

26 January 2011

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 31 January 2011

Threat of Tube Strike on the Royal Wedding day

Question No: 61 / 2011

[Richard Tracey](#)

Given that ASLEF agreed with London Underground to work on bank holidays, will you join me in condemning ASLEF's threatened strike action and all the disruption it would cause Londoners and visitors alike on the day of the Royal Wedding (29 April)?

Cycle funding

Question No: 24 / 2011

[Jenny Jones](#)

Will you correct the official record regarding the Transport for London press releases of 16th June 2008 and 28th May 2009 relating to investment in cycle funding?

High pay

Question No: 198 / 2011

[Len Duvall](#)

Are you comfortable with levels of pay in your administration?

The lot of rail commuters

Question No: 151 / 2011

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Has the lot of rail commuters improved during your time as Mayor?

Police bonuses

Question No: 65 / 2011

[Tony Arbour](#)

Does the Mayor agree with me that it is quite wrong to offer bonus payments to police officers for performing tasks which one might reasonably expect them to perform as part of their duties? Can he confirm that the bonus sum paid out by the Met this year, reported in the press, was £28million and what he is doing to tackle this?

Bankers

Question No: 194 / 2011

[John Biggs](#)

How many banks have left London in the last year?

Eviction of Squatters

Question No: 60 / 2011

[Steve O'Connell](#)

It is estimated that there are 20,000 squatters in the country, the majority of whom are in London. Despite recent Government advice, law-abiding home owners still have no option but to go through complex and expensive legal proceedings to evict trespassers from their homes. Will the Mayor join with me in calling on the Government to grant the police greater powers to evict squatters without a court order?

Mayors Transport Strategy and TfL Business Plan

Question No: 201 / 2011

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

What is your main worry with regards to London's current and future Transport needs?

Rail Operating Companies

Question No: 63 / 2011

[Gareth Bacon](#)

Does the Mayor believe that the inability of the rail operating companies to cope with snow and poor weather during the last two months of 2010 means the time has come for London government to take a lead on commuter rail lines?

Homeless

Question No: 1 / 2011

[Richard Barnbrook](#)

According to CHAIN there was a 6% increase in people sleeping rough at some point on the streets of London last year. With this mind is your target to end rough sleeping in London by the end of 2012 achievable?

Rob Holden resignation

Question No: 59 / 2011

[Andrew Boff](#)

Does it concern the Mayor that the resignation of Rob Holden, one of the country's most widely respected engineers, as Crossrail chief executive, was brought about in part by the reportedly "hands-on" approach of Transport for London?

Housing

Question No: 191 / 2011

[Nicky Gavron](#)

How many affordable homes have been started in each year since you were elected?

BAA snow response

Question No: 62 / 2011

[Victoria Borwick](#)

What representations has the Mayor made to BAA in regard to their poor response to the heavy snow fall at Heathrow during December, resulting in misery to the travelling public and loss of revenues for business?

Strikes

Question No: 197 / 2011

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Has the number of Tube strikes gone up since you were elected?

Olympic rail travel

Question No: 64 / 2011

[James Cleverly](#)

Will the Mayor do all in his power to persuade London commuter rail firms to offer fare discounts to Olympic Games ticket holders?

10:10

Question No: 169 / 2011

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Did City Hall cut its emissions by 10% in 2010?

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

Increase in Congestion Charge

Question No: 199 / 2011

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Do you anticipate raising the congestion charge above £10?

Climate change funding

Question No: 50 / 2011

[Darren Johnson](#)

Will you state, for the public record, the amount you now expect to spend in your term of office on direct climate change programmes following delays and cuts?

Affordable housing

Question No: 153 / 2011

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Your housing manifesto pledged to “work with the boroughs to build 50,000 more affordable homes by 2011”. How many affordable homes will you have delivered by 31 March 2011?

Questions for Written Answer

Clearing the air

Question No: 2 / 2011

[Richard Barnbrook](#)

Your strategy will seek to stop black cabs of over 15 years of age and PHV's over 10 years of age. There appears to be no strategy on illegal cabs many of which are older vehicles. Whilst it is acknowledged that policing this activity is difficult, do you think the regulated taxi industry would welcome a crackdown on illegal minicabs and would such a crackdown also aid your cleaner air policy?

Weather patterns

Question No: 3 / 2011

[Richard Barnbrook](#)

Is there a reason why in this strategy you state London will experience colder, wetter winters whilst in your Climate change Mitigation and Energy Strategy the emphasis is on milder wetter winters, does this give Londoners the perception that you are making it up as you go along?

Climate change Mitigation and Energy Strategy (1)

Question No: 4 / 2011

[Richard Barnbrook](#)

In your various Climate Change Mitigation papers you state “the UK will experience progressively warmer and drier summers, wetter and milder winters” at what point will this be re-considered in light of the last two fairly unremarkable summers and freezing cold winters?

Climate change Mitigation and Energy Strategy (2)

Question No: 5 / 2011

[Richard Barnbrook](#)

If future winters follow this year and last year in being extremely cold for long periods will this distort your CO2 emission projections due to increased energy use in heating homes and places of work?

Climate change Mitigation and Energy Strategy (3)

Question No: 6 / 2011

[Richard Barnbrook](#)

You state in your strategy “emissions from the homes sector also increased due to the growing population of London” would it not aid your attempts to reduce CO2 emissions by actively campaigning against any further significant increase in London’s population?

Climate change Mitigation and Energy Strategy (4)

Question No: 7 / 2011

[Richard Barnbrook](#)

You state in your strategy “Although London’s relative contribution to global GHG’s is small, as a world city it has an important leadership role to play in reducing emissions etc.” Is that tantamount to telling the hard pressed London taxpayer that although our Herculean and financially painful efforts will have a miniscule impact on worldwide GHG’s, you don’t mind picking up a far bigger bill than is necessary, in order to caress the Mayor’s indulgence on Climate Change?

Climate change Mitigation and Energy Strategy (5)

Question No: 8 / 2011

[Richard Barnbrook](#)

Your strategy states “The Mayor is already putting unprecedented levels of funding into climate change programmes with over £100 million being invested over four years”. Do you think the London taxpayer should be burdened with such large amounts on an unproven theory when there are far more pressing problems in London requiring funding?

Climate change Mitigation and Energy Strategy (6)

Question No: 9 / 2011

[Richard Barnbrook](#)

Your strategy states that “Urban Development Funds will be managed by reputable external fund managers” do you have a shortlist of who the fund managers might be?

Climate change Mitigation and Energy Strategy (7)

Question No: 10 / 2011

[Richard Barnbrook](#)

Are you disappointed that the £30 million exhibition centre earmarked for the Green Enterprise District is not being financed by a London or indeed British company and once again demonstrates the demise of Britain's industrial capability?

Does the guaranteed price under the Feed in Tariff push up the cost of electricity to the London public?

Child Obesity

Question No: 11 / 2011

[Richard Barnbrook](#)

Would you agree that a further component in the cause of childhood obesity, which is highest in London, can be attributed to parents reluctance to let their children play out on their own for fear of their safety when out an about, thereby denying them additional exercise and all the benefits of being outdoors that parents and children in London took for granted say 30 years ago?

Illegal behaviour

Question No: 12 / 2011

[Richard Barnbrook](#)

You quite rightly advised under Mayoral Question 4118/2010 that tax evaders will feel the full force of the law. Why therefore, do you wish to offer an amnesty for illegal immigrants who are also breaking the law, will the London public see this as a case of double standards?

Health

Question No: 13 / 2011

[Richard Barnbrook](#)

According to Dr Alimuddin Zumla of the Department of Infection at University College London Medical School, Tuberculosis cases rose 40% in London last year with the increase mainly attributed (85%) to infected people coming here from overseas. Are you concerned at this alarming deterioration in the health of Londoners and is any action being taken to arrest the increase in this dangerous disease?

Youth Violence

Question No: 14 / 2011

[Richard Barnbrook](#)

Expenditure of up to £100,000 of London Taxpayers money is being spent on a series of "Community Conversation" events across London held in the Boroughs with the highest recorded incidences of serious youth violence. Can you advise which Boroughs will benefit from this activity?

Cycling on Albert Bridge

Question No: 15 / 2011

[Jenny Jones](#)

Following a survey of over 200 local residents, including parents who take their children to

school on foot or by bicycle, it is clear that they are very supportive of a rethink on the surface layout of Albert Bridge. Further to your answer to question 2777/2010, will you now join me in encouraging Kensington & Chelsea to implement a redesigned road layout of Albert Bridge that will encourage people to walk or cycle across it, in time for its reopening in August 2011?

Cycling awareness

Question No: 16 / 2011

[Jenny Jones](#)

A constituent is extremely concerned that transport decisions in his borough of Bromley are being made by councillors and planners who do not recognise or understand the needs of cyclists. Will you encourage local councillors and transport planners to complete cycle training and to take up invitations by local cycling groups to try certain stretches of road to ensure they are aware of the conditions faced by cyclists in London?

Cycling training (1)

Question No: 17 / 2011

[Jenny Jones](#)

Can you tell me the number of adults that have been trained to date in each of the boroughs along each of the Cycle Superhighways, as part of their complementary measures?

Cycling training (2)

Question No: 18 / 2011

[Jenny Jones](#)

How much funding was awarded to each borough for training to complement the Cycle Superhighways and how much remains to be spent?

Olympic park cycling target

Question No: 19 / 2011

[Jenny Jones](#)

Will you set a target of at least 5% of journeys being made to the Olympic Park by bike after the Games, as part of your taking responsibility for the legacy arrangements?

South Kentish Town Underground Station

Question No: 20 / 2011

[Jenny Jones](#)

A constituent asks, has any consideration been given to reopening the old South Kentish Town underground station in order to deal with the overcrowding in the Camden Town station? He suggests that with Camden Market expanding over the next few years and no sign of the Camden Town station being redeveloped, owners of the market could even be asked to part-fund the required works.

Public transport on the Azure payment card

Question No: 21 / 2011

[Jenny Jones](#)

What progress has TfL made on allowing use of the Azure card on buses and tube?

Arterial cycle routes

Question No: 22 / 2011

[Jenny Jones](#)

Will you investigate turning roads or other routes over to be exclusive arterial cycle routes along the city's west-east and north-south axes?

Helping the most vulnerable

Question No: 23 / 2011

[Jenny Jones](#)

What are you doing to help organisations working with the most marginalised communities in London as spending cuts from local authorities and London Councils shut down many innovative projects and services, leaving vulnerable people without support when they will need it most?

Sponsorship agreement

Question No: 25 / 2011

[Jenny Jones](#)

Did you grant Wonga any discounts or other benefits besides the advertising for the New Year's Eve free travel, such as for other advertising campaigns?

London's waterways

Question No: 26 / 2011

[Jenny Jones](#)

What have you done to progress the proposal that the Mayor of London takes over responsibility for London's waterways, which you greeted enthusiastically at the People's Question Time in Camden?

Accessibility of New Bus for London

Question No: 27 / 2011

[Jenny Jones](#)

Will you be changing the layout of the new bus for London as a result of feedback from wheelchair users about the difficulties of manoeuvring and will this mean less seating?

Legible London

Question No: 28 / 2011

[Jenny Jones](#)

Can you tell me (a) the total cost of the Legible London programme, (b) the amount funded by the GLA group and (c) the amount spent on the licenses for the map data?

London 2012 security staff

Question No: 29 / 2011

[Jenny Jones](#)

In your capacity on the Olympic Board, can you tell me what procedures will be in place for members of the public who wish to make a complaint about private security staff for the London 2012 Games?

Helping businesses during the London 2012 Games (1)

Question No: 30 / 2011

[Jenny Jones](#)

In your capacity on the Olympic Board, can you give me details of all restrictions on trading for businesses sited along the Olympic Route Network and around the perimeter of venues?

Helping businesses during the London 2012 Games (2)

Question No: 31 / 2011

[Jenny Jones](#)

Businesses sited nearby London 2012 venues and local train/DLR/tube stations are concerned that London 2012 security staff might discourage spectators from straying into local shops. Can you assure me that this won't be the case, and tell me how you will ensure that the staff and volunteers contribute to a healthy trading environment for local businesses during the Games?

Housing cuts

Question No: 32 / 2011

[Jenny Jones](#)

Do you stand by your comment made at a Big Society event at City Hall in July 2010 that it would be "insane" to cut funding for affordable housing?

London Councils homelessness grants

Question No: 33 / 2011

[Jenny Jones](#)

How will you work urgently with London Councils, the boroughs and the Government to ensure the money can be found to continue funding pan-London and sub-regional homelessness services beyond June, including those that are central to achieving your aim of ending rough sleeping by the end of 2012?

