011/12?

Funding for youth activities

Question No: 3930 / 2010

Caroline Pidgeon

What steps are you taking to support youth activities in London and take forward the priorities in your Time for Action Plan?

Mayor's fund

Question No: 3931 / 2010

Caroline Pidgeon

The Mayor's Fund currently only operates in the Shoreditch area. Given that child poverty is a London wide problem, to which areas of London will the Mayor's Fund be rolling-out in 2011?

Buses in adverse weather conditions

Question No: 3932 / 2010

Caroline Pidgeon

In the week starting 29th November 2010, please state per route how many buses were returned to the depot and how many kept running due to the adverse weather conditions.

Freedom Pass on Rail

Question No: 3933 / 2010

Caroline Pidgeon

Further to MQ 1575/2010, please could you give me an update on how the negotiations went with the Train Operating Companies to extend the 24 hour Freedom Pass to national rail?

Funding priorities

Question No: 3936 / 2010

Mike Tuffrey

What are your funding priorities for the GLA Group as a whole in your Budget in 2011/12?

GLA Precept

Question No: 3937 / 2010

Mike Tuffrev

How will you alter the allocation of precept funding across the GLA Group in 2011-12?

Strategic approach to the budget

Question No: 3938 / 2010

Mike Tuffrey

What steps are you taking to ensure that the "GLA family as a whole will take a strategic, rather than an incremental, approach to the budget" [MQ 3497/2010]?

Government grant settlement (1)

Question No: 3939 / 2010

Mike Tuffrey

Have the government grant levels for the MPA, LFEPA and the GLA reflected your "extensive representations to national Government to defend London's interests" and intent to "continue to work tirelessly to ensure London receives its fair share of resources" (answer to MQT 3477/2010)?

Government grant settlement (2)

Question No: 3940 / 2010

Mike Tuffrey

Have the government grant levels for the LDA reflected your "extensive representations to national Government to defend London's interests" and intent to "continue to work tirelessly to ensure London receives its fair share of resources" answer to MQT 3477/2010)?

Dust suppressants

Question No: 3941 / 2010

Mike Tuffrey

Further to MQ3485/2010, how many weeks of cleaning and the application of dust suppressants will the £300,000 cover? At what point will TfL consider expanding the trial?

Mayor's Air Quality Strategy

Question No: 3942 / 2010

Mike Tuffrey

Will your revised Air Quality Strategy ensure that London meets EU limits for levels of PM10 and NO2?

Housing mobility

Question No: 3943 / 2010

Mike Tuffrey

What steps are you taking to ensure that you have a pan-London mobility scheme in place for social housing tenants in 2011?

Decent Homes funding

Question No: 3944 / 2010

Mike Tuffrey

Further to the government announcement of some £2bn of Decent Homes funding, how will you work with the boroughs to ensure that London's 85,000 non-decent homes (46% of non-decent homes nationally) access this funding?

GLA Energy use

Question No: 3945 / 2010

Mike Tuffrey

Given that "City Hall's recently installed energy monitoring system will allow for the production of consumption data on a daily basis once it is fully commissioned (due by the end of October)" [MQ 3182/2010]. Will you agree to publish City Hall's real time energy use online, as government departments such as DECC have?

Close the door campaign

Question No: 3946 / 2010

Mike Tuffrey

Do you support the Close the Door campaign which is asking retailers to conserve energy by keeping their doors closed?

Close the door campaign (2)

Question No: 3947 / 2010

Mike Tuffrey

What appropriate steps could be taken by the GLA group to support the messages of the Close the Door campaign, e.g. by not opening all tube doors at outdoor stations in off-peak hours in winter?

Rewards for sustainable behaviours

Ouestion No: 3948 / 2010

Mike Tuffrey

Further to MQ3495/2010, what options are the GLA exploring to build in "incentives for greener more sustainable behaviours". In what timescale could we see such incentives operating in London?

Londonwide LEP

Question No: 3949 / 2010

Mike Tuffrey

Have you submitted a bid to government for a Londonwide LEP? What functions will the LEP take on?

European Funds

Question No: 3950 / 2010

Mike Tuffrey

What processes are you putting in place to enable the GLA to manage European Funds previously overseen by the LDA? On what timescale will this transfer take place?

Mayoral Development Corporations

Question No: 3951 / 2010

Mike Tuffrey

What opportunities are there for your new power to set up Mayoral Development Corporations?

Crossrail bonds

Question No: 3952 / 2010

Mike Tuffrey

Further to MQ3496/2010, what have been the outcomes of GLA officers revisiting work to appraise financing options, including bond issuance for Crossrail?

Regional Growth Fund

Question No: 3953 / 2010

Mike Tuffrey

What priorities have you identified and publicised for bids to the Regional Growth Fund, and how are you co-ordinating London bids?

LDA, HCA and LTGDC assets

Question No: 3954 / 2010

Mike Tuffrey

What progress has been made on the crucial issue of ensuring that increased devolution for London government includes the devolution of the LDA, HCA and LTGDC assets?

Temporary Staff

Question No: 3955 / 2010

Mike Tuffrey

How many temporary agency staff and consultants have the GLA employed per month since August 2010, and at what cost per month?

Fountains

Question No: 3956 / 2010

Mike Tuffrey

Mayoral Decision 662 set out your vision for "ensuring free and easily accessible drinking water is made available across London", what steps have been taken including:

- a) how many boroughs have expressed an interest in participating in the initiative;
- b) how many times has the Review group of key stakeholders met;
- c) has the invitation for proposals gone out;
- d) how many proposals have been received?

Electric vehicles

Question No: 3957 / 2010

Mike Tuffrey

What new opportunities will your Source London network of 1,300 public charging points for electric vehicles offer for the roll-out of electric vehicles by the GLA group and public sector fleets?

ELENA bid

Question No: 3958 / 2010

Mike Tuffrey

When will the GLA and LDA hear the outcome of the bid for European Local Energy Assistance (ELENA) funds for €6.432 million over three years to continue decentralised energy and RE:FIT programme activity between now and 2013? If the bid is not successful what future is there for the programmes in 2011/12?

Funding of LDA environmental projects

Question No: 3959 / 2010

Mike Tuffrey

Which of the following projects are legally committed to, and to what extent, in the LDA budget going forward:

- · Ldn Homes Energy Eff. Prog. (Homes Retrofit)
- · Low Carbon Zones
- Buildings Energy Efficiency Programme
- Better Buildings Partnership
- Green Enterprise District
- London Thames Gateway Heat Network
- · London Carbon Trust Scheme
- · Centre for Low Carbon Energy Technology
- · Energy Master Planning & DE
- Mayor's Trees and Parks Programmes
- London Waste and Recycling Board
- · London Green Fund

GLA posts dependent on the LDA

Question No: 3960 / 2010

Mike Tuffrey

How many GLA staff will be affected by the abolition of the LDA? In particular how many staff fall into the categories of:

- a) overseeing LDA work or programmes;
- b) deliver programmes grant funded by the LDA;
- c) directly funded in whole or in part by the LDA?

Parking on Westminster Bridge

Question No: 3961 / 2010

Jenny Jones

What action is Transport for London taking to enforce the rule against parking on Westminster Bridge, particularly against two ice cream vans that are parked all day everyday on the southbound side, violating a combined red route, bus lane and cycle lane?

20mph for Bowes ward area

Question No: 3962 / 2010

Jenny Jones

Around £4m was allocated for mitigation measures associated with the work on the North Circular. How much was allocated to Enfield to spend and how much of that remains unspent? Can you assure local people that the local authorities will be able to spend the remainder of the money in the next two financial years if that is necessary in order to finish off work on 20mph schemes and other projects?

Electric rickshaws

Question No: 3963 / 2010

Jenny Jones

Have you any plans to review the regulations governing licensed taxis or private hire regulations to allow electric rickshaws to compete on the streets of London?

Cycling along Southbank

Question No: 3964 / 2010

Jenny Jones

Are you in favour of plans to ban cycling along stretches of Southbank?

Bicycles on the Docklands Light Railway

Question No: 3965 / 2010

Jenny Jones

Will you instruct Transport for London to ensure that the following provisions are written into all future contracts to run Docklands Light Railway and any other TfL-controlled rail services? That folding bicycles should always be permitted – without having to be put in a bag; that full size bicycles should be permitted where possible, with restrictions only as necessary and exceptional due to crowding at peak times only, and only in the direction of peak travel.

Cycle Superhighway route 8

Question No: 3966 / 2010

Jenny Jones

Will cycle superhighway route 8 comply with the London Cycle Network-recommended width of 1.5m?

Sponsorship of cycle hire

Question No: 3967 / 2010

Jenny Jones

Following my question 2152/2010 on sponsorship money from Barclays for Cycle Hire, can you provide me with an update on how much of the sponsorship money will be spent on: (a) existing Cycle Hire coverage, (b) Cycle Hire expansion to East London and (c) Cycle Superhighways?

Serco (1)

Question No: 3968 / 2010

Jenny Jones

Will you ensure that the employees of Serco who drive Cycle Hire trailers receive the type of cycle awareness which TfL is giving to lorry drivers through their Freight Operator Recognition Scheme, or that provided by Hammersmith & Fulham to their Serco contracted drivers?

Serco (2)

Question No: 3969 / 2010

Jenny Jones

What action, if any, has been taken against Serco for not using green vehicles in its fleet, as specified in the penalty clause in its contract?

Serco (3)

Question No: 3970 / 2010

Jenny Jones

Are all Serco employees working on the contract for the Cycle Hire scheme, including those employed part time, paid the London Living Wage?

Traffic signals and pedestrian safety

Question No: 3971 / 2010

Jenny Jones

Have Transport for London given any instructions or advice to the London Boroughs to the effect that new signalised pedestrian crossings will only be allowed or funded if an existing one is taken out of service? What would be the legal basis for such policy if there was a strong safety case justifying such a crossing?