No second night out

Question No: 34 / 2011

[Jenny Jones](#)

What will you do if rough sleeping rises this year in the face of rising living costs and cuts to housing benefits and homelessness services?

Decent homes (1)

Question No: 35 / 2011

[Jenny Jones](#)

When can we expect your research on an enhanced Decent Homes standard to be published? You last promised it by autumn 2010.

Decent homes (2)

Question No: 36 / 2011

[Jenny Jones](#)

Southwark Council has downgraded their mildly enhanced Decent Homes programme to a more

basic standard, and are reportedly in talks with you about trading off affordable housing requirements for Decent Homes funding in order to meet that basic standard. Where does this leave your hopes of an enhanced Decent Homes standard that could improve energy and water efficiency and adapt homes to the challenges of summer overheating?

Empty homes

Question No: 37 / 2011

[Jenny Jones](#)

What explains the unusually sharp increase in the number of empty homes in 2010, according to Housing Strategy Statistical Appendix statistics, and what can you do to reverse this unwelcome trend?

Living wage and housing costs

Question No: 38 / 2011

[Jenny Jones](#)

Can you estimate the saving on the housing benefit bill if all Londoners identified as being paid less than the London Living Wage in your 2010 report 'Fairer London' were brought up to the London Living Wage?

Southeastern trains

Question No: 39 / 2011

[Darren Johnson](#)

Following previous questions about the poor service on Southeastern trains you have written to the Secretary of State and Southeastern and had TfL meet with the company, yet a constituent writes to tell me that the service remains very poor. What hope of real improvements can you offer jaded Londoners who still complain about overcrowding, absent or unhelpful staff, service cancellations and poor on-station communication with passengers?

International Year for People of African Descent

Question No: 40 / 2011

[Darren Johnson](#)

Following a UN resolution in December proclaiming 2011 the International Year for People of African Descent, can you tell me how you intend to support the resolution and what plans there are for Black History Month in light of the resolution?

Nuclear waste trains

Question No: 41 / 2011

[Darren Johnson](#)

In June 2010 (MQ 1774/2010) you stated that you would 'ask TfL to ascertain the factual position on nuclear trains during the games from Direct Rail Services', yet six months later (MQ 3595/2010) you state that you have still not contacted them. When will TfL meet Direct Rail Services?

Bomber Command Memorial in Green Park

Question No: 42 / 2011

[Darren Johnson](#)

Many believe that this 85m long and 6m high proposed memorial will result in an unacceptable loss of green space and cause considerable harm to the special character of Green Park. If the management of the Royal Parks is transferred to the GLA, will you review the decision to build this massive memorial in Green Park and recommend they find an alternative and more suitable location?

Heygate forest

Question No: 43 / 2011

[Darren Johnson](#)

As part of your RE:LEAF campaign, will you press the partners involved in the regeneration of the Heygate Estate to protect hundreds of mature trees currently flourishing on the site? In a part of London desperately lacking greenery, the 'Heygate forest' provides both a pleasant amenity, a habitat for other species, and a crucial asset in reducing air and noise pollution and overheating.

Street trees in the Borough area of Southwark

Question No: 44 / 2011

[Darren Johnson](#)

How many street trees have been planted in the south west corner of your Borough priority area, in the vicinity of the Heygate Estate?

Hotel rooms for the London 2012 Games

Question No: 45 / 2011

[Darren Johnson](#)

Can you state on the record whether you intervened in any way to influence the offer of hotel rooms for the London 2012 Games made to FIFA Executive Committee members?

Budget fairness test

Question No: 46 / 2011

[Darren Johnson](#)

Is your refusal to publish specific information on the impact of your budget proposals on households with different incomes an admission that your overall budget is regressive, in spite of your boasts about freezing your council tax precept?

High pay in Transport for London

Question No: 47 / 2011

[Darren Johnson](#)

Given the number of staff earning salaries above £150,000 in TfL will you use Transport for London's review of its operations and structure to reduce the number of very highly paid positions?

High pay in Crossrail

Question No: 48 / 2011

[Darren Johnson](#)

With the news that Rob Holden has resigned as CEO of Crossrail, will you ensure that his successor is appointed on a lower salary in line with your pledge that nobody in the GLA group should earn more than twenty times their lowest paid employee?

Lobbying for home insulation

Question No: 49 / 2011

[Darren Johnson](#)

Can you share with me the response you have had from each borough to your lobbying for their part of the funding for RE:NEW, your home energy and water efficiency programme?

Green Procurement Code

Question No: 51 / 2011

[Darren Johnson](#)

Can you tell me how many organisations achieved the bronze, silver and gold level of your Green Procurement Code in 2010; how many of those supplied the GLA group; and the value of those contracts?

Procurement costs

Question No: 52 / 2011

[Darren Johnson](#)

Can you tell me the total value of the GLA group's procurement in the calendar years 2009 and 2010?

External relations and publicity posts

Question No: 53 / 2011

[Darren Johnson](#)

Thank you for your answer to question 3997/2010 regarding posts providing press and media services. How many additional posts provide events, marketing, government and international relations, and public and community engagement services in each of the GLA Group organisations?

Funding of police by TfL

Question No: 54 / 2011

[Darren Johnson](#)

In your Budget Proposals for 2011/12 what assumption has been made about funding that will be provided by TfL to the Metropolitan Police, for example for transport policing, and traffic and road safety policing? If possible please give a breakdown of the overall figure.

Police overtime budget

Question No: 55 / 2011

[Darren Johnson](#)

Your consultation budget proposals (page 19) state that the police pay and overtime budget

(including discretionary pension) for 2011/12 will be £2,791.2m (£51m less than in 2010/11). What are the assumptions (for staffing and other factors) behind the figure for 2011/12?

Hybrid buses promise

Question No: 56 / 2011

[Darren Johnson](#)

Can you please provide a clear, unambiguous re-statement of your commitment that all new buses will be hybrids from 2012 onwards?

Academies

Question No: 57 / 2011

[Darren Johnson](#)

In your Budget Proposals for 2011/12 does any budget line include a budget for funding of academies? If so, which budget line is this and how much has been allowed for academies? How much of any such budget is committed expenditure and how much is uncommitted?

International promotion

Question No: 58 / 2011

[Darren Johnson](#)

In your Budget Proposals for 2011/12 the proposed LDA budget includes a figure of £7.4m for international promotion. Please can you give a breakdown of this figure? How much of the £7.4m is committed expenditure? Is the £7.4m separate and additional to the £14m for Promote London in the proposed GLA budget?

Pilot Schemes to develop 'The Way Forward'

Question No: 66 / 2011

[Andrew Boff](#)

Following the horrific case of the Crossbow Cannibal it is clear that more needs to be done to protect sex workers. Would the mayor support piloting the 'ugly mugs' scheme and/or labelling crimes against sex workers as hate crime (as has been successfully done by Merseyside police whereby the conviction rate for rape against sex workers has massively increased to 67% while the national average conviction rate for rape is just 6.5%) to make the life of a sex workers safer?

Police treatment of cycle deaths

Question No: 67 / 2011

[Andrew Boff](#)

'In light of the recent tragic death of Gary Mason in Sutton, should we be concerned by the recent statement from a leading barrister that "excuses of not seeing cyclists seem to be too readily accepted by the police and the CPS"?'

Shared ownership mortgages

Question No: 68 / 2011

[Andrew Boff](#)

Will the Mayor lobby the Treasury and the FSA to change the current regulations on capital adequacy that are making lenders unwilling to offer mortgages for shared ownership products,

which are vital for helping more Londoners to own a home?

Visit London Awards

Question No: 69 / 2011

[Tony Arbour](#)

What was the cost of holding the Visit London Awards 2010? How much was raised through sponsorship for this event, and how much was funded by the LDA grant? Did we pay celebrities to attend this awards ceremony, and if so please provide a breakdown

International offices

Question No: 70 / 2011

[Tony Arbour](#)

Please provide an update on the rationalisation of the Think London and GLA international offices, which you referred to in answer 2964/2010? How much funding will each of the international offices receive in 2010/11 and how does this compare to 2011/12?

Tube and Train Services (1)

Question No: 71 / 2011

[Tony Arbour](#)

Does the Mayor feel that it is justified that Transport for London and some of the other train companies, for example South West Trains, should be running a Saturday service on Christmas Eve and other days between Christmas and New Year, on what are normal working days for many Londoners?

Tube and Train Services (2)

Question No: 72 / 2011

[Tony Arbour](#)

Will the Mayor confirm that Transport for London does not follow the example of some other train companies, for example South West Trains, and suspend its normal timetable on heavy days of snow and abandon all efforts to run as normal a service as possible for its customers? If so, will he also confirm that TfL has no plans to do so?

Tube and Train Services (3)

Question No: 73 / 2011

[Tony Arbour](#)

Does the Mayor agree that if tube and train customers are charged a full weekday fare they should expect a full weekday service?

PCSOs

Question No: 74 / 2011

[Tony Arbour](#)

Could the Mayor please outline how the powers and responsibilities of Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) have been increased under this Mayoralty, and whether there are any plans to increase these powers further?

Royal Parks

Question No: 75 / 2011

[Tony Arbour](#)

Section 194 of the recent Localism Bill introduces provisions to allow Ministers to delegate to the Mayor any functions that they see fit. Is it envisioned that this provision could be used to transfer responsibility for the Royal Parks from the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) to the Mayor?

Blackfriars Bridge

Question No: 76 / 2011

[Brian Coleman](#)

Will TfL reinstate the left turn filter light on the south side of Blackfriars Bridge?

Zones 2-6 Travelcards

Question No: 77 / 2011

[Roger Evans](#)

What is the rationale behind the abolition of the Zones 2-6 Travelcard?

Redbridge motor vehicle crime problem

Question No: 78 / 2011

[Roger Evans](#)

Redbridge has one of the highest incidents of motor vehicle crime in London and recent Met statistics show that this problem is increasing at a greater rate than in any other borough. What are the reasons behind the high motor crime rate in Redbridge and what is being done to tackle this problem?

Rise in cases of 'violence against the person' in Havering

Question No: 79 / 2011

[Roger Evans](#)

I am concerned by the inordinate rise in cases of 'violence against the person' in Havering. What reasons can be found for Havering's recent poor performance compared with other London boroughs and what is being done to tackle this problem?

Asylum costs

Question No: 80 / 2011

[Steve O'Connell](#)

Will the Mayor join with Croydon to lobby government that the costs of asylum seeking children such as housing and schooling should be looked on as a national issue not a borough one and fund Croydon accordingly instead of leaving local residents to pick up the bill?

Tax Increment Finance

Question No: 81 / 2011

[Steve O'Connell](#)

What opportunity is there to use TIF as a source of funding for the extension for the tram network?

LDA land liabilities

Question No: 82 / 2011

[Steve O'Connell](#)

Please would you detail the LDA's liabilities, and their individual cost, that are reported to total £470m?

LDA assets

Question No: 83 / 2011

[Steve O'Connell](#)

Please would you detail the LDA's assets, and their individual value, that are reported to total £370m?

HCA London land assets

Question No: 84 / 2011

[Steve O'Connell](#)

What are the HCA London land assets that the Mayor would like to be transferred to the GLA? Please list the site, its size and its estimated value?

HCA London staff

Question No: 85 / 2011

[Steve O'Connell](#)

How many staff will join the GLA from the HCA and what will be their total additional cost to the GLA? And how much extra funding, if any, will the GLA receive in order to cover the absorption of HCA London staff?

Squatters in London

Question No: 86 / 2011

[Steve O'Connell](#)

How many incidents of squatting were the Met contacted about in London in 2010?

Tubes trains cancelled

Question No: 87 / 2011

[Richard Tracey](#)

How many Tube services were cancelled in the second half of 2010 because of industrial action?

RE:NEW

Question No: 88 / 2011

[Steve O'Connell](#)

What is the status of the £6.1million of funding that the LDA was due put towards the RE:NEW programme?

Passengers per tube service

Question No: 89 / 2011

[Richard Tracey](#)

What is the average number of passengers on a London Underground Tube service?

Tube cancellations

Question No: 90 / 2011

[Richard Tracey](#)

Similar to answer to MQ3882, for the months of August, September, November and December 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.

TfL Fuel Purchase

Question No: 91 / 2011

[Richard Tracey](#)

Do TfL hedge their purchase of fuel in order to ensure they are relatively unaffected by price variations?

Cycle Superhighways

Question No: 92 / 2011

[Richard Tracey](#)

Extrapolating from the success of the first two Cycle Superhighways in increasing cycling on the A24 and the A13, how many additional Londoners does TfL expect to benefit when all twelve Cycle Super Highways have been completed?

Western Extension

Question No: 93 / 2011

[Richard Tracey](#)

Has the Mayor received any exhortations from either Assembly Members or local residents to install an Eastern Extension, a Southern Extension or a Northern Extension to the Congestion Charge?

Western Extension (2)

Question No: 94 / 2011

[Richard Tracey](#)

With the honourable exception of Jenny Jones, who wishes to extend the Congestion Charge to the M25 boundary, why do you feel that Assembly Members who were so keen for you to ignore local residents and retain the Western Extension are yet to advocate its extension in any other direction?

Former Eurostar Platforms at Waterloo

Question No: 95 / 2011

[Richard Tracey](#)

Could the Mayor update the Assembly on what progress has been made with regard to

converting the former Eurostar platforms at Waterloo to use for mainline rail?

Tube Strikes

Question No: 96 / 2011

[Richard Tracey](#)

In question 3844/2010 I highlighted the fact that The New York Metro fines any worker who chooses to strike 2 days wages. Would you support primary legislation which would enable London Underground to do the same?

Single Environment Strategy

Question No: 97 / 2011

[James Cleverly](#)

What discussions has the Mayor had with the Government regarding the proposed single environment strategy for London as proposed in the Localism Bill? If this proposal is taken forward, what impact would this have on GLA resources, and would the whole strategy need to be re-published each time one element of environment policy is altered?

Harrow Dangerous Dogs

Question No: 98 / 2011

[Victoria Borwick](#)

Will the Mayor congratulate Harrow police on its outstanding work in dealing with dangerous dogs, through dedicated dog liaison officers? Will the Mayor also confirm that Harrow police will not be penalised for its record success rates, through increased charges for kennelling?

Southgate Dispersal Zone

Question No: 99 / 2011

[Victoria Borwick](#)

What have been the initial results of the new dispersal zone around Southgate in Enfield, and has there been any noticeable effect on surrounding areas?

TfL ridership income

Question No: 100 / 2011

[Gareth Bacon](#)

How much income has been lost to TfL through the RMT, TSSA and ASLEF strikes?

MPS/MPA legal advice

Question No: 101 / 2011

[Dee Doocey](#)

How much has the MPA\ MPS spent on legal advice each year in the last 5 years? Can you break the figures down by the spending of each business group?

London Fashion Week

Question No: 102 / 2011

[Dee Doocey](#)

How much money have the LDA and GLA spent on London Fashion Week, or any elements of it, in each of the last three financial years, and in the current financial year to date? What plans do the LDA and/or the GLA have to fund London Fashion Week in the future?

Police curfews

Question No: 103 / 2011

[Dee Doocey](#)

On how many occasions in each of the last three financial years, and in the current financial year to date, have the MPS imposed a curfew on somebody who has been arrested but not charged? Of these how many are 'repeat' curfews which are extended for another period of time?

Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre

Question No: 104 / 2011

[Dee Doocey](#)

Do you have any concerns about the impact on London of the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP) being subsumed into the new National Crime Agency?

MPA Hire Cars - Fixed Penalty Notices

Question No: 105 / 2011

[Dee Doocey](#)

Further to the answer provided to question number 3514/2010 about the issuing of fixed penalty notices for vehicles hired by the MPS, please provide figures for each borough showing:

- a) how many fixed penalty notices were issued during 2010 for private hire vehicles that were cancelled due to the vehicles parking in restricted areas for operational reasons;
- b) how many fixed penalty notices were issued during 2010 for private hire vehicles that were paid by police officers who were judged to be personally liable.

Hate Crime

Question No: 106 / 2011

[Dee Doocey](#)

How many 1) accusations and 2) offences of a) race hate crime and b) homophobic crime have been recorded in each London borough in each year since 2007/8? Please also provide all available data for 2010/11?

Door to Door service problems with vulnerable passengers

Question No: 107 / 2011

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Will you review the City Fleet contract with TfL in light of 3 separate occasions that have been brought to TfL's attention, where a driver pushed their knee into the back of a wheelchair user with a serious spinal injury, causing them significant pain?

Delay on Islington Council's LIP bid

Question No: 108 / 2011

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Why is there a delay in responding to Islington Council's LIP bid, which would fund the 812 Plus

Bus and Scootablity schemes in the Borough?

Crime on bus routes

Question No: 109 / 2011

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Please provide a table listing the total number of reported crimes on bus routes 507, 521, 38 and 149, per month, since January 2008.

Future Cycle Hire Expansion

Question No: 110 / 2011

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Further to MQ 3898/2010, please list the areas which you feel cannot benefit from the Cycle Hire Scheme in future due to "London's geography and topography."

Cycle Hire Scheme (1)

Question No: 111 / 2011

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Please provide a table listing the number of casual users on the cycle hire scheme from the 7th December 2010, per day, until the 17th January 2011.

Cycle Hire Scheme (2)

Question No: 112 / 2011

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Please provide a table showing how many cycle hire users have been incorrectly charged, per week, since the cycle hire scheme was introduced, and by how much.

Cycle Hire Scheme (3)

Question No: 113 / 2011

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

If a Borough or business was interested in opening a cycle hire docking station:

- a) How much would it cost per docking station?
- b) How would they go about it?

Boxing Day train travel

Question No: 114 / 2011

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Do you have any plans to operate London Overground rail services on Boxing Day in the future?

West Brompton Olympic Station

Question No: 115 / 2011

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Can you assure me that West Brompton Station will be upgraded and publicised as an Olympic rail and tube station?

West Brompton station PA system

Question No: 116 / 2011

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Further to MQ 3212/2010, please provide an update on this work, as you stated in your answer that you hoped the work would be finished by the end of 2010.

Welcome signs on roads into London

Question No: 117 / 2011

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

A constituent has asked me to put to you the idea of a welcome sign on all major roads coming in to London to welcome visitors. Given many such roads are managed by TfL, will you look into his idea?

Congestion Charge Auto Pay (1)

Question No: 118 / 2011

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

I have heard reports from constituents who have had problems registering since the new auto pay system has been introduced. What is TfL doing to rectify this? How many people have experienced problems since 1st January 2011?

Congestion Charge Auto Pay (2)

Question No: 119 / 2011

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

For the 0845 number to register for the congestion charge auto pay scheme, please provide a table to show per week, since the phone line was first launched:

- a) the average wait time
- b) the average length of calls
- c) the number of abandoned calls.
- d) the total number of calls

De-icing at TfL

Question No: 120 / 2011

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

How much has London Underground spent on de-icing both on track and stations for 2008, 2009 and 2010?

Tube Driver delays

Question No: 121 / 2011

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

For each month in 2010, per tube line, how many minutes have tubes been delayed due to drivers being late for their shifts?

London Underground Capacity (1)

Question No: 122 / 2011

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

For the months of November and December 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.

London Underground Capacity (2)

Question No: 123 / 2011

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Please provide the total number of tube trains for each tube line and how many are needed on a week day to meet the timetable?

Unpaid Embassy charges

Question No: 124 / 2011

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Please publish a table showing the amount in unpaid Congestion Charge and Penalty Charge Notices that is now owed for each embassy or diplomatic mission in London for December 2010.

Litter on Buses

Question No: 125 / 2011

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Is litter removed on buses at the end of each route, in a similar way to tubes, before the route starts again?

Tube upgrades (1)

Question No: 126 / 2011

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

In Item 04 of the 21 July 2010 TfL Board Report, TfL outlined a three phase commissioning strategy for the Jubilee line. Which phases are complete and has Transmission Based Train Control been run successfully on a weekday, full revenue basis over J2, 3 and 4?

Tube upgrades (2)

Question No: 127 / 2011

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

How many passenger and engineering trains have had Transmission Based Train Control installed, commissioned and proven reliable across the whole TfL network?

Tube upgrades (3)

Question No: 128 / 2011

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What change has there been since July to the Jubilee Line upgrade list of operational restrictions?

Wheelchair users on buses

Question No: 129 / 2011

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What plans do you have to make life easier for wheelchair users on London's bus network?

Accessibility issues at Gants Hill Station

Question No: 130 / 2011

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Will you instruct TfL to resolve the accessibility issues for wheelchair users at Gants Hill Station, as due to the angle on the ground it is very difficult for wheelchair users to get on and off buses?

"Code Red" calls on buses

Question No: 131 / 2011

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Please provide a table, per month for the last 24 months, to show how many "code red" calls were made by bus drivers due to crime on their bus. Please separate by route.

Fare evasion on buses

Question No: 132 / 2011

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

A constituent has written to me to say she regularly sees people sneaking onto buses in Shepherd's Bush through the middle doors. What is TfL doing to minimise this type of fare evasion on buses?

Oyster overcharging (1)

Question No: 133 / 2011

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Please publish a table showing for each month since January 2008 the number of people using Oyster who have faced the maximum fare charges with figures broken down by:

- a) the number of cards
- b) the number of incomplete journeys
- c) the Pay As You Go value resulting from the incomplete journeys

Oyster overcharging (2)

Question No: 134 / 2011

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Please publish a table showing the total value in 2010 of overcharging by Oyster Pay As You Go due to incomplete journeys being made and maximum fare charges being generated, for the following modes of transport:

- a) Train Operating Companies and Network Rail
- b) London Underground
- c) Docklands Light Railway
- d) London Trams

e) London Overground

Oyster overcharging (3)

Question No: 135 / 2011

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Please publish, per station, a table showing the level of overcharging by Oyster Pay As You Go due to incomplete journeys with figures broken down for the value of maximum fares:

- a) Train Operating Companies and Network Rail
- b) London Underground
- c) Docklands Light Railway
- d) London Trams
- e) London Overground

Oyster overcharging (4)

Question No: 136 / 2011

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Please provide a breakdown of maximum fare charges on Oyster resulting from incomplete journeys between 31st December 2009 and 31st December 2010. Please include the number of incomplete journeys and the Pay As You Go value.

Use of temporary ramps at tube stations

Question No: 137 / 2011

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

With only 60 step free tube stations, and with many step free access schemes cancelled or postponed in the last two years, will you consider the use of temporary ramps, similar to those already used by Network Rail, at tube stations in outer London where step free access to the platform already exists or could be introduced with minimal investment?

Transport arrangements for the Royal Wedding

Question No: 138 / 2011

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Further to MQ 3903/2010, can you confirm whether every tube line will be fully operational on the day of the Royal wedding?

Blue Light Museum plans

Question No: 139 / 2011

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Can you update me on your latest plans for a Blue Light Museum for London?

Implementation of parking charges on TfL roads (1)

Question No: 140 / 2011

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Following the statement made by your Deputy Mayor Sir Simon Milton at the Budget and Performance Committee on Tuesday 11th January that there was support from the London

Boroughs for the abolition of short term free parking on TfL roads, please can you publish the correspondence or any other form of evidence from London Councils or individual boroughs to support the claim that London boroughs have advocated new parking charges on red routes.

Implementation of parking charges on TfL roads (2)

Question No: 141 / 2011

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Following your decision to consider the implementation of parking charges on TfL roads please state what level of consultation has taken place on this issue with:

- a) London Councils
- b) individual London boroughs
- c) groups representing retailers and small businesses.

Implementation of parking charges on TfL roads (3)

Question No: 142 / 2011

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What is the timescale for implementing your new parking charges on TfL roads?

Barking to Gospel Oak (1)

Question No: 143 / 2011

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

When TfL took over the Barking to Gospel Oak line as part of London Overground a promise was made for an all day 15 minute frequency service by December 2009, with hours similar to London Underground. Can you please confirm when the service will be 15 minutes all day from first to last train?

Barking to Gospel Oak (2)

Question No: 144 / 2011

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What is the process used for the development of timetables on the Barking to Gospel Oak line? How are passengers involved?

Electric Vehicles update

Question No: 145 / 2011

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Further to MQ 0293/2009 and the forthcoming Autolib scheme in Paris expected in October this year, please can you give an update on the progress of the London Electric Working Group and any plans for an electric vehicles hire scheme for London?

Dial a Ride (1)

Question No: 146 / 2011

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

How many completed Dial a Ride trips were made in the years 04/05, 09/10 and April 2010 to present day and what was the refusal rate for these years?

Dial a Ride (2)

Question No: 147 / 2011

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

How many 'active' registered members were there in the years 04/05, 09/10 and April 10 to present day?

TfL 0843 travel information number

Question No: 148 / 2011

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

For the 0843 TfL travel information number, please provide a table to show per week since the number was introduced, the number of calls:

- a) less than 5 minutes long
- b) between 5 minutes 1 second and 10 minutes
- c) between 10 minutes 1 second and 15 minutes
- d) between 15 minutes 1 second and 20 minutes
- e) over 20 minutes 1 second
- f) abandoned calls

Cycle hire scheme

Question No: 149 / 2011

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Please provide a table to show, per week since the scheme began, how many cycle hire bikes have been reported faulty and what are the mean causes of faults reported?