Mayor's office

Question No: 3972 / 2010

Jenny Jones

Why was the 8th floor – your office – consistently the worst in City Hall at turning computers off overnight after four rounds of the internal Environmental Champions Challenge? Will you encourage colleagues to do better in the following rounds?

Housing standards (2)

Question No: 3974 / 2010

Jenny Jones

In light of the Housing Minister's decision to scrap the national HCA core housing standards, what difficulties such as increased costs do you expect this will create for your housing standards that are set out in the London Housing Design Guide and the draft replacement London Plan?

Housing taskforce

Ouestion No: 3975 / 2010

Jenny Jones

Will you ensure that the Terms of Reference for your housing taskforce includes community-led initiatives such as Community Land Trusts and self-help initiatives such as bringing empty homes back into use?

Community-led housing

Question No: 3976 / 2010

Jenny Jones

The minutes of the July meeting of the HCA London Board state that "a decision on supporting a Community Led Housing project would be taken at the September meeting". What decision has been taken and what are the next steps?

Affordable rent

Question No: 3977 / 2010

Jenny Jones

Given that the proposed Affordable Rent model is set between social and market rents will you count any homes offered with the model as intermediate homes?

Parliament Square (1)

Question No: 3978 / 2010

Jenny Jones

Why is the centre of Parliament Square currently fenced off from the public?

Parliament Square (2)

Question No: 3979 / 2010

Jenny Jones

When will the Parliament Square gardens be re-opened to the public?

Parliament Square protest authorisation

Question No: 3980 / 2010

Jenny Jones

Since July 2010, how many applications have been received for protests in Parliament Square? How many of those applications have been a) authorised to protest in Parliament Square, b) authorised to protest in another location and c) rejected?

Rape crisis centres

Question No: 3981 / 2010

Jenny Jones

Please can you provide figures on the secured funding for each of the four London rape crisis centres in 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13? Please indicate which funding is provided by the GLA, which provided by the boroughs, and which by any other funders.

Pollution in the River Lea (1)

Question No: 3982 / 2010

Darren Johnson

In your capacity as Mayor and a member of the Olympic Board, can you tell me if there was a clause in the agreement between the Banner Chemicals Group and the London Development Agency or the Olympic Delivery Authority regarding the company's responsibility to pay for the clean up of any chemical waste? If there was, can you tell me what responsibilities the company agreed to?

Pollution in the River Lea (2)

Question No: 3983 / 2010

Darren Johnson

In your capacity as Mayor and a member of the Olympic Board, can you confirm the anticipated total lifetime costs for cleaning up the dense plume formed by chlorinated solvents that is reported to have leaked out of the facility that was previously occupied by the Banner Chemicals Group? A Freedom of Information request revealed that the ODA has already spent £12.7 million on this particular clean-up operation.

Pollution in the River Lea (3)

Question No: 3984 / 2010

Darren Johnson

Do you agree that, in general, polluting companies should pay for the clean-up rather than the taxpayer?

Black cabs and air pollution (1)

Question No: 3985 / 2010

Darren Johnson

Will you undertake to test a random sample of 300 black cabs using the pollution reduction devices approved by Transport for London, in order to reassure Londoners that these devices are working? This test should include emissions produced in real life conditions, such as accelerating under load. It should also check the cabs against the standards set by the Energy Savings Trust when they approved the use of these devices.

Black cabs and air pollution (2)

Question No: 3986 / 2010

Darren Johnson

Can you provide a breakdown of the increased resources which will be provided by Transport for London and the London Boroughs, as a result of your Air Quality Strategy, to stop black cabs from idling at the approximately 500 taxi ranks in the capital?

Very Low Emission Zone

Question No: 3987 / 2010

Darren Johnson

Would the lack of Government funding for an extended vehicle scrappage scheme be a major barrier to you going ahead with a very low emission zone covering central London?

Electric Vehicle Delivery Plan (1)

Question No: 3988 / 2010

Darren Johnson

In answer to my question 652/2010 you stated that a total of £60m would be required to deliver your Electric Vehicle Delivery Plan. Can you provide an update of what finance has been secured (a) up to the end of 2011/12 and (b) for the years 2012/13 to 2014/15, and tell me what you aim to get from other sources?

Electric Vehicle Delivery Plan (2)

Question No: 3989 / 2010

Darren Johnson

You are now committed to delivering at least 1,300 charging points by 2013, rather than the 7,500 previously promised. Are you still committed to a target of 25,000 charging points by 2015?

London 2012 electric vehicles

Question No: 3990 / 2010

Darren Johnson

Why were you unconvinced that Nissan's offer to provide electric vehicle charging points for their Olympic car fleet would have been practical? Would the offer from EDF to enhance the charging network as part of their sponsorship deal have resolved these problems?

Protecting London's fire appliances

Question No: 3991 / 2010

Darren Johnson

In the interests of protecting Londoners will you be calling on the London Fire Brigade to ensure the 27 appliances that were removed during the recent dispute will be returned to active service?

Low Carbon Construction (1)

Question No: 3993 / 2010

Darren Johnson

Following the Government's publication of their Low Carbon Construction report, will you take up their recommendation to make it 'a requirement to conduct a whole-life (embodied + operational) carbon appraisal and [ensure] that this is factored into feasibility studies on the basis of a realistic price for carbon' across all GLA Group building and infrastructure projects?

Low Carbon Construction (2)

Question No: 3994 / 2010

Darren Johnson

Following the Government's publication of their Low Carbon Construction report, will the GLA group take up their recommendation to 'routinely embed the principles of "Soft Landings" into [your] contracts and processes, so that a building is not regarded as complete until it performs in accordance with its design criteria'?

Budget fairness test (1)

Ouestion No: 3995 / 2010

Darren Johnson

Further to your answer to question 3610/2010, will you ensure that your equalities guidance includes a requirement to consider the distributional impact of GLA group spending decisions on different income groups?

Budget fairness test (2)

Question No: 3996 / 2010

Darren Johnson

Will you specifically publish information on the impact of your budget proposals on household income quintiles in future budget papers?

Press and public relations

Question No: 3997 / 2010

Darren Johnson

Can you provide up to date figures for the number of staff employed as 1) press/ media officers, and 2) public relations officers, in each of the GLA Group organisations, and the associated cost?

Design for London

Question No: 3998 / 2010

Darren Johnson

What will be the future arrangements for Design for London's staff, projects and funding?

Draft GLA budget for 2011/12 (1)

Question No: 3999 / 2010

Darren Johnson

Your draft GLA budget refers to non staffing savings of £196k, including £53k relating to efficiency savings in the parks and trees programme. Can you give further detail of the efficiency savings in the parks and trees programme?

Draft GLA budget for 2011/12 (2)

Question No: 4000 / 2010

Darren Johnson

How will the remaining £143k savings in the non staffing part of the Transport and Environment budget be found?

River crossings

Question No: 4001 / 2010

Darren Johnson

Thank you for your answer to my question 3630/2010 in which you state "I do not intend to stop working on these options following the Comprehensive Spending Review." How much is due to be spent in 2010/11 on planning for road river crossings at Silvertown and near the site of the Thames Gateway Bridge? What is the budget for this work in 2011/12?

East London Green Grid and All London Green Grid (1)

Question No: 4002 / 2010

Darren Johnson

When can we expect a report on progress in delivering the East London Green Grid and All London Green Grid?

East London Green Grid and All London Green Grid (2)

Question No: 4003 / 2010

Darren Johnson

Can you provide a list of both East London and All London Green Grid projects that have flood mitigation features, such as deculveting and river restoration or floodwater storage, listing both delivered and planned projects?

Sport, Leisure and Swimming Facilities in London

Question No: 4006 / 2010

Joanne McCartney

Are you concerned about the future of funding for sport, leisure and swimming facilities in London?

Royal Parks

Question No: 4014 / 2010

Murad Qureshi

Once the Royal Parks come over to the GLA Group, how do you intend to manage these critical green spaces for London better?

Air Quality Strategy

Question No: 4015 / 2010

Murad Qureshi

When will your long overdue final Air Quality Strategy finally be released?

Cycle Superhighways.

Question No: 4016 / 2010

Valerie Shawcross

Are you convinced that Cycling Superhighways are value for money?

2011 fares

Question No: 4017 / 2010

Valerie Shawcross

If January's fare rises had been calculated on the basis of RPI +0% how much would a) a single bus fare by PAYG b) a weekly bus pass c) a single PAYG zone 1 tube journey cost once the rises take effect?

2011 fares 2

Question No: 4018 / 2010

Valerie Shawcross

Please confirm the cost of a a) a single bus fare by PAYG b) a weekly bus pass c) a single PAYG zone 1 tube journey from January 2011?

Trip to Zurich

Question No: 4019 / 2010

Valerie Shawcross

How many staff or advisers accompanied you on your trip to Zurich?

How many nights did you stay?

What was the approximate total cost of your trip to Zurich, including the costs of any staff or advisers who may have accompanied you?

Who invited you to attend and take part in the lobbying? Who or which organization officially requested your presence to act in support?

Aylesbury Estate

Question No: 4020 / 2010

Valerie Shawcross

The coalition government have withdrawn £180m of PFI credits to fund the continued regeneration of the Aylesbury Estate in Southwark. What can you, as London Mayor do to support the Aylesbury community as Southwark Council seeks to find alternative funds?

Barclays Cycle sponsorship

Question No: 4021 / 2010

Valerie Shawcross

How much money have Barclays actually paid to Transport for London to date in terms of sponsorship for a) the Cycle Superhighways and b) the Barclays Cycle Hire Scheme?

Buskers' phone line

Question No: 4022 / 2010

Valerie Shawcross

Further to your answer to question number 3634/2010, how much income does the busker's booking phone line generate for London Underground?

Buskers' phone line 2

Question No: 4023 / 2010

Valerie Shawcross

How long is the average 'holding' —while connected and being held in a 'queue', and therefore charged - time for the busker's booking phone line?