Recognising Jubilee Line passengers

Question No: 150 / 2011

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Will you recognise the huge inconvenience Jubilee Line passengers have suffered due to the massive over run on the installation of new signalling? Once works are complete in April, can you assure us that you will provide a special day for passengers - along the lines of the opening of the new East London Line - with free travelcards and other activities?

Metroline buses

Question No: 152 / 2011

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Do you have any concerns over the reports of bus safety inspections on Metroline buses branded a disaster? What actions have you taken to reassure passengers?

EU fines (1)

Question No: 154 / 2011

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

A constituent has asked how the threat of EU fines for London's poor air quality is taken into account when assessing the cost benefit of proposals to improve air pollution?

EU fines (2)

Question No: 155 / 2011

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

What representations have you made to government concerning the draft clauses in the Localism Bill giving Ministers "Power to require local or public authorities to make payments in respect of certain EU financial sanctions"?

PM10 limit value

Question No: 156 / 2011

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Do you agree that London breached the EU daily limit value for PM10 in 2010?

Impact on air quality of the removal of the WEZ

Question No: 157 / 2011

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Further to MQ 4175/2010, how do you plan to monitor the impact of the removal of the WEZ on air pollution in 2011? When and how will you publish the outcomes of such work? What steps will you take to mitigate any worsening of air pollution?

Impact on air quality of the removal of the WEZ – mitigation measures

Question No: 158 / 2011

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Your answer to 4176/2010 did not fully answer my question regarding what analysis has been undertaken of the impact of measures to mitigate the impact of harmful concentrations of air pollutants in the 2011 calendar year arising from the removal of the western extension of the congestion charging zone and where is it available for public view?

Air quality monitoring stations in the WEZ

Question No: 159 / 2011

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Will you ensure that the three air quality monitoring stations in the western extension of the congestion charging zone (namely those in Brompton Road, Cromwell Road and King's Road) remain a full and active part of the London Air Quality network in 2011, 2012 and beyond?

Cromwell Road air quality monitoring station

Question No: 160 / 2011

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Will you press Defra to keep its air quality monitoring station in Cromwell Road as part of its Automatic Urban and Rural Network of such sites which it uses for reporting to the European Commission?

Air quality monitoring sites (1)

Question No: 161 / 2011

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Do you agree that the Bexley (Erith); Ealing (Horn Lane); Brent (Neasden Lane) monitoring sites each meet the micro-siting and data quality criteria in the EU Air Quality Directive 2008/50/EC?

Air quality monitoring sites (2)

Question No: 162 / 2011

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

What specific actions, if any, are you taking to ensure that the PM10 daily limit value is met in 2011 at each of the Bexley (Erith); Ealing (Horn Lane); Brent (Neasden Lane) monitoring sites, despite these monitoring sites not being used by Defra to report compliance with PM10 limit values nationally to the EU?

Next steps on air quality

Question No: 163 / 2011

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

What new steps will you take following the failure of the UK's reapplication for a time extension until 2011 to comply with the daily limit value for dangerous airborne particles (PM10) in London?

Revising your Air Quality Strategy

Question No: 164 / 2011

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

What legal advice have you received on the need to revise (or not) your Air Quality Strategy following the failure of the UK's reapplication for a time extension until 2011 to comply with the limit value for dangerous airborne particles (PM10) in London and will you publish it?

Premature deaths avoided

Question No: 165 / 2011

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

How many premature deaths do you estimate will be avoided in Greater London in each of 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 as a result of measures to be taken in your air quality strategy?

NO2 pollution in 2011 (1)

Question No: 166 / 2011

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

What are the top five actions (as measured by impact on tonnes of harmful concentrations) you are taking to minimise breaches of the two nitrogen dioxide limit values in the 2011 calendar year?

NO2 pollution in 2011 (2)

Question No: 167 / 2011

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Are you aware that the nitrogen dioxide hourly limit value for the whole of 2011 has been breached in less than one month in several places across London and if so what action(s) are you taking at these hotspots to protect public health and minimise and/or ensure no further exceedances at those sites?

Low Emission Zone phase 3

Question No: 168 / 2011

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Further to the decision to delay the extension of the Low Emission Zone to larger vans, minibuses, motor caravans and other specialist vehicles from 3 January 2012 can you provide details of how TfL will be publicising phase 3 to vehicle owners and operators, and enabling them to find companies to carry out retrofitting work at a reasonable price?

10:10 (2)

Question No: 170 / 2011

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

What outcomes were achieved by TfL signing up their head offices and ten London Underground stations, and by LFEPa signing up ten stations to the 10:10 campaign?

Recycling – GLA estate

Question No: 171 / 2011

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Your draft Municipal Waste Strategy includes a commitment to work with the GLA group overall, and in particular with TfL to improve on-the-go recycling significantly on the GLA's own estate. What timescale and targets have you set for this improvement?

Litter bins in London

Question No: 172 / 2011

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

In answer to MQ2983/2010 regarding newspaper recycling in stations you stated that "Transec (the Department of Transport Security arm) has revised its guidance on litter bins on railways. LU will now work with Transec to consider if recycling bins can be adapted to work more effectively, e.g. through the introduction of lids on bins". Has a review of the types of bins which can be installed inside stations been carried out? Will you be proposing that there can be an increase in litter bins in London's stations?

Thames Tideway Tunnel consultation (1)

Question No: 173 / 2011

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

In responding to Thames Water's consultation on the Tideway Tunnel consultation I proposed that Thames Water should ensure that the scheme leaves a legacy of:

- a) additional piers on the river
- b) improved flood defences

c) jobs and training to Londoners

Will you join me in seeking to ensure that, in view of the scale of the investment, this massive construction project brings added benefits to Londoners beyond pollution control?

Thames Tideway Tunnel consultation (1)

Question No: 174 / 2011

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

What representations have you made to Thames Water to ensure that they take action to implement a social tariff and minimise water poverty in the face of rising water bills?

Londonwide LEP

Question No: 175 / 2011

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Have you submitted a bid to government for a Londonwide LEP? What role will you and the GLA play in the LEP? In what timescale could the LEP be set up?

Regional Growth Fund

Question No: 176 / 2011

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

What bids has the GLA submitted, or worked in partnership to submit, to the Regional Growth Fund?

Regional Growth Fund (2)

Question No: 177 / 2011

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

In your opinion what criteria should be used to judge which areas of London should be eligible for Regional Growth Fund funding?

RE:NEW (1)

Question No: 178 / 2011

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Your draft Climate Change Mitigation and Energy Strategy includes the aim for your RE:NEW programme (formerly the Homes Energy Efficiency Programme) to rollout energy efficiency measures to 1.2 million homes of London's homes by 2015. How will you ensure that this programme goes ahead despite changes at the LDA?

RE:NEW (2)

Question No: 179 / 2011

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

The LDA website states that we are currently in "Phase 2: London-wide roll-out (July 2010 to March 2012)" of the RE:NEW programme [<http://www.lda.gov.uk/projects/renew/index.aspx>]. I have been asked by a constituent in Sutton when this programme will be available in their area?

LDA environmental projects

Question No: 180 / 2011

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

In answer to MQ3959/2010 you stated that "The LDA Board has made it clear that it is up to me to decide which of the LDA's projects best meets London's development needs including the LDA's plans to transition London to a low carbon economy. Over the next few weeks my team and I will be reviewing each of the LDA's themes to determine our future priorities taking into account the resources available to us and the wide range of complex issues that London currently faces". By what criteria have you determined your future priorities, and when will the outcomes of your review be known?

ESF Youth Programme 2011-13

Question No: 181 / 2011

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Further to MQ3929/2010 can you confirm which organisation will co-finance the 2011-13 ESF Youth Programme? When will procurement restart for this programme? Will organisations be able to access this funding in 2011/12?

LDA land for housing

Question No: 182 / 2011

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Since May 2008 which LDA sites have been released for housing? Since May 2008 how many homes have started on site and how many of these homes have been affordable?

LDA, HCA and LTGDC assets

Question No: 183 / 2011

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Further to MQ3954/2010 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?

HCA London funding

Question No: 184 / 2011

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

How many affordable homes (social and intermediate) do you anticipate being able to build in 2011-12; 2012-13; 2013-14?

Public land for housing

Question No: 185 / 2011

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

What steps are you and the HCA in London taking to assess the potential to use NHS land for affordable housing, particularly in light of reforms to service delivery (e.g. changes to PCTs)?

Enhanced Decent homes standard

Question No: 186 / 2011

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Further to MQ2867/2010 what were the outcomes of the study commissioned to look at the technical options for, and cost of, delivering an enhanced Decent Homes standard in London?

Private rented sector sub-markets

Question No: 187 / 2011

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

What were the findings of the London-specific assessment of the private sector and its submarkets which was included in Policy 1.4B of your Housing Strategy?

New Homes Bonus applying to Empty Homes

Question No: 188 / 2011

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

What funding could be available to London boroughs through the extension of the New Homes Bonus to apply to bringing empty homes back into use?

London's representation overseas

Question No: 189 / 2011

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

What representation does the GLA currently have in India and China to drive forward the promotion of, and inward investment to, London?

Vauxhall Nine Elms Opportunity Area Planning Framework

Question No: 190 / 2011

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Further to MQ2864/2010 could you provide an update on the next steps for the VNEB OAPF and plans for affordable housing provision in the area? How can local residents feed-in their comments on the proposals and what will be the next stage of formal consultation?

Air Quality

Question No: 192 / 2011

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Has air quality improved in London since you were elected?

Academies

Question No: 193 / 2011

[Joanne McCartney](#)

How many academies will you have opened by 2012?

Transport

Question No: 196 / 2011

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Are London fare payers getting more for their money under your leadership?

GLA Offices Abroad

Question No: 200 / 2011

[Murad Qureshi](#)

How do you intend to promote London abroad?

Localism Bill and EU fines

Question No: 202 / 2011

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Following the proposal in the Localism Bill 2010 enabling the government to pass on EU fines to public authorities including the GLA, will this have any effect on your policy for improving air quality in London?

School Sports Partnerships

Question No: 203 / 2011

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Following the government's u turn on the funding of School Sports Partnerships (SSPs), can you tell me how many of the 56 SSPs will still remain in London, what their average value will be and the number of schools which will benefit?

Scrapping of the West London Congestion Zone

Question No: 204 / 2011

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Following your announcement to scap the WEZ congestion charge, the benefit to London's air quality which would have ensued is now lost What are you plans for offsetting this loss, specifically in the West of London?

England's failed bid for Word Cup 2018

Question No: 205 / 2011

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Do you consider that your £250,000 contribution to England's failed bid for the 2018 World Cup to be money well spent?

Closure of Heathrow December 2010 due to snow

Question No: 206 / 2011

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Following the closure of Heathrow Airport by BAA just before Christmas, how much reputational damage has London suffered as a result of this fiasco?

Role of the Mayor and HACC

Question No: 207 / 2011

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Given your sudden interest in operational matters at Heathrow during the heavy snow, when can we expect to have Mayoral representation at the Heathrow Airport Area Consultative Committee (HACC) meetings ?

Tuition Fees and Foreign Students

Question No: 208 / 2011

[Murad Qureshi](#)

What do you envisage to be the impact on the number of foreign students that London's further education institutions will suffer in the future as a result of the increase in tuition fees?

Thames Estuary Airport Report

Question No: 209 / 2011

[Murad Qureshi](#)

With regard to my original question 3672 / 2010, your reply to my subsequent question no 4108/2010 still does not address why it is, that the report, finalised or not, is good enough to be seen by the chancellor but not by the London Assembly. Once again, can you provide a copy of Sir David King's report which has already been seen by the Chancellor?

London's looming Energy Gap

Question No: 210 / 2011

[Murad Qureshi](#)

In your Climate Change Mitigation & Energy strategy, we hear for the first time that London's share of the energy gap not being met by national supply would be around 576,000MWh by 2020. What are you doing nationally to make sure the gap is plugged without any additional cost to Londoners' energy bills?

Retrofitting of Fire Stations

Question No: 211 / 2011

[Murad Qureshi](#)

How many more retrofitted fire stations can we expect in the budgetary year of 2011-12 and how does this compare to the numbers that were successfully completed in previous years during your mayoralty since 2008?

Retrofitting of Police Stations

Question No: 212 / 2011

[Murad Qureshi](#)

How many more retrofitted police stations can we expect in the budgetary year of 2011-12 and how does this compare to the numbers that were successfully completed in previous years during your mayoralty since 2008?