Credit Unions

Question No: 4024 / 2010

Valerie Shawcross

I recently visited London Mutual Credit Union, who provide people across Lambeth and Southwark with easy ways to save money and access to low cost credit services – they also run a payroll deduction scheme for any GLA staff wishing to join. In these 'austere times' when many Londoners may find these facilities useful, will you join the London and Mutual Credit Union to set a good example and encourage Londoners to use credit union services rather than the considerably more costly easy-credit high street stores or doorstep lenders?

C10 bus

Question No: 4025 / 2010

Valerie Shawcross

Further to my question number 3636/2010, when can C10 passengers expect to see new, larger, two-door vehicles on their bus route?

Lift at Brixton Station

Question No: 4026 / 2010

Valerie Shawcross

Brixton tube station has recently had a new lift fitted. However, this lift has rarely worked and is frequently out of order. What are Transport for London doing to rectify this accessibility issue?

Crystal Palace Station

Question No: 4027 / 2010

Valerie Shawcross

Further to my question 3638/2010, please provide an update on funding for the refurbishment of Crystal Palace Station.

P12 bus

Question No: 4028 / 2010

Valerie Shawcross

I am told that since bus route P13 was re-routed, the P12 bus – which is now the only service along Asylum Road – is very crowded along this stretch of the route, often missing stops because it is too full. I'm told this even happens on Sundays! Have TfL done any monitoring of the service, particularly in regard to Asylum Road, and what can be done to improve the capacity?

P12 bus 2

Ouestion No: 4029 / 2010

Valerie Shawcross

How many times since the beginning of this school year has the P12 terminated early at Brenchley Gardens rather than Brockley Rise? Particularly during school journey times?

Peckham Rye and Denmark Hill

Question No: 4030 / 2010

Valerie Shawcross

What actions/meetings have you undertaken with DfT and train operators to further your lobbying for longer distance train services from Kent to stop at Peckham Rye and Denmark Hill in part-mitigation for the loss of South London Line services in 2012?

Air conditioned underground trains

Question No: 4031 / 2010

Valerie Shawcross

Please give an update on last year's budget commitment to roll out air-conditioned underground trains? Which lines now have these trains? When can all lines expect to become air conditioned?

Youth bus crime

Question No: 4032 / 2010

Valerie Shawcross

Figures show that Southwark borough has a disproportionately high level of bus-related serious youth crime. What explanation do TfL have for why this might be the case and is consideration being given to redeploying staff from Safer Transport Teams to tackling the problems in Southwark?

Lambeth crime

Question No: 4033 / 2010

Valerie Shawcross

Figures show that Lambeth has the highest level of gun crime in London. In these worrying times of savings and cuts, please provide reassurance that Lambeth Police will have the resources they need to tackle this deeply worrying situation?

Kender Street traffic works

Question No: 4034 / 2010

Valerie Shawcross

The Astbury Road Area Residents' Association in the Queen's Road area of Southwark have raised concerns about the nearby Kender Street triangle works, which they say has had an adverse effect on traffic, parking and road safety in their area. Southwark Council's road safety officer has visited the area and has made some comments about signage etc. which needs to be tackled. Please could this be looked into by TfL and some solutions proposed?

Travel from Clapham High Street and Wandsworth Road

Question No: 4035 / 2010

Valerie Shawcross

What travel advice will you and Transport for London be giving to passengers who use Wandsworth Road and Clapham High Street stations to travel to either London Bridge or Victoria when the South London Line is withdrawn? How will passengers from these stations get to a) London Bridge and b) Victoria when the South London Line is removed?

TLRN road congestion

Question No: 4036 / 2010

Valerie Shawcross

Which are the ten most congested roads on the TLRN during a)morning peak and b)evening peak?

Bus crime

Question No: 4037 / 2010

Valerie Shawcross

Please list the ten bus routes with the highest number of reported a)crimes and b)youth related crimes?

Tube Strikes

Question No: 4038 / 2010

Valerie Shawcross

Please list the occasions when Underground services have been disrupted by industrial action since you became Mayor.

Tube Disruption

Question No: 4039 / 2010

Valerie Shawcross

How many times have you met TfL management to discuss the frequent serious disruptions tube passengers have encountered in recent months?

Tube Disruption 2

Question No: 4040 / 2010

Valerie Shawcross

Is there a systemic problem causing the repeated severe disruption to tube services which passengers have suffered over recent weeks?

Tube Disruption 3

Question No: 4041 / 2010

Valerie Shawcross

What actions and direction have you given TFL to improve tube services in light of the ongoing disruption? Have you set TFL any deadlines or targets to resolve this disruption?

Tube disruption 4

Question No: 4042 / 2010

Valerie Shawcross

Will you publish a regular report which details the steps you are taking to sort out the tube delays and closures?

Crystal Palace Park

Ouestion No: 4043 / 2010

Valerie Shawcross

Now that the LDA has had its funding obliterated, what is the future for the National Sports Centre and Sports Arena at Crystal Palace Park? The LDA took a long lease on both these facilities. I understand they were recently offered back to Bromley Council and that Bromley Council refused this offer. Is this correct, and what are the next steps for the Park and Sports Centre?

Crystal Palace Park 2

Question No: 4044 / 2010

Valerie Shawcross

What progress has been made on the much vaunted 5 borough solution for the future management of Crystal Palace Park?

New Bus for London

Question No: 4045 / 2010

Valerie Shawcross

How many of the New Bus vehicles do you intend to commission in total a) by 2012 and b) by 2016?

New Bus for London 2

Question No: 4046 / 2010

Valerie Shawcross

How much will it cost to deliver the entire fleet of these new vehicles?

New Bus for London 3

Question No: 4047 / 2010

Valerie Shawcross

When will the new fleet of vehicles be operational on the streets? Note this question does not refer to the initially commissioned five vehicles, but to the rest of the fleet roll out.

Greenwich Pedestrian Tunnel

Question No: 4048 / 2010

Valerie Shawcross

Cyclists complain that the tunnel has been closing early without warning or explanation. Have TfL been in contact with the boroughs responsible for this valuable pedestrian tunnel about this issue?

Traffic Management plans

Question No: 4049 / 2010

Valerie Shawcross

What additional measures will be put into operation following the withdrawal of the Western Extension of the congestion zone in the new year? Please list the new traffic management schemes to be deployed.

Tube complaints

Question No: 4050 / 2010

Valerie Shawcross

Further to my question number 3643/2010 please advise how many complaints were received about London Underground services - by line and in total - in the four week 'railway period' following October 16th 2010?

Safe Staffing Levels on Underground Stations

Question No: 4051 / 2010

Valerie Shawcross

The Fire Precautions (Sub-surface Railway Stations) England Regulations 2009 state that

"2) The periods of duty of members of staff must be so arranged as to secure that not less than two of them are present on duty in the premises at all times when members of the public have access to the premises."

However the reduced staffing levels currently being implemented on London's Underground will mean that there are a higher number of stations for which there will only be one member of staff present while the public are using the station. Please explain why you believe these staffing levels comply with safety regulations?

Snow

Question No: 4052 / 2010

Valerie Shawcross

Are you happy with the performance of London's Transport services during the recent heavy snowfall?

Clapham High Street Station Platform Lengthening

Question No: 4053 / 2010

Valerie Shawcross

Clapham councillors concerned about the impact of the removal of the South London Line Service in 2012 have made further enquiries to me about the possibility of platform lengthening at Clapham High Street to allow longer distance services to Victoria to stop there. They point out that only one platform would need work and one section of platform is already in existence but unused and overgrown. Please could you ask TfL and Southeastern to investigate this?

Policing in Croydon

Ouestion No: 4054 / 2010

Valerie Shawcross

Will the Mayor assure the residents of Croydon that Cuts to Police Budgets will not result in a reduction of Ward based neighbourhood Police Teams in Croydon?

Impact of Housing Benefit Cuts in Croydon

Ouestion No: 4055 / 2010

Valerie Shawcross

Cllr Tony Newman has made it clear he shares your concerns over the impact Government Housing Benefit Cuts will have to services in outer London Boroughs such as Croydon as thousands of families are forced out of central London into boroughs such as Croydon, will the Mayor urge the current Croydon Council Leader to join the campaign to fight the planned HB Cuts?

Cuts in Croydon

Question No: 4056 / 2010

Valerie Shawcross

Eric Pickles has condemned the Council in Croydon for cutting 66% from the Voluntary Sector and allowing the majority of local Voluntary Groups to hear about these Cuts from the local press, if this decision is not reversed by the end of January many of these Voluntary Sector Groups will cease to exist, will the Mayor urge the Council to think again?

Travelcards- impact on outer London commuters

Question No: 4057 / 2010

Valerie Shawcross

As you campaigned on a platform of fighting for outer London will you reconsider your decision to abolish zone 2-6 Travelcards that would see daily fares rise from £9.00 to £15.00 this represents a 60% increase for those who live and work within the zone 2-6 band?

Poisonous Legacy

Question No: 4059 / 2010

John Biggs

If (3672/2010) you believe Labour left a 'poisonous legacy', can you describe which part of it was 'poisonous' for London, as I think it was actually quite good?

London Borough Grants Scheme

Question No: 4060 / 2010

John Biggs

Can you advise what steps you have taken to achieve the 'transitional approach' you claim to want?

Jobless Hotspots

Question No: 4061 / 2010

John Biggs

Where are London's jobless hotspots, in terms of a. numbers and b. growth?

Census

Question No: 4062 / 2010

John Biggs

What actions are the GLA taking in preparation and support for the Census? In particular, do you agree that under-recording of London's population remains a high risk and that collective steps to mitigate this are essential? What resource is City Hall putting into this matter?

London Theatres

Question No: 4063 / 2010

John Biggs

Which non-West End London theatres are under threat and what steps are you taking to promote their survival? Is this important for London?

School Sports

Question No: 4064 / 2010

John Biggs

If 20% of school children take place in inter-school competitive sport, is that a failure compared to other nations? Is the promotion of school sport a priority for you as Mayor?

LDA Functions

Question No: 4065 / 2010

John Biggs

Which LDA functions would you like to see continued after its abolition?