Heathrow and City Airport noise

Question No: 213 / 2011

[Murad Qureshi](#)

What if anything can you do with your Ambient Noise Strategy now that its been proven that aircraft noise from Heathrow and city airport has spread to new areas of London?

Poor air quality at Horn Lane, Acton

Question No: 214 / 2011

[Murad Qureshi](#)

On 91 occasions last year on Horn Lane in Acton the daily PM10 limits were exceeded, making it the worst air pollution spot in London. What specific measures are you going to take to address this in Ealing?

Bike hire docking stations in Marylebone

Question No: 215 / 2011

[Murad Qureshi](#)

If Waterloo rail station can get a 100 bike docking station on the hire scheme, why not Marylebone rail station as well?

Bike hire docking stations in Victoria

Question No: 216 / 2011

[Murad Qureshi](#)

If Waterloo station can get a 100 bike docking stations on the hire scheme, why not Victoria rail station as well?

Bike hire docking stations in Paddington

Question No: 217 / 2011

[Murad Qureshi](#)

If Waterloo rail station can get a 100 bike docking stations on the hire scheme, why not Paddington rail station as well?

World Cup Draw

Question No: 218 / 2011

[Murad Qureshi](#)

How much did it cost for you and any entourage to attend the world cup draw in Zurich in December? What do you think you achieved by this visit and do you think this represents good value for Londoners' money?

Low Carbon Zone - Muswell Hill

Question No: 219 / 2011

[Murad Qureshi](#)

What funding and support has been given to Muswell Hill to date to create a low carbon zone and what funding has been earmarked for this purpose for the duration of your Mayoralty?

Low Carbon Zone - Archway

Question No: 220 / 2011

[Murad Qureshi](#)

What funding and support has been given to Archway to date to create a low carbon zone and what funding has been earmarked for this purpose for the duration of your Mayoralty?

Low Carbon Zone - Queen's Park

Question No: 221 / 2011

[Murad Qureshi](#)

What funding and support has been given to Queens Park to date to create a low carbon zone and what funding has been earmarked for this purpose for the duration of your Mayoralty?

Low Carbon Zone - Barking

Question No: 222 / 2011

[Murad Qureshi](#)

What funding and support has been given to Barking to date to create a low carbon zone and what funding has been earmarked for this purpose for the duration of your Mayoralty?

Low Carbon Zone - Ham and Peterson

Question No: 223 / 2011

[Murad Qureshi](#)

What funding and support has been given to Ham and Peterson to date to create a low carbon zone and what funding has been earmarked for this purpose for the duration of your Mayoralty?

Low Carbon Zone - Wandle Valley

Question No: 224 / 2011

[Murad Qureshi](#)

What funding and support has been given to Wandle Valley to date to create a low carbon zone and what funding has been earmarked for this purpose for the duration of your Mayoralty?

Low Carbon Zone - Hackbridge

Question No: 225 / 2011

[Murad Qureshi](#)

What funding and support has been given to Hackbridge to date to create a low carbon zone and what funding has been earmarked for this purpose for the duration of your Mayoralty?

Low Carbon Zone - Brixton

Question No: 226 / 2011

[Murad Qureshi](#)

What funding and support has been given to Brixton to date to create a low carbon zone and what funding has been earmarked for this purpose for the duration of your Mayoralty?

Low Carbon Zone - Peckham

Question No: 227 / 2011

[Murad Qureshi](#)

What funding and support has been given to Peckham to date to create a low carbon zone and what funding has been earmarked for this purpose for the duration of your Mayoralty?

Low Carbon Zone - Lewisham

Question No: 228 / 2011

[Murad Qureshi](#)

What funding and support has been given to Lewisham to date to create a low carbon zone and what funding has been earmarked for this purpose for the duration of your Mayoralty?

Energy Efficiency Building regulations

Question No: 229 / 2011

[Murad Qureshi](#)

The government has recently decided to loosen the requirements on house builders, downgrading onerous environmental requirements & reportedly saving builders £8,000 per house.

Do you think this is a good thing for London? How will this affect the energy efficiency of London's housing stock?

How will this move impact on your CCME strategy aims?

Big Waterways Clean-up 2012

Question No: 230 / 2011

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Can you give details of any volunteer plans to "clean up" London before the Olympics, particularly around the waterways of London.

Press Statements

Question No: 231 / 2011

[John Biggs](#)

Why did the Mayor issue press statements on LIP projects purporting to take credit for decisions which last year he delegated to Boroughs?

Cycle Safety

Question No: 232 / 2011

[John Biggs](#)

In July this year you were a signatory, along with TfL and the Freight Transport Association, to a Memorandum of Understanding. This committed the parties to working together to improve cycle safety in the capital. Please update me on what this has achieved, with particular reference to identifying specific locations and times where lorry routing might conflict with cycle routes.

Trixi Mirrors and Cycle Safety (1)

Question No: 233 / 2011

[John Biggs](#)

Last July, TfL launched a number of initiatives aimed at reducing the number of cyclists killed or seriously injured in collisions with lorries. The 6-month Trixi Mirror Trial was one of these initiatives. Have the results of this trial been analysed and when will they be made public?

Trixi Mirrors and Cycle Safety (2)

Question No: 234 / 2011

[John Biggs](#)

Do you have any plans to extend this scheme to more areas in London?

Cambridge Heath and London Fields Stations

Question No: 235 / 2011

[John Biggs](#)

Do you support the calls by users of these stations for the National Express East Anglia train service to offer the same 15 minute frequency on Sundays, that is provided Mondays to Saturdays, rather than the 30 minute service presently in place? This would be highly beneficial to passengers on this line. What support will you offer these Londoners?

New Homes Bonus – Olympic Park

Question No: 236 / 2011

[John Biggs](#)

How will the Government's proposals for a New Homes Bonus affect housing on the Olympic Park? Which body will receive the bonus in relation to the housing outlined in the OPLC's Masterplan? Do you see the New Homes Bonus as a means of funding the putative MDC?

New Homes Bonus – Olympic Village

Question No: 237 / 2011

[John Biggs](#)

Will the Olympic Village be eligible for the Government's proposed New Homes Bonus? Will you be lobbying for this to happen?

Road Signage

Question No: 238 / 2011

[John Biggs](#)

A Londoner has written to me to suggest that "a standardised sign could be produced and installed on all entry roads into the London area to welcome people to London". Is this something you would support and if so, how?

A New Year Gesture

Question No: 239 / 2011

[John Biggs](#)

With 548 days to go to the start of the Olympic Games it is not too late for you to change your mind on the route of the Marathon. Are you big enough to give this event back to my constituents in London's East End?

Jubilee Line platform Overruns

Question No: 240 / 2011

[John Biggs](#)

I have received complaints from a number of passengers. In each of the past three months on how many occasions have Jubilee line trains, in service or in testing, overrun platforms? On how

many occasions has the train, as a result of this, had to abandon its stop at that station and run on to the next station before allowing its doors to open? What are the cause(s) of this problem and whose fault is it and when will it be resolved?

LDA Olympic programmes (1)

Question No: 241 / 2011

[John Biggs](#)

Please provide me with a list of all Olympic 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 Olympic programmes (2)

Question No: 242 / 2011

[John Biggs](#)

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

Draft Consultation Budget – Appendix E

Question No: 243 / 2011

[John Biggs](#)

Please can you explain the budget heading ‘Additional ODA/LOCOG-funded Schemes’? As the ODA is funded publicly and LOCOG funded privately, this description does not adequately explain what the public are paying for.

Draft Consultation Budget – Olympic Transport (1)

Question No: 244 / 2011

[John Biggs](#)

Can you explain to me the overspend of £3 million on ORN junctions and carriageways in 2010/11?

Draft Consultation Budget – Olympic Transport (2)

Question No: 245 / 2011

[John Biggs](#)

Can you provide details on why the budget for ORN junctions and carriageways for 2011/12 has increased to £18 million from the £6 million projected last year?

East London Business Support

Question No: 246 / 2011

[John Biggs](#)

What options are you exploring to support companies across east London Boroughs access 2012 and other supply chains when their funding will cease with the abolition of the LDA?

2012 Employment Legacy Project

Question No: 247 / 2011

[John Biggs](#)

What options are you exploring to continue this crucial work after the LDA is abolished?

Construction Employer Accord

Question No: 248 / 2011

[John Biggs](#)

What is the future for this successful scheme? What options are you exploring to secure funding that is being lost with the abolition of the LDA?

East London Line over Festive Period (1)

Question No: 249 / 2011

[John Biggs](#)

Why was no service provided between Dalston Junction and New Cross/New Cross Gate on Boxing Day when the old East London Line used to run? (even the ELW replacement bus last year operated.)

East London Line over Festive Period (2)

Question No: 250 / 2011

[John Biggs](#)

Why did services between Dalston Junction & New Cross/New Cross Gate finish early on both Christmas Eve & New Years Eve when the old East London Line used to run until at Least 23:30 (ELW replacement bus last year ran on both Christmas eve & New years eve until at least midnight.)

East London Line over Festive Period (3)

Question No: 251 / 2011

[John Biggs](#)

Why did services on the East London Line not start running until about 10:30 on New Years Day? Some of my constituents had to go to work early on New Years Day and no trains until after 10:30am was clearly unacceptable. This poor planning suggests that no thought had been made about providing alternative travel arrangements. Do you and TfL view the East London Line as an add-on rather than an important link in their transport network?

Inward Investment & overseas offices

Question No: 252 / 2011

[John Biggs](#)

In which overseas cities do we currently have an office and what staffing does each office have? Do you have any plans to change these arrangements?

Aldgate Gyrotory

Question No: 253 / 2011

[John Biggs](#)

In your reply to 4036/2010 you list the Aldgate Gyrotory or Mansell Street as being in the top

ten peak hour 'pinch points'. How was this situation changed by the recent partial removal of the gyratory? In other words, has it worsened or improved?

'Legal' Loan sharks

Question No: 254 / 2011

[John Biggs](#)

On reflection do you feel comfortable with your choice of sponsor for the free New Years Eve travel concession? Was the bid evaluated against TfL's ethical framework and if not why not, and if so, does this point to a deficiency in the framework?

Police Numbers

Question No: 255 / 2011

[John Biggs](#)

Can you clarify the actual and projected FTE 'warranted' police officers at the end of each year of your administration? Please within this answer explain your definition of 'FTE' and 'warranted'.

Gang Related murders

Question No: 256 / 2011

[John Biggs](#)

Are you confident that you are doing all that is needed in tackling this problem? When did you last review your strategy, and with whom and for how long?

Taxicard cuts

Question No: 257 / 2011

[John Biggs](#)

Can you describe the latest reduction in limits and explain the steps you took in ensuring that this decision fitted your equal opportunity objectives?

Help us get on our bikes 2?

Question No: 258 / 2011

[John Biggs](#)

In your answer to 4070/2010 what steps did your office take to check the reply for accuracy? What further schemes do you have in preparation for extending segregated provision, aside from cycle superhighways, including, to be helpful, schemes delivered in partnership with Boroughs?

Cycle Hire scheme

Question No: 259 / 2011

[John Biggs](#)

While an attractive scheme, is this self-selecting (overwhelmingly white, male and middle-class in its usage), elitist and based on a flawed business plan?

Poisonous Legacy

Question No: 260 / 2011

[John Biggs](#)

In your reply to 3672/2010 you refer to the 'poisonous legacy' of the Labour Government. In your reply to 4059/2010 you clarify that 'the difficult and necessary reductions in public expenditure and tax increases are the poisonous legacy'. Given that there is a continuing and substantial dispute about the scale and rate of the reductions and rises, and their damage on the UK's, including London's, economy, would you not agree that the poison is of the coalition's making? Your lobbying for increased resources for London would imply that you think this? In other words, are you clear whether your job is to speak up for London or to act as an apologist for the Government?

Cycle-Pedestrian Collisions

Question No: 261 / 2011

[John Biggs](#)

In your answer to 4074/2010 you tell us that 139 such collisions causing injury to a pedestrian, including 1 fatality. What measures are you taking to reduce this number? In particular, what steps are you taking to reinforce the need of cyclists to act responsibly and on how many occasions have TfL encouraged prosecution of a thoughtless or reckless cyclist?

Cable Car

Question No: 262 / 2011

[John Biggs](#)

Can you report progress on your fundraising for this enterprise?

J P Morgan HQ

Question No: 263 / 2011

[John Biggs](#)

Given that you claimed credit for it, can you describe what role you played in securing J P Morgan's decision to locate and resume construction at Canary Wharf?

H E Funding changes

Question No: 264 / 2011

[John Biggs](#)

What work has your office done to analyse and understand the impact of the Government's proposed HE changes on the HE sector in London?

Support for statutory Deputy Mayor

Question No: 265 / 2011

[John Biggs](#)

How many staff are employed to support, substantially or wholly, the statutory deputy Mayor and what are their titles and grades?

Support for Deputy Mayor for Policing

Question No: 266 / 2011

[John Biggs](#)

How many staff are employed to support, substantially or wholly, the deputy Mayor for policing and what are their titles and grades?

Support for Deputy Mayor, Policy and Planning

Question No: 267 / 2011

[John Biggs](#)

How many staff are employed to support, substantially or wholly, Sir Simon Milton and what are their titles and grades?

Fares

Question No: 268 / 2011

[John Biggs](#)

Is increasing fares the best way to show you are a 'low tax' Mayor?

School Sports

Question No: 269 / 2011

[John Biggs](#)

Would you join me in substantially condemning the mini-reversal of the Government's decision on school sports funding as it still represents a cut in excess of 76% over the next three years, which will affect schools in London?

Biking Boroughs

Question No: 270 / 2011

[John Biggs](#)

In recent questions, you have referred to support that was provided at the beginning of last year to "kick-start" the Biking Boroughs initiative across 13 London boroughs. Can you now confirm what progress has been made as a result of that support and what plans are now in place to deliver objectives.

Greenways

Question No: 271 / 2011

[John Biggs](#)

Last month, in response to my question 4070/2010 about off-road or traffic-free routes for cyclists, you brought up TfL's "ongoing programme to deliver 'Greenways' in London" stating that "Greenways provide attractive and traffic free environments for cyclists that make the most of London's parks and open spaces." You pointed out that "Greenways will play an important role for spectators accessing the Olympic venues during the 2012 games with eight legacy Greenways funded by the Olympic Delivery Authority and delivered by boroughs and TfL, linking into the Olympic Park and River Zone venues." So would you now be willing to explain why the budget for greenways has been reduced and has become an unprotected spend area within each Borough's LIP rather than a central investment in infrastructure for the benefit of all Londoners who choose to walk and cycle?

Pollution Hackney Old Street

Question No: 272 / 2011

[Jennette Arnold](#)

TfL's 3rd annual Travel in London report shows that 'local normalised' mean pollutant concentrations at Old Street in Hackney have increased by 40% between the 20 months prior to and 22 months post implementation of LEZ phase 1. Can you tell me what has caused this worrying increase and what action, if any, have been implemented?

State of London Debate

Question No: 273 / 2011

[Jennette Arnold](#)

In reference to your answer to question 3785/2010 you accuse me of misinterpreting data: "I stated that we had 12,380 engagement impressions, not that 12,380 sent out two or more tweets".

However, your answer to question 2528/2010 clearly states "There were 231 attendees in City Hall, along with 12,380 individual people who sent out two or more tweets on Twitter in response to the debate."

Your words are recorded on the GLA website – You got it wrong. Will you now admit it, apologise and then let's move on?!

Finsbury Park station management

Question No: 274 / 2011

[Jennette Arnold](#)

Local Campaigners in the Finsbury Park area supported by myself and Jeremy Corbyn MP have long argued that transport operations at Finsbury Park Station would be greatly improved if they were part of an integrated management structure. If you agree can we be assured of your support regarding the implementation of our proposal?

London Underground Staff cuts

Question No: 275 / 2011

[Jennette Arnold](#)

The Waltham Forest low vision forum recently wrote to you sharing their concerns regarding the impact that the 800 staff cut will have on passengers with significant visual impairment. How will you ensure that this particular group of passengers continues to get the level of service currently on offer and ensure they have ongoing confidence in the service?

Staff Training re. needs of visually impaired passengers

Question No: 276 / 2011

[Jennette Arnold](#)

Will you reassure the Waltham Forest low vision forum that TfL will continue to train staff to offer the current level of support to visually impaired passengers?

Donating TfL refunds

Question No: 277 / 2011

[Jennette Arnold](#)

During October, one of my constituents got stuck on the Victoria Line twice. He has now

received several vouchers from TfL in compensation. He would like to donate this money to a charity. Thinking that others may want to do the same, he has asked me to pass the following request on to you:

“Will you investigate the possibility of introducing an option on TfL’s online refund application where people can transfer their refunds to a given list of charities?”

Accessibility of London Overground

Question No: 278 / 2011

[Jennette Arnold](#)

As chair of TfL are you satisfied with the current levels of accessibility for disabled passengers, especially wheelchair users, on London Overground?

TfL Overground Services

Question No: 279 / 2011

[Jennette Arnold](#)

What progress has TfL made towards its stated goal of achieving parity in levels of service between London Overground and London Underground, specifically in times of daily service first and last trains and service frequencies and is it expected that this goal will be achieved by the time of the Olympic Games in June 2012?

Freight movement along the barking to Gospel Oak Line

Question No: 280 / 2011

[Jennette Arnold](#)

Residents living adjacent to the section of the Barking to Gospel Oak Line between Upper Holloway and Crouch Hill Stations, are very concerned about the movement of freight along the line at night. They have noticed that the frequency, speed and particularly the weight of night freight trains have increased to worrying levels. The residents say that their sleep is disturbed and that their properties shake when they pass by.

On behalf of my constituents, can you confirm whether there has indeed been increased usage of the line by freight trains and let me know what limits are placed on these movements and how these are decided?

Poor service on the Gospel Oak to Barking Line

Question No: 281 / 2011

[Jennette Arnold](#)

Can you explain the deterioration of services on the Gospel Oak to Barking Line over the past months where trains are often cancelled without any information or apology to passengers?

Cycling in Walthamstow Central

Question No: 282 / 2011

[Jennette Arnold](#)

For the past 18+ months, the cycle phase signals at the junction of Hoe Street/Selborne Road in Walthamstow Central have had hoods placed over them, and there is a sign that says ‘cyclists dismount’ next to a sign indicating a cycle lane.

When one of my constituents complained to TfL, she was advised they were in consultation but when she checked at her local cycle group meeting she learned that they had not been

consulted. Will you please reassure my constituents that the cycle phase signals will be reinstated?

The future of Walthamstow Greyhound Stadium

Question No: 283 / 2011

[Jennette Arnold](#)

Following from your answer to question 2389/2012, can you confirm whether you have received a planning application from London & Quadrant, the current owner of the Walthamstow Greyhound stadium?

TfL's failed pledges on London Overground

Question No: 284 / 2011

[Jennette Arnold](#)

When TfL took over the North London lines from Silverlink, it pledged an Underground style service with trains to midnight, but although there were some improvements, currently:

The last train into Stratford is now eight minutes earlier

The last train from Barking fifteen minutes earlier

The last train from Watford is also running earlier

Why does the service after 10 p.m. fall short of what users were led to expect when TfL took over?

Passenger Footfalls

Question No: 285 / 2011

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

I am trying to establish a clear picture of the passenger footfalls for each station, stop or interchange in London. Can you provide the most recent figures, or set of estimates, from Transport for London for the number of journeys on public transport in London per year which:

(i) start or end, or involve a change in public transport mode (e.g., rail to tube, or tram to rail, or tube to bus)

for each and every

(a) station in the London Underground network,

(b) station on the Docklands Light Railway,

(c) bus station in Greater London,

(d) National Rail station (including London Overground stations) in Greater London

(e) each tram stop in Greater London

Broken down by the station/stop and whether it is a start/stop or a mode change.

Zone 2-6 Travelcard.

Question No: 286 / 2011

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Many constituents and Croydon residents have asked me why you removed the zones 2-6 Travel card. If the issue was low take up why should this justify the higher fare cost being imposed on its few users in outer London. Will you please consider re-instating this useful facility which was used by non zone 1 residents?

Press officers

Question No: 287 / 2011

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

How much has a) the Mayor's office and b) Transport for London spent on press officers for each of the last five years?

Safe Travel advertising

Question No: 288 / 2011

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Please outline how much has been spent on the seasonal 'Safe Travel at Night' campaigns for each of the previous five years.

New Routemaster and disabled access

Question No: 289 / 2011

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

What comments do you have to make in response to concerns from disabled passengers that the 'new Routemaster' is not satisfactory as it stands in terms of accessibility, particularly for wheelchair users?

Cycle Parking stands

Question No: 290 / 2011

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

How many new cycle parking stands have TfL funded and installed since May 2008. How many are in secure facilities?

River transport

Question No: 291 / 2011

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

What have you done to promote greater use of the river, by making it more integrated into the current system ?

Roadworks permit scheme

Question No: 292 / 2011

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Please provide an update on your roadworks permit scheme and 'lane hire' proposals?

Live bus mapping

Question No: 294 / 2011

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Please give an update on your plans to introduce live bus-mapping to coincide with the introduction of iBus?

Tube complaints

Question No: 295 / 2011

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Please advise how many complaints were received about London Underground services - by line and in total - in the four week 'railway period' following 17th November 2010.

Taxicard

Question No: 296 / 2011

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Under the previous administration, the Taxicard scheme was 'topped up' by TfL to ensure that participating London boroughs were able to provide a consistent and low cost service. The boroughs are experiencing pressures with regard to the funding of Taxicard at present which is in turn impacting on users, for whom Taxicard is an important service. Will you look into ways you and TfL might be able to assist in this regard?

Dial-a-ride and disabled parents

Question No: 297 / 2011

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

The Disabled Parents' Network (DPN) have told me that, despite being eligible for Dial-a-Ride, many of their London members do not use the service because of an apparent inability to accommodate their young children. This would appear to be due to a lack of availability of suitable car-seats for Dial-a-Ride vehicles. Further, when Dial-a-Ride offer to send an alternative taxi or private hire vehicle these are often unavailable, which therefore negates Dial-a-Ride as a transport option for this group of passengers. I understand that Dial-a-Ride informed DPN over a year ago that a possible suitable car-seat was being investigated but nothing has been heard since. Please outline what Dial-a-Ride is doing to accommodate parents of children aged a) under 12 months and b) over 12 months and their children?

Crystal Palace Park

Question No: 298 / 2011

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Please list the dates and attendees of meetings yourself or GLA/LDA officers have had with the boroughs of Bromley, Croydon, Lambeth, Lewisham and Southwark to discuss the 'five borough' solution for the regeneration of Crystal Palace Park.

Oyster PAYG overcharging 1

Question No: 299 / 2011

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Following press coverage about overcharging for Oyster Pay As You Go users, I have received this message from an Oyster user and would welcome your comments on what you propose to do about this problem: 'As a frequent user of pay as you go Oyster on the overground rail network I have lost count of the number times I have been overcharged for journeys across the network. Luckily as I do not use auto-top i have been able to spot when this happens but I am quite sure many don't. On each occasion I have been overcharged I have then had the inconvenience and expense of phoning the Oyster helpline (which is not free) and getting the money reimbursed - but this can only be done if you spot the error early on.'

Oyster PAYG overcharging 2

Question No: 300 / 2011

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

A user of Oyster Pay As You Go has indicated that on transferring from Waterloo to Waterloo East station, it is unclear where or if passengers are required to touch in and out. Will TfL work with the train operators concerned and look at how signage may be used to improve this situation and prevent people from being inappropriately charged?

Oyster PAYG South Croydon station

Question No: 301 / 2011

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

An Oyster Pay As You Go customer has alerted me to a situation at South Croydon station whereby on leaving the station in the evenings the ticket office/foyer is often closed, leaving passengers to exit the station by a side gate. This exit does not have an Oyster reader so PAYG customers cannot 'touch out' and will be overcharged. Could TfL please work with the train operator and Network Rail to rectify this?

Bakerloo Line extension

Question No: 302 / 2011

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

When can the outcomes of the TfL/LU review into a potential southern extension to the Bakerloo Line be expected?

Bakerloo Line extension 2

Question No: 303 / 2011

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

I am disappointed to see that a possible option of utilising the Catford Loop to stations to Bromley for a southern extension of the Bakerloo line does not seem to be under consideration. This is of concern especially given that the South London Line proposed mitigation service between Victoria and Bromley South is not to be funded. Why is this the case and could consideration/inclusion be given to this idea?

Accessible transport

Question No: 304 / 2011

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

How have you improved accessibility to public transport since you were elected?

Emissions

Question No: 305 / 2011

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

What steps have you taken to reduce harmful emissions and improve London's air quality since you were elected? Has these been successful?

Black cabs

Question No: 306 / 2011

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

How many inspections per year will black cabs have to undergo by the end of this administration?

Pedicabs

Question No: 307 / 2011

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Please give an update on the proposed regulation of pedicabs.

Gypsy and Travellers

Question No: 308 / 2011

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Has the number of gypsy and traveller pitches you were committed to gone down?