Tourism and Inward Investment Agencies

Question No: 4066 / 2010

John Biggs

What importance do you attach to these agencies and will you seek to continue their funding after the LDA is abolished?

Design for London

Question No: 4067 / 2010

John Biggs

Do you value this body? Would you seek to retain it in the post-LDA world?

Runways

Question No: 4068 / 2010

John Biggs

Given that it is clear that you believe the South-East of England needs more runway capacity but the Government has ruled out expansion at Stansted, Heathrow or Gatwick, and your estuary airport, and you have ruled out expansion at Heathrow, where do you imagine this growth will occur? Or will it be another priority (like Thames River Crossings or DLR extensions) that will remain unaddressed until you are voted out of office?

Time Banks

Question No: 4069 / 2010

John Biggs

What, if anything, will City Hall be doing or has it done to promote the principle of Time Banks?

Help us Get on our Bikes

Question No: 4070 / 2010

John Biggs

I have been contacted by a constituent who believes that there is a growing body of support amongst moderate cycle users for measures which would encourage more people like themselves out of their cars and on to two sedate wheels (as opposed to the more "vehicular cyclists"). He believes that this can be achieved by the provision of well designed, off-road or at least enforced, cycle paths and says there is evidence from other European Cities such as Copenhagen, Frankfurt and Amsterdam that his argument is well founded. How could such a scheme be rolled out in London beyond the flagship Superhighway schemes and what are your proposals to achieve this?

Barking to Gospel Oak Line

Question No: 4071 / 2010

John Biggs

How many meetings and with whom have you, or your advisers, the Deputy Chair of the TfL Board, the Transport Commissioner, or other TfL officers had with Government officials since the last General Election to discuss the electrification of the Barking to Gospel Oak railway line?

Barking to Gospel Oak Line 2

Question No: 4072 / 2010

John Biggs

Now that your political party are in Government, you may feel less inclined to blame Government for the 'stand-off' over who will fund electrification of the Gospel Oak to Barking Line. What progress have you made since May towards this objective?

Electrification of overground rail lines

Question No: 4073 / 2010

John Biggs

Have you communicated to the Department of Transport the benefits of electrification in providing improvement to CO2 emissions and additional capacity on the Overground train services as well as the increased electric haulage of freight trains, including additional services from the new London Gateway Port and international services to and from HS1 (Channel Tunnel Rail Link)?

Cycle-Pedestrian Collisions

Question No: 4074 / 2010

John Biggs

What record do you (and other London bodies of which you are aware) keep of collisions between cyclists and pedestrians? Including of the severity of injury suffered. What are your latest figures? Have you identified any particular spots where such collisions are happening, for example places where cyclists and pedestrians share the same space?

Youth Work

Question No: 4075 / 2010

Joanne McCartney

Can you name the 11 organisations you mention in MQT 2598 / 2010?

Royal Wedding

Question No: 4076 / 2010

Joanne McCartney

Do you think that central Government should pay for the extra policing costs of the Royal Wedding?

London Overground

Question No: 4077 / 2010

Joanne McCartney

Have the hours, during which London Overground stations are staffed, been reduced since 11th November 2007? Have any such reductions caused the curtailment of

London Overground train services?

London Overground 2

Question No: 4078 / 2010

Joanne McCartney

What discussions have you or your advisers, the Deputy Chair of the Transport for London (TfL) Board, the Transport Commissioner, or other TfL officers have had with the Department of Transport, the Olympic Delivery Authority and any other parties regarding the introduction of service improvements to both London Overground and National Rail routes in north and east London? (part of the Mayor's Rail Network, operated by First Capital Connect to Hertford North and Welwyn Garden City and by National Express East Anglia to Enfield, Cheshunt, Chingford and Shenfield from June 2012 to accommodate additional passenger demand for the Olympics; general growth from the availability of Oyster PAYG; and the regeneration of the Kings Cross and Stratford areas)

Barking to Gospel Oak Line

Question No: 4079 / 2010

Joanne McCartney

Do the revenue figures quoted in the answer to MQT 3730/ 2010 apply solely to the Barking-Gospel Oak Line? If not, could you please give the revenue increase since 11th November 2007 for this service and the other three Overground service groups?

Safer Neighbourhood (Team) Watches

Ouestion No: 4080 / 2010

Joanne McCartney

I have received a letter from the United Neighbourhood Watches of Haringey, expressing their grave concerns on the recent proposal to cut the post of the local Neighbourhood Watch Link Manager. They argue strongly that the Link Manager plays a vital part building and maintaining relationships between local Neighbourhood Watches and between the public and police. What action will you take to ensure the work of Neighbourhood Watches in Haringey, and across London, is appreciated and supported?

London Plan and Cycling

Question No: 4081 / 2010

Joanne McCartney

The cycle parking standards for new developments included in the draft London Plan, which are utilised by London Boroughs for their core strategies and LIPs, are copied from standards written five years ago. Consequently, these do not take account of either the growth in cycling since they were written or the Mayor's target of a 5% modal share for cycle use by 2026. Are you aware of this shortcoming? If not, what are your plans to rectify this in the London Plan?

London Plan and Cycling 2

Question No: 4082 / 2010

Joanne McCartney

The current stipulation in the London Plan for cycle parking standard for new university buildings is one bicycle space for eight students; the standard for business office space is one bike space for 250 square metres. Do you agree that this needs to be revised urgently so that boroughs can ask developers to adopt cycle parking standards in line with, or higher than, your own targets for cycling? Will you instruct your Office to adjust the London Plan accordingly?

London Plan and Cycling 3

Question No: 4083 / 2010

Joanne McCartney

I am concerned that any delay to adjust the issue of cycle parking standards in the London Plan, as per my previous questions on this issue, will mean that the revised standards will not be included in borough core strategies and LIPs; this, however, is important to enable them to contribute to your very own targets for cycling growth in the Capital. Please clarify how long it will take for the cycle parking standards for new developments in the London Plan to be revised and approved.

Victoria Line Disruptions

Question No: 4084 / 2010

Joanne McCartney

You wrote to me on 10 September in response to my concerns about the ongoing disruptions on the Victoria line. You assured me in your letter that a number of steps were being taken to improve the Victoria Line's reliability. However, Londoners are continuing to experience severe delays and disruptions on the Victoria Line on a daily basis. Why has the situation not improved? What steps have you taken/ are you taking to rectify this?

Tottenham Hotspur

Ouestion No: 4085 / 2010

Joanne McCartney

Will you back Spurs fans in their protest against any plans for Tottenham Hotspur to move to the Olympic Stadium?

Aimhigher

Question No: 4086 / 2010

Joanne McCartney

Your Scholar's programme worked with Aimhigher to raise the aspirations of London's children in care. Given that the government has announced it will axe this excellent scheme, how do you intend to fill this gap? What representations have you made to the coalition government, or will you be making, to persuade them not to take such an appalling decision?

Safer Schools Officers

Question No: 4087 / 2010

Joanne McCartney

Are you committed to retaining the current numbers of Safer Schools officers?

Police & Social Responsibility Bill

Question No: 4088 / 2010

Joanne McCartney

Will the proposals in this Bill improve the governance of London's policing?

Student Demonstrations

Question No: 4089 / 2010

Joanne McCartney

Have you had discussions with the MPS concerning policing tactics at the recent student demonstrations? If so, please outline the contents of those discussions.

Reprimand

Question No: 4090 / 2010

Joanne McCartney

Have you reprimanded Brian Coleman, Chair of London Fire Authority, over his recent rude remarks concerning firefighters?

Broomfield House

Question No: 4091 / 2010

Joanne McCartney

Is the funding previously promised by your office to restore Broomfield House, Enfield secure?

Music in Schools

Ouestion No: 4092 / 2010

Joanne McCartney

There is currently a great deal of concern that direct government funding for music services and music education may be reduced from April 2011. As music education is one of your priorities; what action have you taken, or will you take, to persuade the coalition government not to cut music services and education in our schools?

Tube staff shortages

Question No: 4093 / 2010

Jennette Arnold

Two stops in my constituency, Angel and Tufnell Park, were recently closed for certain periods of time because key staff fell sick and there were no colleagues available to provide cover. This led to massive disruptions for my constituents, especially at Angel, which is one of the busiest Underground stations in London. How will temporary closures like this be prevented when the tube staff cuts are implemented?

Tube staff shortages (2)

Question No: 4094 / 2010

Jennette Arnold

Can you provide me with a breakdown showing:

- a. The number of tube station closures in the last 5 years due to staff illness?
- b. The average length of time that tube stations were closed for because of this reason?

Tube evacuation procedures

Question No: 4096 / 2010

Jennette Arnold

One of my constituents has been stuck on a new Victoria Line train twice now and whilst being led to safety down the tracks he noticed that all the lights on the train go off whilst passengers disembark. Because it was so dark, passengers (including 6 pregnant women and a number of children) were bumping into the poles and each other. Can you answer the following question that my constituent has raised?

- a. Why was there no emergency lighting to escort passengers on the way out?
- b. Why weren't torches available to escort people safely of the train?
- c. Will future emergency contingency plans include emergency lighting coming on in cases of emergency as they do on airplanes?

Tube upgrade works

Question No: 4097 / 2010

Jennette Arnold

Over the past few weeks an unusual number of incidents have occurred on the Underground network during which we've seen among other passengers being led through tunnels because of broken down new Victoria Line trains. Can you guarantee my constituents that engineering works scheduled to finish in 2012 will not be delayed as a result of these incidents and cause huge embarrassment during the Olympics?

Jubilee line upgrade

Question No: 4098 / 2010

Navin Shah

The delay to the upgrade of the Jubilee line has now been extended yet again until spring 2011. Can you give a specific date the work will be completed and can you guarantee that your new timetable will not be delayed yet again?

Chair of LFEPA

Question No: 4099 / 2010

Navin Shah

Does the Mayor believe Cllr Brian Coleman AM is the right person to be Chairman and Leader of the LFEPA, in view of his mis-handling of the London Fire Brigade dispute and his antagonising remarks towards the Fire Brigade Union which has brought both the GLA and LFEPA into disrepute?