London Higher Education Sector

Question No: 311 / 2011

[Nicky Gavron](#)

What impact does the Mayor believe the increase in tuition fees will have on London's higher education sector and does he support the increase to £9,000 per year? Does the Mayor agree with me that the decision to raise tuition fees to a maximum of £9,000 per year has seriously undermined the public's faith in British politics?

London's Economy

Question No: 312 / 2011

[Nicky Gavron](#)

If increased tuition fees leads to decreased participation in higher education courses in London, what impact will this have on London's economy?

London's Businesses

Question No: 313 / 2011

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Does the Mayor agree with me that London's businesses have benefited massively from the increased number of British graduates available over recent years and that this helped to fuel the growing economy of our city?

Camden School for Girls

Question No: 314 / 2011

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Will the Mayor join me in commending the students of Camden School for Girls who on Wednesday 8 December defied the school's staff to take part in an overnight demonstration against the, in my view, disastrous trebling of tuition fees by the coalition Government?

University College London

Question No: 315 / 2011

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Will the Mayor join me in praising the actions of those students from University College London who provided the students of Camden School for Girls with food and legal advice during their demonstration?

Education Maintenance Allowance

Question No: 316 / 2011

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Given that the Education Maintenance Allowance has allowed 95,219 students across London to attend further education and given them the opportunity to study at university, does the Mayor support the abolition of the Education Maintenance Allowance? Does the Mayor accept evidence from Lambeth College that students receiving Educational Maintenance Allowance are 15% more likely to complete their course than those not receiving the allowance and are 13% more likely to pass their course?

Education Maintenance Allowance 2

Question No: 318 / 2011

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Does the Mayor agree that the abolition of the Education Maintenance Allowance will damage social mobility in London by deterring many of our poorest students from pursuing further education?

Benefit Cap

Question No: 319 / 2011

[Nicky Gavron](#)

What amendments has the Mayor sought from the Government to the total benefit cap?

Empty Homes

Question No: 320 / 2011

[Nicky Gavron](#)

How many long-term empty homes have been returned to London's housing stock since May 2008?

'Below Market Rate' Housing

Question No: 321 / 2011

[Nicky Gavron](#)

The Mayor's housing manifesto pledged to build 'Below Market Rate' housing on surplus Brownfield land on the GLA estate: How many such homes have been (a) started and (b) completed since May 2008?

Homes and Communities Agency

Question No: 322 / 2011

[Nicky Gavron](#)

What is the Homes and Communities Agency's total budget for the London region during the Spending Review period (2011-15)?

Homes and Communities Agency 2

Question No: 323 / 2011

[Nicky Gavron](#)

How much of the Homes and Communities Agency's total London budget for the Spending Review period is already committed to projects that have started, or will start, before April 2011?

Devolved Delivery Agreements

Question No: 324 / 2011

[Nicky Gavron](#)

The Mayor's housing manifesto claimed that the current "London Plan has failed to protect London's gardens from development" and pledged to "strengthen the rules against such development" in order to "stop the garden grab": Do you agree with me that Devolved Delivery Agreements make this pledge hollow? If not, why not?

Strikes on the Tube

Question No: 325 / 2011

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Can the Mayor confirm whether there have now been more strikes on the London Underground during his two-and-a-half year tenure as Mayor than there were during the eight-year tenure of his predecessor?

Examination in Public

Question No: 326 / 2011

[Nicky Gavron](#)

With reference to your answer to Question No: 4161 / 2010 (15 December 2010), can the Mayor outline how "the likely implications of recent Government decisions" could have been "extensively discussed" at the Examination in Public into the Draft Replacement London Plan when sessions concluded prior to the Spending Review's publication on 20 October 2010?

Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment

Question No: 327 / 2011

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Does the Mayor agree with me that the abolition of the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment by the Government will make it much more difficult for boroughs to find the support necessary to achieve Policy 5.3 (Sustainable Design and Construction) of the Draft Replacement London Plan?

National Indicators Withdrawal

Question No: 328 / 2011

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Does the Mayor agree that the Government's withdrawal of National Indicators will lead many boroughs to reduce their undertakings to mitigate and adapt to climate change?

Electric Vehicles

Question No: 329 / 2011

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Delivering electric vehicles in London is one of the primary pledges the Mayor has made to Londoners and the focus of Policy 5.8 (Innovative Energy Technologies) of the Draft Replacement London Plan. Does the Mayor accept that the 65% cut to the electric vehicles budget announced in November (2010) seriously undermines this policy? If not, why not?

Green Grid

Question No: 330 / 2011

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Does the Mayor accept that the Government's axing of funding for the Green Grid programme undermines to varying degrees Policy 5.9 (Overheating and Cooling), Policy 5.10 (Urban Greening) and Policy 5.13 (Sustainable Drainage)? If not, why not?

Draft Replacement London Plan

Question No: 331 / 2011

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Does the Mayor agree that Policies 5.16 (Waste Self-Sufficiency), 5.17 (Waste Capacity), 5.18 (Construction, Excavation and Demolition Waste) and 5.19 (Hazardous Waste) of his Draft Replacement London Plan could all be damaged by Government cuts and operational changes to the Environment Agency and the Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP).

Draft Replacement London Plan 2

Question No: 332 / 2011

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Does Policy 6.13 (Parking) of the Draft Replacement London represent a funding commitment for additional park and ride provision? If so, what is the impact of the Spending Review on this commitment?

Draft Replacement London Plan 3

Question No: 333 / 2011

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Does the Mayor agree that Policy 7.3 (Secured by Design) of his Draft Replacement London Plan is undermined by the Government's abolition of the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment (CABE), which would have advised boroughs how to deliver the policy?

Draft Replacement London Plan 4

Question No: 334 / 2011

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Does the Mayor believe the abolition of the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment (CABE) undermines Policy 7.6 (Architecture) of his Draft Replacement London Plan, which aimed to deliver high architectural standards in London? If not, why not?

Draft Replacement London Plan 5

Question No: 335 / 2011

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Does the Mayor acknowledge that Policies 7.16 (Green Belt), 7.18 (Protecting Local Natural Space and Addressing Local Deficiency), 7.19 (Biodiversity and Access to Nature), 7.20 (Geological Conservation) and 7.21 (Trees and Woodlands) are all affected by the potential curtailing of the Green Grid programme?

Draft Replacement London Plan 6

Question No: 336 / 2011

[Nicky Gavron](#)

How do changes to British Waterways' operational status effect Policy 7.30 (London's Canals and Other Rivers and Waterspaces) of the Mayor's Draft Replacement London Plan? Does the Mayor believe the policy may require alterations in light of these changes?

Draft Replacement London Plan 7

Question No: 337 / 2011

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Does the Mayor agree that proposals 3, 4, 7, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 21, 22 and 23 outlined in Table 8.1 (Key Performance Indicators) in the Draft Replacement London Plan are now all jeopardised by the Government's programme of spending cuts? If not, why not?

New Homes Bonus

Question No: 341 / 2011

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Will the Mayor be submitting a response to the consultation on the New Homes Bonus?

New Homes Bonus 2

Question No: 342 / 2011

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Does the Mayor agree with the Government's position outlined in the 'New Homes Bonus Consultation' paper (November 2010) that the Greater London Authority should not qualify for any New Homes Bonus payments?

New Homes Bonus 3

Question No: 343 / 2011

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Does the Mayor believe the Government's position in the 'New Homes Bonus Consultation' (November 2010) of giving 100% of New Homes Bonus payments to the borough is fair if the new homes in question are built on land that has been released by the London Development Agency?

Localism Bill

Question No: 344 / 2011

[Nicky Gavron](#)

What are the main challenges posed to London's housing and construction industry by the Localism Bill?

Increasing the Housing Benefit Age Limit

Question No: 345 / 2011

[Nicky Gavron](#)

What assessment has the Mayor made of the implications for Registered Social Landlords of increasing the housing benefit age limit for shared room rate from 25 to 35 and what will these be?

Affordable Rents

Question No: 346 / 2011

[Nicky Gavron](#)

The Tenants Services Authority consultation 'Affordable Rent – Revisions to the Tenancy Standard' outlines that "Homes may be let on Affordable Rent terms only where a delivery programme for new supply of Affordable Rent homes has been agreed with the HCA (Homes and Communities Agency)". The Government plans to transfer HCA powers to the Mayor. Can the Mayor therefore confirm that he expects to assume powers to determine when Affordable Rents can be charged?

Affordable Rents 2

Question No: 347 / 2011

[Nicky Gavron](#)

If the Mayor assumes power to determine when Affordable Rents can be charged, what criteria would he use to do so?

Affordable Rents 3

Question No: 348 / 2011

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Can the Mayor pledge that, if he assumes power to determine when Affordable Rents can be charged, he will block them from applying to new properties being developed on the Olympic Park?

Affordable Rents 4

Question No: 349 / 2011

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Does the Mayor agree that the 'Affordable Rents' model outlined in the 'Local Decisions: A Fairer Future for Social Housing Consultation' will lead to an increase in working families claiming housing benefit in London? If so, how many families does he expect to be hit by this?

War on Motorists

Question No: 350 / 2011

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Will the Mayor agree with me that far from being the end of the “war on motorists” (Rt. Hon Eric Pickles MP, Monday 3 January 2011), the Communities Secretaries decision to increase parking provision and reduce parking charges, combined with the your decision to halve the congestion zone and hike transport fares, represents the start of the war on the environment and an assault on London’s poorest, who rely on cheap public transport?

Rents

Question No: 351 / 2011

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Does the Mayor agree that research highlighting 41% of landlords plan to increase rents in the next twelve months and 55% will maintain current rents (Paragon Group) supports similar evidence from London Councils that the housing benefit changes will fail to drive down rents because tenant demand is too strong?

Planning Applications

Question No: 352 / 2011

[Nicky Gavron](#)

How many planning applications for development on sites designated as green belt land have been approved by the Mayor since his election? How many have been refused?

Planned New Homes

Question No: 353 / 2011

[Nicky Gavron](#)

How many planned new homes have been cancelled by London boroughs since 6 May 2010? Can the Mayor provide a borough-by-borough breakdown of the statistics?

Blackwall Tunnel

Question No: 354 / 2011

[Len Duvall](#)

Can you please provide me with an update on the modernisation work at Blackwall Tunnel, including details about timescales and further weekend closures?

Fire Cover

Question No: 355 / 2011

[Len Duvall](#)

I have been asked via the ‘suggest a question’ website to put the following question to you: “Why do you not reply to the e-mails that I have sent to your office? I want to know why the fire-cover is almost non-existent in my area. I live in Plumstead in the London Borough of Greenwich and I am quite disgusted at the situation. In case you do not know, this is a very busy and overcrowded area. Lots of high rise council flats and Industrial warehouses and yet we have only one fire engine and that is often not available at night. I was stupid enough to vote for you in the last London elections but never again. You do not even have the courtesy to reply to mail in an honest and open way”.

Elections

Question No: 356 / 2011

[Len Duvall](#)

In answer to Written Question No: 3736/2010 you stated “comparing strike ballots with an election of all Londoners is like comparing apples with pears”. I should not have to remind you that the same principle - that a simple majority of those participating (not those eligible to participate) in an election is sufficient to secure an outcome - underpin all democratic processes. Whether the democratic process is employed as part of an election or a ballot for strike action is irrelevant. It is not intellectually credible to call for stricter legitimacy stipulations upon one particular type of democratic process on the basis of your – entirely subjective – opposition to its outcome whilst maintaining that the above principle is suitable for those elections you are supportive of. With this in mind, will you campaign – alongside your demand for strike ballots to require a minimum turnout of 50% - for the 2012 London Mayoral Election to require a minimum 50% turnout?

Strike Action

Question No: 357 / 2011

[Len Duvall](#)

In answer to Written Question No: 3736/2010 you stated that “many...strikes are capricious and clearly politically motivated”. This is a conclusion that could only be drawn by person who has never had to face the prospect of workplace bullying, or constant attacks on their pay, pension, terms and conditions. For trade union members, strike action is always a last resort. It is an insult to members and their families who, in reluctantly taking part in strike action, forego pay and risk hardship. With this in mind, I would like to give you the opportunity retract your statement and apologise to the trade union members who have helped keep the wheels of this city turning throughout the downturn, despite the best efforts of your friends in the financial services industry to ruin our economy.

Housing Benefit Cuts

Question No: 358 / 2011

[Len Duvall](#)

In answer to Written Question No: 3737/2010 you stated that you “support the reform of Housing Benefit but believe that transitional arrangements are essential in order to mitigate any unintended consequences on London of the imminent changes”. What transitional arrangements do you believe are required for London and in what specific ways have you conveyed this message to the Government?

Economic Development Strategy #2

Question No: 359 / 2011

[Len Duvall](#)

When do you expect the delivery/implementation document for your Economic Development Strategy to be completed by the GLA’s Economic and Business Policy team?