Investigation of accidents and bullying incidents during Strike Ouestion No: 4100 / 2010

Navin Shah

Does the Mayor agree that LFEPA should undertake investigation of a number of incidents during the recent industrial action involving injuries to firefighters from accidents and bullying incidents alleged from 'both sides'?

Consistency in cycling

Question No: 4101 / 2010

Navin Shah

Thank you for you answer to Question No: 3659 / 2010. Do you agree that directing cyclists along a 'fast' or 'easy' route where cars, HGVs and buses are driving at high speeds is dangerous? The lack of consistency in provisions for cycling on London's roads is confusing and counter-productive to cyclists. Is this what you call cycling revolution? Why are cyclists still the least important road users when they are the most vulnerable?

Stanmore Station

Question No: 4102 / 2010

Navin Shah

Thank you for your response to Question No: 3660 / 2010. As you stated: "It should be noted that there is already a step-free route to and from the platforms at Stanmore using a ramp (which has been independently assessed as complying fully with British Standards) via the car park." Unfortunately, the car park is closed during the daytime so step-free route is completely useless. Would you agree for a TfL representative to meet me at the station to fully discuss the options as soon as possible?

Stanmore Station (2)

Question No: 4103 / 2010

Navin Shah

Following the Transport Committee's damning report on the lack of accessibility to most underground stations in London, will TfL be investing funding in making stations such as Stanmore, where people need to use the nearby hospital's facilities, more accessible for wheelchair users?

Harrow on the Hill Station

Question No: 4104 / 2010

Navin Shah

The refurbishment of Harrow on the Hill station to make it accessible was linked to regenerating Harrow and making the town a designated Intensification Area. As the funding for this was withdrawn by you could you tell me what proposals you have for fulfilling the original proposals in your London plan to make Harrow on the Hill accessible?

Student Demonstrations

Question No: 4105 / 2010

Navin Shah

I have been contacted by constituents whose teenage children attended the demonstrations on Wednesday 24th November. They were kettled by the police for 8 hours without access to toilets, food and shelter. Why were the police using such draconian tactics when dealing with the peaceful demonstrators? Can you assure me that if there are future demonstrations by students in London then they will not be treated in this way? Do you agree that if the Police treat young people in this way then peaceful protests are likely to turn into hostile protests?

Extension of Number 18 Bus

Question No: 4106 / 2010

Navin Shah

I have lobbied by residents, staff and patients of Northwick Park Hospital in support of extending the Number 18 bus service which currently terminates in Sudbury, to Northwick Park Hospital. I understand that previously this has been dismissed because route 182 already serves the Hospital. However, the interchange between route 18 and 182 is difficult and patients and visitors to the hospital are in desperate need of a simpler solution. They would like the Mayor to extend route 18 to Northwick Park Hospital. Will you reconsider this in light of the support this proposal has in the local area?

Donnington Road

Question No: 4107 / 2010

Navin Shah

Thank you for your response to question 3671 / 2010. I understand that the borough of Brent is ultimately responsible for implementing the road safety measures on this road although they cannot do this until TfL allocate the funding to them. In light of the tragic death of a 15 year old Queen's Park Community School student last week on Donnington Road can you ensure that TfL quarantee's the funding for the road safety measures there as soon as possible?

Thames Estuary Airport Report

Question No: 4108 / 2010

Murad Qureshi

With regard to my question 3672 / 2010 - finalised or not, this report has already gone to the Chancellor. I would like to see whatever draft was deemed suitable for him. Will I have a copy of Sir David King's report on your Thames Estuary Scheme within the next calendar month?

London Development Agency

Question No: 4109 / 2010

Murad Qureshi

Now the LDA is to be abolished will you still be able to "work with the National Physical Laboratory and National Measurement Office to pursue their goal of setting up a London-based Centre for Carbon Measurement"?

Will you still be able to: "ensure that London uses its economic and academic strengths whilst capitalising on its size to create real market demand for low carbon goods and services"? What budget do you now have for this?

What budget do you have available to implement proposals for the Green Enterprise District in east London, as mentioned in your Climate Change Mitigation and Energy Strategy?

Green Fund

Question No: 4110 / 2010

Murad Qureshi

Is your Green Fund still viable?

How will you now support organisations to reduce CO2 emissions from their existing buildings by retrofitting them with energy efficiency measures?

How much funding will you now be putting into Climate Change programmes over the next three financial years?

Electric Vehicles and the charging network

Question No: 4111 / 2010

Murad Qureshi

TfL has so far spent over £1.3 million on the electric charging network, and yet TfL make no note of how many users have signed up for the scheme. I understand that in Haringey, for example, where £63,000 has already been spent & another £30,000 is committed, that just one user has registered for the 12 charging points. Do you think TfL ought to be keeping a tally of how many users there are as they continue to plough money into this? And currently how do you or TfL know if this is good value for taxpayers' money?

Tube Strikes

Question No: 4112 / 2010

Murad Qureshi

How many more tube strikes will Londoners have to endure before your apparent policy of Laissez-faire becomes untenable?

Transport Upgrade

Question No: 4113 / 2010

Murad Qureshi

During your visit to Zurich, you gave an interview stating that one of the reasons England's bid should succeed was based upon the "significant upgrade to the transport network" between now and 2018. Can you clarify what these significant upgrades comprise of and in light of the unsuccessful bid, will you honour your commitment to Londoner's to complete all of these projects?

London Underground

Question No: 4114 / 2010

Valerie Shawcross

A constituent makes the following points and questions:

London Underground are now asking for excessive information from all workers of contractors that exceed all reasonable requirement and exceed that requested by all other London and Government departments including the ministry of defence.

London Underground Now ask for the following; If you are British but have not got a passport or a picture ID Driving Licence you can not undertake the safety test to work on London underground. They will not accept company ID Cards or Construction Skills Photographic ID Cards or indeed any other form if ID. You also have to provide proof of residence and again they will only accept limited items for this. This can only lead to excessive costs for Contractors, which will in turn be passed on to Transport for London, and also in turn, us the rate-payers. There is also a long drawn out process to get staff certificated to work on London Transport Contract that also adds to the costs of the contract in the long term.

There must be an easy way that reduces the red tape but still maintain security and safety?

Tax Relief

Question No: 4115 / 2010

Len Duvall

Is there a distinction to be made between the tax relief that results from a pension payment being deducted from somebody's 'top line' pay and corporate tax avoidance that allows companies to bring income and profit onshore while minimising the UK tax, and could the effects of cuts to public services in London be mitigated if we made this distinction in law?

Tax Loopholes

Question No: 4116 / 2010

Len Duvall

Should the loopholes that lead to corporate tax avoidance measures - that allow companies to bring income and profit onshore (satisfying HMRC requirements) while minimising the UK tax paid - be closed to increase Treasury revenue and reduce cuts to public services in London?

Tax Loopholes 2

Question No: 4117 / 2010

Len Duvall

Should the loopholes that allow corporate tax avoidance to persist be closed, thereby ending the debate on whether corporate avoidance of tax is immoral and, if so, what would be the effect on London's economy?

Tax Evaders

Question No: 4118 / 2010

Len Duvall

At November 2010 Mayor's Question Time you told me "I will join you in calling for tax evaders to be prosecuted". Will you undertake to write to the Chancellor, George Osborne, reminding him that, by HMRC figures alone (National Fraud Indicator 2010), tax evasion costs the Treasury ten times more (£10.7 billion p.a) than benefit theft and urging him to invest equal resources in recouping benefit theft and evaded tax and securing convictions for those who do so?

Royal Parks

Question No: 4119 / 2010

Len Duvall

What proposals have the Department for Culture, Media, and Sport made in transferring the Royal Parks to the GLA in relation to the accumulated works maintenance for that estate, estimated at £56 million in the 2009/10 RPA Report and Accounts?

Royal Parks Costs

Question No: 4120 / 2010

Len Duvall

What estimate has been made of the costs, including pension liability, of the Royal Parks Agency Staff transferring to the GLA after 2012 and what proposals have been made to meet these costs?

Royal Parks Agency

Question No: 4121 / 2010

Len Duvall

What discussions have you had with DCMS about protecting the experience built up by the Royal Parks Agency over the years?

Royal Parks Management

Question No: 4122 / 2010

Len Duvall

Should you assume control over the management of the Royal Parks under the new devolution agreement, do you envisage fewer people working for them than currently employed and, if so, what is the expected reduction in head count?

Royal Parks - Grants and Income

Question No: 4123 / 2010

Len Duvall

If and when the Royal Parks Agency is devolved, will you ring-fence both their Parliamentary grant and self-generated income for work specifically related to the operation of he parks?

Skills and Employability Promotion

Question No: 4124 / 2010

Len Duvall

Now that your devolution settlement has been announced, what powers and funding will you have over skills and employability promotion in London going forward?

Rebate

Question No: 4125 / 2010

Len Duvall

What is the total rebate offered to the GLA by the coalition government in exchange for a freeze in the GLA precept?

Economic Regeneration

Question No: 4126 / 2010

Len Duvall

In an Evening Standard article entitled "Boris Johnson gets more power... and new watchdog to rein him in" on 1 December, it stated that "Mr Johnson will have more say over...economic regeneration". Is this correct and, if so, in what way will you have more say over economic development in London?

Apprenticeships

Question No: 4127 / 2010

Len Duvall

In a recent GLA press release entitled 'You're hired! Mayor in drive to create over 20,000 Apprenticeships in London' it states that you have written to "100 of the capital's top companies urging them to help Londoners into work and boost the economy by creating more than 20,000 new apprenticeships" followed by the declaration that "employers creating opportunities will have up to 100 per cent of the costs of their apprentice's training paid for by the government". Other than being an apprenticeships ambassador for the government, what powers or funding do you, as Mayor, have to encourage the private sector to create more apprenticeships in London?

Apprenticeships 2

Question No: 4128 / 2010

Len Duvall

In a recent GLA press release entitled 'You're hired! Mayor in drive to create over 20,000 Apprenticeships in London' it states that you are "already leading by example having created over 1,000 apprenticeship opportunities". Please provide me with a complete list of these apprenticeships, including the nature of each apprenticeship, the qualification each apprenticeship leads to, the length of time they run for, how many of them have been filled, how many have been completed, and the overall drop-out rate.

Apprenticeships 3

Ouestion No: 4129 / 2010

Len Duvall

In a recent GLA press release entitled 'You're hired! Mayor in drive to create over 20,000 Apprenticeships in London' it states that your "target is to establish 3,000 [apprenticeships] by 2012". Please inform me of your plans to achieve this target, including what new apprenticeships have been identified, in which areas of the GLA, and how they will be funded.

LDA3 Programmes 1

Question No: 4130 / 2010

Len Duvall

Excluding Olympic spending, please provide me with a list of a programmes currently being funded by the LDA to which it does not have a contractual obligation and the date on which the LDA intends to cease funding to these programmes.

LDA Programmes 2

Question No: 4131 / 2010

Len Duvall

Excluding Olympic spending, please provide me with a full list of all ongoing LDA programmes to which the LDA has a contractual obligation and date on which each of these contracts ends.

LDA Budget Settlement

Question No: 4132 / 2010

Len Duvall

Please provide me with details of your current projection (prior to the final settlement) of the likely 2010/2011 and 2011/2012 LDA budget settlement.

Job Losses

Question No: 4133 / 2010

Len Duvall

Please provide me with details of your current projection (prior to the final settlement) of the likely total job losses 2010/2011 and 2011/2012 arising from the LDA budget settlement.

Jobs Funded by the LDA

Question No: 4134 / 2010

Len Duvall

How many jobs are currently directly funded by the London Development Agency both internally and through organisations such as Visit London, Study London etc.

LDA Job Creation

Question No: 4135 / 2010

Len Duvall

Are there any official figures on how many jobs the LDA has helped create through its programmes since you became Mayor and, if so, can you provide me with those figures?

Green Space

Question No: 4136 / 2010

Nicky Gavron

What impact does the Mayor expect the removal of Green Grid funding from 2011/12 to have on the implementation of his Draft Replacement London Plan environment and planning policies, specifically Policy 2.18 and those actions outlined in Table 8.2 relating to the Green Grid?

Green Space 2

Question No: 4137 / 2010

Nicky Gavron

Is it (a) possible and (b) likely that funding for the Green Grid programme will be found from sources other than those already investigated?

Green Space 3

Question No: 4138 / 2010

Nicky Gavron

If funding for the Green Grid programme is not forthcoming, what amendments will the Mayor bring forward to the London Plan to ensure his policies are implementable?

Camden High Street and Euston Road Funding

Question No: 4139 / 2010

Nicky Gavron

When will Transport for London's funding agreement with the London Borough of Camden for Camden High Street and the Euston Road be announced?

Camden High Street and Euston Road Funding (2)

Question No: 4140 / 2010

Nicky Gavron

Is the Mayor aware of the inconvenience caused to the London Borough of Camden by the overdue announcement of Transport for London's funding agreement for Camden High Street and the Euston Road?

Barnet Children Centres

Question No: 4141 / 2010

Nicky Gavron

Will the Mayor use his powers of influence and campaign against the proposed closure of valuable Sure Start Children Centres in Barnet?

2012 London Olympics

Question No: 4142 / 2010

Nicky Gavron

When will an announcement be made on the future of Visit London?

2012 London Olympics (2)

Question No: 4143 / 2010

Nicky Gavron

What will be the impact of no new tourism programmes on London's ability to (a) adequately plan for the substantial increase in tourists visiting London during the Olympic Games, (b) attract the maximum number of tourists to the capital for the Games and to (c) deliver maximum economic return from the Games.

2012 London Olympics 2

Question No: 4144 / 2010

Nicky Gavron

What alternative service options has the Mayor explored to help tourists visiting London for the Olympic Games should Visit London be abolished?

2012 London Olympics 3

Question No: 4145 / 2010

Nicky Gavron

What representations has the Mayor made to the Government regarding compensation to the London Borough of Camden for its contribution to the cost of the Olympic Games despite not hosting any events?

2012 London Olympics 4

Question No: 4146 / 2010

Nicky Gavron

Does the Mayor agree with NHS London's 2012 programme director Ms Hilary Ross that potential alcohol and fast food sponsorship of the Olympic Games represents a public health "challenge"? If so, what action has the Mayor taken to ensure the Game's health legacy is not undermined?

Localism Bill

Question No: 4147 / 2010

Nicky Gavron

Would the Localism Bill impact on the Mayor's ability to set housing targets?

Localism Bill 2

Question No: 4148 / 2010

Nicky Gavron

How would the Localism Bill impact on the Devolved Delivery Agreement policy?

Housing

Question No: 4149 / 2010

Nicky Gavron

Does the Mayor agree that increasing the threshold at which a development site is referred to the Mayor's office for approval (now to be at 400 dwellings) will undermine efforts to ensure more social housing, particularly three and four bed family housing, is delivered by boroughs?

Industrial Relations

Question No: 4150 / 2010

Nicky Gavron

How does the Mayor feel industrial relations have improved since he took office?

Industrial Relations 2

Question No: 4151 / 2010

Nicky Gavron

Does the Mayor agree with the Chair of the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority that "we have to break the FBU" (Hampstead and Highgate Express, 25 November 2010)?

London Underground

Question No: 4152 / 2010

Nicky Gavron

Since stating "London transport is a mess. How come you pay more every year yet things just seem to get worse? Rush hour should be re-named crush hour" (campaign literature, March 2008), can the Mayor say how the situation improved?

London Underground 2

Question No: 4153 / 2010

Nicky Gavron

Does the Mayor regret promising Londoners a no strike agreement on the London Underground?

London Underground 3

Question No: 4154 / 2010

Nicky Gavron

How does the Mayor propose his office will seek to improve industrial relations with the unions of the London Underground?

Immigration

Question No: 4155 / 2010

Nicky Gavron

Does the Mayor expect the reforms to immigration to impact on London's international business community and affect its economic performance?

Immigration 2

Question No: 4156 / 2010

Nicky Gavron

Does the Mayor acknowledge that the reduced availability of Tier 1 visas and the closing of the Tier 1 general route will mean that a significant number of established foreign employees, looking to remain in London, will be forced to leave with the result that the skills base of the capital will be reduced and many businesses destabilised?

Immigration 3

Question No: 4157 / 2010

Nicky Gavron

Has there been an assessment of the impacts to business in London of closing the Tier 1 general route on foreign employees looking to extend their visa and if so what are the results of this assessment?

Immigration 4

Question No: 4158 / 2010

Nicky Gavron

The post-study work visa will be cut, deterring foreign students from studying in the capital. Has an assessment been made of the impact of this on London's higher education sector and its economy?

Policing

Question No: 4159 / 2010

Nicky Gavron

Does the Mayor regret the manner in which the Metropolitan Police managed the two major student protests?

Policing 2

Question No: 4160 / 2010

Nicky Gavron

Does the Mayor accept that the manner in which the most recent student protest (24 November) was policed prevented participants from expressing their right of political protest and their right of free movement?

Examination in Public

Question No: 4161 / 2010

Nicky Gavron

Will the Mayor reverse the decision of the Examination in Public secretariat and ask that the impact of the Government's spending programme on his Draft Replacement London Plan policies is discussed?

Horniman and Geffrye Museums

Question No: 4162 / 2010

John Biggs

What actions are you taking in the light of the Government announcement to cease funding these two museums?

The HMS Ark Royal

Ouestion No: 4163 / 2010

John Biggs

There is of course a decommissioned aircraft carrier on the Hudson River in New York. Do you support the idea of bringing the Ark Royal, once decommissioned, to London for use as a visitor attraction and do you or your officers have views about how such an exhibit, and the large display space within and upon it, might work?

20mph zones

Question No: 4164 / 2010

John Biggs

Would you support, or facilitate, the introduction of a 20mph zone on the Isle of Dogs?

MOLAS

Question No: 4165 / 2010

John Biggs

Why is the Museum of London Archaelogical Service being 'outsourced'? What will be the form and accountability of the service under the new arrangement? Will not the consequence of this be a greater job insecurity for its highly specialist staff?

Electric Vehicles and Air Quality

Question No: 4166 / 2010

Murad Qureshi

You've repeatedly said you want to make London the electric car capital of the world and have held this programme up as some sort of panacea to solve London's air quality problems, and yet you have reduced your contribution by two thirds - down from £20m to just £7million. You were only putting in a third of the funding in the first place. Where's the other £53 million coming from?

Electric Vehicles and Air Quality (2)

Question No: 4167 / 2010

Murad Qureshi

If you've scaled back your funding on this by two thirds, presumably you have another way of getting our air quality within EU limits. If you've now gone off the idea of electric vehicles to improve air quality - what's your plan B?

World Cup Draw

Question No: 4168 / 2010

Murad Qureshi

Was there any point in you going to Zurich for the FIFA World Cup draw on the 2nd of December?

STANDARDS

Question No: 4169 / 2010

John Biggs

Do you think it is acceptable for the Chair of LFEPA to publically call the FBU officials thick and the Labour Group Lead "a joke"? If you do, then you are out of step with the comments I have received in my postbag.

Olympic Non-accredited Media Centre

Question No: 4170 / 2010

John Biggs

Is the Olympic Non-accredited Media Centre a priority or not?

Rape Crisis Centres

Question No: 4171 / 2010

Jennette Arnold

Whilst welcoming the opening of the East London Rape Crisis Centre in Redbridge, along with the Nia centre in Hackney, does the Mayor regret not fulfilling his promise to fund 4 centres in his first year, and does he acknowledge the resulting loss of service to so many Londoners in need?

Sponsorship of Cycle Scheme

Question No: 4172 / 2010

Valerie Shawcross

Can you tell me what other sponsorship offers were made for your cycle hire scheme? How much were the offers for, both in cash and in-kind contributions, and why was the Barclays' offer accepted? Were any rival bids worth more?

Clean Air Zone

Question No: 4173 / 2010

Mike Tuffrey

In answer to MQ 3478/2010 you stated that "TfL will also work with boroughs to assess the feasibility and cost effectiveness of a central London Low Emission Zone in the Congestion Charging zone". Further to this,

- a) which boroughs do you expect to consult about the zone,
- b) what is the timetable and process by which you expect to consult about the zone,
- c) what area of inner London would a Clean Air Zone cover and if not the area covered by the western extension of the congestion charging zone, why not?

A Clean Air Zone around Heathrow

Question No: 4174 / 2010

Mike Tuffrey

What consideration have you given to setting up a Clean Air Zone around Heathrow?

Removal of the WEZ - mitigation

Question No: 4175 / 2010

Mike Tuffrey

What specific measures are committed and fully funded to mitigate the impact on harmful concentrations of air pollutants in the 2011 calendar year expected to arise from the removal of the western extension of the congestion charging zone?

Removal of the WEZ - impact

Question No: 4176 / 2010

Mike Tuffrey

What analysis has been undertaken by TfL, and/or others, of the cumulative impact of measures to mitigate the impact on harmful concentrations of air pollutants in the 2011 calendar year particularly arising from the removal of the western extension of the congestion charging zone and where is it available for public view?

Air quality limit values

Question No: 4177 / 2010

Mike Tuffrey

Do you agree that: the PM10 daily limit value has been breached in London in 2010; the NO2 hourly limit value has been breached in London in 2010; the NO2 annual mean limit value will certainly be breached in London in 2010; the NO2 annual mean limit value plus maximum margin of tolerance may be breached in London in 2010?

Cycle Hire Scheme

Question No: 4178 / 2010

Caroline Pidgeon

How many casual users have used the Barclays Cycle Hire scheme, for each day, since 3rd December?

Parliament Square

Question No: 4180 / 2010

Brian Coleman

Will the Mayor work with other authorities to ensure that all encampments on Parliament Square are cleared in time for the Royal wedding on 29th April?

Recycling

Question No: 4181 / 2010

James Cleverly

Whilst London as a whole saw its recycling rate increase to its highest ever level of 31.8% in 2009/10, with three boroughs – Bexley, Harrow and Kingston – already exceeding the 45% target, is the Mayor concerned that some boroughs, such as Greenwich and Lewisham, saw significant reductions in their recycling rates? Will the Mayor encourage all London boroughs to continue the momentum towards increasing recycling and reducing the amount of waste sent to landfill?

Pollution Hotspots

Question No: 4182 / 2010

James Cleverly

What is the timescale for the Mayor's trial of dust suppressants on pollution hotspots at Marylebone Road, Euston Road, Victoria Embankment and Upper Thames Street, what are the expected air quality benefits, and what plans are there to roll this out to other high pollution areas? Whilst others merely talk hot air, what other innovative and practical solutions is the Mayor considering to improve London's air quality?

New Routemaster

Question No: 4183 / 2010

James Cleverly

What are the environmental credentials of the new Routemaster bus, especially regarding emissions of carbon dioxide, particulates and nitrogen oxides, and how do these compare to the bendy bus and the standard double decker bus? Will the impact of the new bus be factored into the Mayor's forthcoming air quality strategy?

Severe Weather

Question No: 4184 / 2010

James Cleverly

With commuters from South East London being so heavily reliant on overground rail and buses, what processes are in place for liaison between TfL, the Train Operating Companies and the London Boroughs to ensure that a good service is maintained on the trains and buses during bouts of severe weather?

Thames Tideway Tunnel

Question No: 4186 / 2010

James Cleverly

What can TfL do to ensure minimal disruption occurs to London's roads during the construction period for the tunnels and will TfL be working with boroughs to make sure traffic continues to flow as efficiently as possible?

Thames Tunnel & London LEP

Question No: 4187 / 2010

James Cleverly

Will the proposed new London LEP have scope to work with Thames Water on local employment, apprenticeships and using the local supply chain where possible all along the route of the tunnel?

Olympic Stadium (2)

Question No: 4189 / 2010

Andrew Boff

Can you confirm how much money will be available from the Olympic budget for the legacy users of the Olympic stadium to adapt the venue to their needs after the Games?

Olympic Transformation Budget

Ouestion No: 4190 / 2010

Andrew Boff

Please provide a breakdown of how the £350m transformation budget will be used, including the amount allocated to convert each Olympic venue?

Cultural Olympiad

Question No: 4191 / 2010

Andrew Boff

Can you provide an update of the progress made in developing a programme for the Cultural Olympiad and for the 12 week cultural festival in 2012?

CompeteFor

Question No: 4192 / 2010

Andrew Boff

With the RDAs being abolished, what is the future of CompeteFor?

2012 Visitor Attraction

Question No: 4193 / 2010

Andrew Boff

When will the LDA's £3.1m contribution towards the 'Orbit' Landmark be made? Will it be affected by the closure of the LDA?

Single Telephone Number (1)

Question No: 4196 / 2010

Tony Arbour

In the light of budget pressures, will your Single Telephone Number project be continued?

Single Telephone Number (2)

Question No: 4197 / 2010

Tony Arbour

Has the LDA's contribution of £1.5m and the other GLA-group contributions towards this pilot scheme already been made?

Academies (1)

Question No: 4198 / 2010

Tony Arbour

How will the winding up of the LDA impact upon the two existing Mayoral academies? What will be the financial implications for these two Mayoral academies?

Academies (2)

Question No: 4199 / 2010

Tony Arbour

Will work continue to open further Mayoral academies?

Events

Question No: 4200 / 2010

Tony Arbour

With the LDA being folded into the GLA, how will the Events for London budget be affected? Which events will no longer receive GLA-group funding?

Promote London Council

Question No: 4201 / 2010

Tony Arbour

In response to Question 2391/2010, you state that the work of Think London, Visit London and Study London will be combined into one new agency. In the light of the financial savings which need to be made, can you confirm whether plans for this new agency are still going ahead? Do you still intend to use the new agency to reduce the duplication in the work of Think London and the GLA's/LDA's international representatives?

Film London

Question No: 4202 / 2010

Tony Arbour

Have you considered integrating Film London into the new international promotion agency that will combine Think London, Visit London and Study London? How much funding has the GLA and LDA provided to Film London over each of the last 3 years?

Taxi Journeys (1)

Question No: 4203 / 2010

Tony Arbour

Please detail the number of 'All London' licensed taxi drivers in each of the last 4 years?

Taxi Journeys (2)

Question No: 4204 / 2010

Tony Arbour

In response to Question 3835/2010, you indicate that the number of drivers licensed to ply for hire in Hounslow, Kingston and Richmond has increased over the last 4 years. Does the Public Carriage Office provide a licence to each applicant who meets the requirements, or does the number of licences it grants reflect the demand for taxi journeys from the public?

Resolution Advisory Panel support

Question No: 4206 / 2010

Tony Arbour

What are your thoughts on the independent Chairman of the Resolution Advisory Panel supporting LFEPA's view that there is a case for contractual change?

Thames Tideway Tunnel (2)

Question No: 4208 / 2010

Tony Arbour

Considering Thames Water's insistence that they can remove the spoil by river, can a planning condition to ensure they do be included in the planning application(s)?

Thames Tideway Tunnel (3)

Question No: 4209 / 2010

Tony Arbour

Has an appropriate cost benefit exercise been carried out to ensure that Barn Elms is the best site in the area and will the GLA be checking Thames Water's calculations to ensure that this is the case?

Olympic Route Network (1)

Question No: 4210 / 2010

Richard Tracey

Which traffic signals does the ODA intend to retime for the Olympic Route Network, which side roads will be closed off and which pedestrian crossings will be suspended?

Olympic Route Network (2)

Question No: 4211 / 2010

Richard Tracey

In response to Question 3053/2010, you stated that the cost of Olympic lanes would be published in the November Quarterly Report of the Olympic programme. Since it was not mentioned in the November Quarterly Report, please can you clarify what is the cost of implementing, publicising, enforcing and removing the Olympic lanes?

Tube Station Jobs

Question No: 4213 / 2010

Richard Tracey

Is it necessary to have both Station Supervisors (paid £930 a week) and Duty Station Managers (paid £1400 a week) in all tube stations? Could the two roles not be fused into one job?

Tunnelling Academy

Question No: 4214 / 2010

Richard Tracey

Will the Mayor update the Assembly on the progress of the Tunnelling Academy?

Northern Line closures (1)

Question No: 4215 / 2010

Richard Tracey

Will the Mayor reassure Londoners that the proposed three week closures of the Northern Line will only go ahead if it significantly reduces the overall level of closures, whilst bringing forward completion of the Northern Line upgrades?

Northern Line closures (2)

Question No: 4216 / 2010

Richard Tracev

If the proposed three week closures of the Northern Line go ahead, what measures will TfL take to ameliorate the effect on businesses?

Snow (2)

Question No: 4218 / 2010

Richard Tracey

What steps did Transport for London and the rest of the GLA group take to prepare for the cold weather?

Thameslink London Bridge Upgrade (1)

Question No: 4219 / 2010

Richard Tracey

Can the Mayor update the Assembly on the impact of the re-organisation work at London Bridge station on the completion of Thameslink?

Thameslink London Bridge Upgrade (2)

Question No: 4220 / 2010

Richard Tracey

Given that plans to upgrade London Bridge have been in place for some time, why will the plans cause a two year delay to the ThamesLink upgrade and what steps could have been taken by the previous Government to avoid this delay?

GLA Environment Budget (1)

Question No: 4221 / 2010

Victoria Borwick

Please provide a list of the programmes that have been directly funded by the GLA's Environment Team over the last three years, and the level of funding provided?

GLA Environment Budget (2)

Question No: 4222 / 2010

Victoria Borwick

How much does the GLA's Environment Team need to save from its budget over the coming years?

ZSL London Zoo School Visits

Question No: 4223 / 2010

Victoria Borwick

Since we understand that the GLA will not be extending its funding arrangement with London Zoo, what action is the GLA taking to support the zoo in continuing the School Visits scheme without public subsidy?

London Local Authorities and TfL (No. 2) Bill

Question No: 4224 / 2010

Victoria Borwick

When does the Mayor expect the London Local Authorities and Transport for London (No. 2) Bill to become law?

Rickshaws (1)

Question No: 4225 / 2010

Victoria Borwick

When the London Local Authorities and Transport for London (No. 2) Bill becomes law, how will TfL use the powers it will grant to regulate rickshaws?

Rickshaws (2)

Question No: 4226 / 2010

Victoria Borwick

What discussions has TfL had with London Boroughs about using the powers granted by the London Local Authorities and Transport for London (No. 2) Bill to enforce the regulation of rickshaws?

Greenhill Way

Question No: 4227 / 2010

Victoria Borwick

Does the Mayor agree with me that when two-way working of buses is restored to Harrow town centre next year, at least one route should continue to serve Greenhill Way?

114 and 183 buses

Question No: 4228 / 2010

Victoria Borwick

Does the Mayor agree with me that when two-way working of buses is restored to Harrow town centre next year, the 114 & 183 bus routes should serve the two-way stretch of Station Road and then serve the whole length of Sheepcote Road?

Housing benefit (1)

Question No: 4229 / 2010

Victoria Borwick

How will the proposal to halt housing benefit payment for homes of five bedrooms or more affect the Mayor's intention to build larger family homes? Is the Mayor concerned that there will be no incentive for developers to build affordable homes with five bedrooms or more?

Housing benefit (2)

Question No: 4230 / 2010

Victoria Borwick

The Mayor proposed an exemption to the cap on housing benefit for families with children of school age, working families and people receiving or providing care locally. Would the additional payments of housing benefit over the level of the cap be paid for by on-going central government funding streams or for Discretionary Housing Payments money that local authorities receive?

Ward's Corner building

Question No: 4231 / 2010

Victoria Borwick

What is Transport for London's plan for Ward's Corner building in South Tottenham, following the High Court victory by the Ward's Corner Coalition (WCC) over Haringey Council and Grainger?

Western extension C-charge

Question No: 4232 / 2010

Victoria Borwick

Following the termination of the Western extension part of the congestion charge zone, what is to be done with the camera and equipment in that zone?

Covering Police Costs

Question No: 4233 / 2010

Steve O'Connell

The Police reform and social responsibility bill intends to allow councils to charge for late night alcohol licences to cover extra policing costs; would Boris consider supporting any other similar initiatives that encourage those, involved in using police time, to cover policing costs?

Alcohol licences

Question No: 4234 / 2010

Steve O'Connell

Do you support the initiative in The Police Reform and Social Responsibility bill to give councils more control over local public disorder?

Alcohol licenses (2)

Question No: 4235 / 2010

Steve O'Connell

As alcohol-related crime continues to be a huge problem in London (with an estimated total national cost to the taxpayer of between £8bn and £13bn), should we be concerned that latenight eateries, without alcohol-selling licences, but which target post-drinking crowds and are often hot-spots for violence, are being excluded from the Home Office's late night levy proposal?

Alcohol license fee distribution

Question No: 4236 / 2010

Steve O'Connell

Do you believe that the distribution ratio - splitting the alcohol license fee 70:30 between the police and the council - reasonably covers the costs and effort incurred by both?

Funding for social housing

Question No: 4237 / 2010

Steve O'Connell

How much funding for the development of new social housing has London been allocated for the next four years?

Housing waiting list

Question No: 4238 / 2010

Steve O'Connell

Does the Mayor share my concern that in London over the last ten years the number of households waiting for an affordable home increased by 155,958? What can we do to reduce this number and ensure more people can find a permanent home?

Wallington town centre

Question No: 4239 / 2010

Steve O'Connell

Considering the controversy surrounding the recent LIP funded town centre development in Sutton, will TfL ensure that the \pounds 1.3m funding planned for Wallington town centre be more objective and practical than wooden animal sculptures?

Godstone Road crossing

Question No: 4240 / 2010

Steve O'Connell

There have been a number of recent commitments to building a crossing on Godstone Road, although work is yet to start. Will you commit TfL to starting the work as it will be of particular benefit to Riddlesdown and Roke school children?

Tramlink in the snow

Question No: 4241 / 2010

Steve O'Connell

Can the Mayor confirm if the entire tram system centred around Croydon continue to work fully during the recent snowy weather?

Old Lodge Lane and Brighton Road traffic lights

Ouestion No: 4243 / 2010

Steve O'Connell

TfL have reconfigured the traffic lights at the junction between Old Lodge Lane and Brighton Road so that the lights at Old Lodge Lane have at best 10 seconds on green and those on Brighton Road 90-120 seconds. This is causing long traffic jams on Old Lodge Lane. Will the Mayor instruct TfL to revisit this junction and install a more equitable solution?

Fire safety

Question No: 4244 / 2010

Gareth Bacon

Will the Mayor congratulate the Lfepa Chair, who has, in the face of fierce personal attack, harassment and bullying, robustly supported both the CapitalGuard arrangements to keep Londoners safe and firefighters who wished to continue working?

Bicycle Hire Scheme

Question No: 4245 / 2010

Gareth Bacon

Did TFL consider a cash plus infrastructure option from EDF for the mayor's bike hire scheme? If so, why did they opt instead for a cash sponsor rather than the option offered by EDF?

Upminster Railway Depot (1)

Question No: 4247 / 2010

Roger Evans

Will the Mayor ensure that there is a full consultation with residents before the Upminster Depot upgrade takes place?

Upminster Railway Depot (2)

Question No: 4248 / 2010

Roger Evans

What measures will TfL take to ensure that affected properties are adequately screened if vegetation and trees are cleared from Upminster Rail Depot?

Weekend use of Cycle Hire

Question No: 4249 / 2010

Murad Qureshi

How does the cycle hire use compare during the weekend and weekdays?

Making TFL accountable

Question No: 4250 / 2010

Murad Qureshi

With the new Localism bill making Transport for London operate more like a local authority, is it not time to include Assembly Members on the Board of TfL?

European Investment Bank ELENA bid (1)

Question No: 4251 / 2010

Gareth Bacon

Mayoral Decision 678 states that in order to bid for 6.432 million Euros from the ELENA fund, the GLA has to pay 643,200 Euros (10%) to ELENA if successful and then invoice back for the full grant. ELENA will then pay 90% of the 6.432 million Euros. Does this mean that the GLA would pay 10% and forego another 10% from the invoice?

European Investment Bank ELENA bid (2)

Question No: 4252 / 2010

Gareth Bacon

How much will the ELENA bid cost the GLA if unsuccessful

Authorising Torture

Question No: 4253 / 2010

Richard Barnbrook

In light of your article in the Daily Telegraph on Monday 15 November, would you call for the Metropolitan Police to arrest George Bush Junior on Human Rights abuses should he come to London in the near future?

London Homes

Question No: 4254 / 2010

Richard Barnbrook

Has work been halted because of funding issues on any construction sites engaged in building affordable homes under your "affordable homes" target?

Immigration cap

Question No: 4255 / 2010

Richard Barnbrook

Is your message about not capping immigration because of Britain's competitive edge at odds with trying to get unemployed Londoners back into work?

Immigration Cap (2)

Question No: 4256 / 2010

Richard Barnbrook

Rather than bringing people in from abroad to fill job vacancies, would it not be in London's interest to train our own people to highly skilled levels to address any skills shortage?

Immigration Cap (3)

Question No: 4257 / 2010

Richard Barnbrook

In light of the unemployment level in the UK over the last 20 years, what do you think is the principal reason we still have a skills shortage?

Immigration Cap (4)

Ouestion No: 4258 / 2010

Richard Barnbrook

Your stated reason for not wanting to cap immigration is a shortage of skills in London! Are any of your London Taxpayer funded employment initiatives addressing this issue?

MPA Civil Liberties - Responding to G20 Report

Question No: 4259 / 2010

Richard Barnbrook

Have you read this report and do you concur with its recommendations?

RE:NEW (formerly HEEP)

Question No: 4260 / 2010

Richard Barnbrook

With a retrofit target of 1.2 million homes by 2015, how many homes have been "retrofitted" to date?

RE:CONNECT (Low Carbon Zones)

Question No: 4261 / 2010

Richard Barnbrook

With just over a year to go before the first ten low carbon zones are rolled out, can you advise where in London these zones are to apply?

Achieving the Vision

Question No: 4262 / 2010

Richard Barnbrook

You state on pages 21 & 22 "This strategy focuses on the Mayor's contribution to the transition to a Low Carbon Capital, through his directly funded programmes". Do you think this statement could be misleading London Taxpayers into thinking the Mayor himself is funding these programmes out of his own pocket?

Energy Bills

Question No: 4263 / 2010

Richard Barnbrook

Londoners suffered record energy costs last winter due to it being one of the coldest in the last 30 years. This winter has started much earlier with large snowfalls already recorded. Energy companies have hiked their prices for the coming winter months, can you understand why a shivering, sceptical London public, suffering huge and for many unaffordable energy costs don't believe in the unproven theory that the ruling political class are adamant is happening, namely global warming?

Energy Bills (2)

Question No: 4264 / 2010

Richard Barnbrook

The 2009 climate change act imposed huge extra energy costs on consumers, energy companies have announced a further 7% increase in costs from December 2010. You are spending \pounds millions more London taxpayers money on the unproven theory that is "man made climate change".

With some elderly dying through cold in London due to unaffordable energy costs, do you feel complicit in this scandalous misery imposed on vulnerable Londoners?

Olympic Board

Question No: 4266 / 2010

Andrew Boff

Will the Mayor comment on the current membership of the Olympic Board?