Tax Increment Financing

Question No: 360 / 2011

[Len Duvall](#)

In answer to Written Question 3742/2010 you stated that you “will be at the forefront of innovative finance such as Tax Increment Financing”(TIF). Are you aware that, by capturing the

full tax increment and directing it to repay the development bonds, TIF can be problematic as it ignores the fact that the incremental increase in residents and property values require an increase in the provision of public services? For example, the use of TIF to create a large residential development means that public services, such as waste disposal and policing, will need to be expanded. If the taxes of those living in this new area are captured to repay the TIF bonds, council tax in the rest of the local authority area will have to increase to cross-finance the public services required by this new development. Since council tax is regressive, is TIF another example of those on low and modest incomes being expected to finance capital investment that, if we had a progressive tax regime, would be largely financed by the most profitable businesses and those on the highest incomes ?

Tax Increment Financing 2

Question No: 361 / 2011

[Len Duvall](#)

In what way is Tax Increment Financing philosophically different from the PFI?

LDA Land Assets

Question No: 362 / 2011

[Len Duvall](#)

In response to Written Question No: 3742/2010 you stated that you “will bring together the housing and land assets of both the LDA and the London HCA to create a powerful new housing and regeneration arm of the GLA”. Will LDA land assets be sold and/or employed to raise revenue for a direct delivery budget for economic development by the Greater London Authority and, if so, what projections have been made of future revenues generated by LDA land assets?

London Bus Fares

Question No: 363 / 2011

[Len Duvall](#)

What is the elasticity of demand for bus travel in London and what calculations have been made to ensure that January’s 7.7% fare increase from £1.20 to £1.30 will not price people off public transport?

London Bus Fares #2

Question No: 364 / 2011

[Len Duvall](#)

In response to Written Question No: 3744/2010 you stated that “the reduction in subsidy would be achieved by continuing to bear down on costs and by setting realistic, affordable fares”. What calculations/criteria have been employed to establish bus fare affordability and what definition of ‘realistic’ did TfL apply when establishing the new fare level?

Tax Relief Vs Tax Avoidance

Question No: 365 / 2011

[Len Duvall](#)

In response to Written Question No: 4115/2010 you stated that you “would be happy to receive any evidence or analysis” that a distinction in law between the tax relief that results from a pension payment being deducted from somebody’s ‘top line’ pay and corporate tax avoidance would lead to increased tax revenues, which could be used to offset cuts to public services in

London. Please provide me with some evidence demonstrating that the introduction of anti-avoidance legislation would not have the effect of increasing tax revenues for investment in public services?

Tax Loopholes

Question No: 366 / 2011

[Len Duvall](#)

In response to Written Question No: 4117/2010 you stated that “we currently do not have estimates on the impact on London’s economy of all tax avoidance measures”. Will you undertake to commission such a report in conjunction with the London Assembly?

Tax Evaders

Question No: 367 / 2011

[Len Duvall](#)

In Written Question No: 4117/2010 I specifically asked whether you would undertake to write to the Chancellor, George Osborne, reminding him that, by very conservative HMRC figures alone (National Fraud Indicator 2010), tax evasion costs the Treasury ten times more (£10.7 billion pa) than benefit theft and urging him to invest proportional resources in recouping benefit theft and evaded tax and securing convictions for those engage in such illegal acts. Unfortunately, you did not answer my question. Will you write to George Osborne, informing him of the above statistics and requesting that he respond accordingly?

Royal Parks

Question No: 368 / 2011

[Len Duvall](#)

In answer to Written Question No: 4119/2010 you informed me that you are “currently in discussion with the Government about the possibility of the responsibility for managing the Royal Parks being devolved from the DCMS to the GLA”. Has there been any progress on this matter since and, if so, what?

Rebate

Question No: 369 / 2011

[Len Duvall](#)

In answer to Written Question No: 4125/2010 you informed me that “the Council Tax freeze grant to the GLA in 2011-12 is estimated at £23.2m”. Since the rebate will have been funded in the main by the government’s rise in regressive V.A.T, are the poorest people in Britain being expected finance a tax-break for London’s wealthiest households?

Rebate 2

Question No: 370 / 2011

[Len Duvall](#)

In answer to Written Question No: 4125/2010 you informed me that “the Council Tax freeze grant to the GLA in 2011-12 is estimated at £23.2m”. Does this rebate expose as false the government’s rhetoric of ‘more for less’ in the provision of public services and is this rebate merely designed to enable you, as Mayor, to maintain this myth by allowing you to ‘freeze’ the GLA’s share of the precept?

Christmas Travel Arrangements

Question No: 371 / 2011

[Len Duvall](#)

In answer to Written Question No: 3361/2010 you informed me that “demand for bus services on Christmas Day is likely to be low and distributed thinly across London whereas the cost of providing services would be high. For this reason, TfL has no plans to run bus services on Christmas Day”. Has TfL ever conducted any research in to the latent demand for bus usage on Christmas Day and, if so, can you provide me with the data it compiled?

LDA Projects

Question No: 372 / 2011

[Len Duvall](#)

Excluding Olympic spending, please provide me with a list of a projects 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 projects.

LDA Posts

Question No: 373 / 2011

[Len Duvall](#)

In answer to Written Question No: 4133/2010 you informed me that “the proposed [2011/12 LDA] structure, if implemented, would see 241 [people] made redundant”. In answer to question 4134/2010 you also informed me that “the estimated number of jobs within Think, Study, Visit and Film London that are directly funded by the LDA is 119”. How many of these 119 posts are under threat and are any included in the 241 figure provided in Written Answer 4133/2010?

LDA Job Creation

Question No: 374 / 2011

[Len Duvall](#)

In answer to Written Question No: 4135/2010 you informed me that, since you became Mayor in May 2008, the LDA has been responsible for the creation of 24,407 jobs. I’m sure you would agree that a job creation rate of 763 per month is a significant achievement. In light of this information, does a reduction of a minimum of 50% in the LDA’s non-Olympic budget make good economic sense?

Evening Standard article

Question No: 375 / 2011

[Len Duvall](#)

On 5 January, you were quoted in an Evening Standard article entitled ‘Scrap 50p tax, help the City, save ‘banker tossers’ — Boris Johnson lets rip’ as saying “my job is to create the conditions in which business can flourish. We can’t make a flower grow by pulling on it”. Is expecting big business to not routinely engage in tax avoidance and evasion damaging to London’s economic prospects?

Evening Standard article 2

Question No: 376 / 2011

[Len Duvall](#)

We live in the most unequal city in the industrialised world. How successful has big business in London been at “delivering the wealth for the poor and needy”?

Evening Standard article 3

Question No: 377 / 2011

[Len Duvall](#)

On 5 January, you were quoted in an Evening Standard article entitled ‘Scrap 50p tax, help the City, save ‘banker tossers’ — Boris Johnson lets rip’ as saying “long-term, it is not right that an entrepreneurial city such as London should have a top tax rate higher than most of its competitors. Would you support a reduction in the top rate of tax in exchange for broad anti-tax avoidance legislation?”

Evening Standard article 4

Question No: 378 / 2011

[Len Duvall](#)

On 5 January, you were quoted in an Evening Standard article entitled ‘Scrap 50p tax, help the City, save ‘banker tossers’ — Boris Johnson lets rip’ as saying “To the banker-bashers, I say: What’s your ideal economic model?”. My ideal economic model is one in which one industry (despite only employing 9% of workers in London) cannot have a destabilising effect on the broader economy. My ideal economic model is and contributes so much in tax revenue (though, nowhere near what it ought to) to the Treasury that it can literally hold a government and, therefore, the people of a nation to ransom. My ideal economic model is one in which the proceeds of economic growth are broadly distributed amongst the workers that generate such growth and not hoovered up by executive remuneration committees. My ideal economic model is one in which the model is the servant, and not the master, of the people. In what specific ways do you disagree with my vision of an ideal economic model?

Evening Standard article 5

Question No: 379 / 2011

[Len Duvall](#)

On 5 January, you were quoted in an Evening Standard article entitled ‘Scrap 50p tax, help the City, save ‘banker tossers’ — Boris Johnson lets rip’ as saying “show me how reducing financial services boosts manufacturing”. You have been successful at creating the perception that those who believe in a more balanced London economy want to see a return to low value-added manufacturing at the expense of financial services. I am not aware of any credible politician or economist calling for such a retrograde step so why do you insist that this is the view of those calling for a more diversified economic base?

Evening Standard article 6

Question No: 380 / 2011

[Len Duvall](#)

On 5 January, you were quoted in an Evening Standard article entitled ‘Scrap 50p tax, help the City, save ‘banker tossers’ — Boris Johnson lets rip’ as saying that you are “can understand the comments that are made and the rage [about the financial services industry]. But we’re also asking them to contribute £31 billion in tax”. The people of London or, indeed, the UK are not ‘asking’ the financial services industry ‘contribute’ anything. As a consequence of the unique

resources offered by London in particular, significant revenue and profit is generated by the financial services industry. Businesses within this industry pay, or should pay, taxes which finance the infrastructure, both human and capital, that enables them to remain profitable. By rightfully paying their taxes banks are investing in their own profitability, not charitably 'contributing' to the nation's coffers. In what way do you disagree with this assertion?

Evening Standard article 7

Question No: 381 / 2011

[Len Duvall](#)

On 5 January, you were quoted in an Evening Standard article entitled 'Scrap 50p tax, help the City, save 'banker tossers' — Boris Johnson lets rip' as saying that "it's not so much people leaving — they're not taking their kids out of school and going to Zug — but it's firms thinking where to open an office next". I believe J.P Morgan are due to open a new office in London. How many jobs will this create?

Evening Standard article 8

Question No: 382 / 2011

[Len Duvall](#)

On 5 January, you were quoted in an Evening Standard article entitled 'Scrap 50p tax, help the City, save 'banker tossers' — Boris Johnson lets rip' as saying "George [Osborne] has got a very difficult balance to strike...He's got a massive fiscal problem". With the largest tax gap in the nation's history, at over £100 billion per year (almost equivalent to the entire structural deficit) are you concerned about the impact on London of the Chancellor's focus almost entirely on spending cuts to rebalance the nation's finances instead of capturing evaded taxes and introducing anti-avoidance legislation?

Evening Standard article 9

Question No: 383 / 2011

[Len Duvall](#)

On 5 January, you were quoted in an Evening Standard article entitled 'Scrap 50p tax, help the City, save 'banker tossers' — Boris Johnson lets rip' as saying "Why do we need to rebalance London's economy? Financial services grew because we were very successful at them". Did the abolition of exchange rate controls and bank capitalisation rates under the Thatcher Government have anything to do with the growth of financial services in London and is the not a classic example of 'picking winners' that, according to you, free marketers should never engage in?

Income Inequality

Question No: 384 / 2011

[Len Duvall](#)

Does the concept of 'marginal propensity to consume' indicate that London's economy would be better served by lower levels of income inequality?

Income Tax

Question No: 388 / 2011

[Len Duvall](#)

Given your recent comments on the 50p tax rate, are you aware of the net monthly income (assuming no deductions) of a Londoner earning exactly £150,000 per year?

Corporation Tax

Question No: 389 / 2011

[Len Duvall](#)

Do companies (particularly banks) continue to locate their offices in London because we have the lowest headline and effective rates of corporation tax in our history and, if so, why do you maintain that London's 'tax environment' is uncompetitive?

Chief Executive's Office Moves

Question No: 390 / 2011

[Len Duvall](#)

Since he arrived at City Hall in 2009 the Chief Executive has moved office three times. Please provide me with a full cost breakdown of the moves, including labour costs, work hours employed, cost of fixtures and fittings, and costs of furniture.

Corporation Tax 2

Question No: 391 / 2011

[Len Duvall](#)

As you are aware, the UK's corporation tax levelled on company profits ranges between 21%-28% (the government will soon reduce this to 20%-27%). What is the average rate of corporation tax paid by London's banks?

Mean London Income

Question No: 392 / 2011

[Len Duvall](#)

Is London's mean income level a good indicator of the city's economic health and, if so, why?

'Save the Arts'

Question No: 393 / 2011

[Len Duvall](#)

Given Cultural Strategy Officers of this authority are steering campaigns to 'Save the Arts' via the Visual Arts London network what conversations have you had with central government along this theme? Please list any meetings with Ministers or officials of the Treasury, Number 10, DCLG or DCMS where you have urged them to minimise funding cuts to Arts bodies in the London region.

Defending the Arts

Question No: 394 / 2011

[Len Duvall](#)

Why do you not defend art institutions and artists as publicly and vigorously as you do bankers?

Outer London

Question No: 395 / 2011

[Len Duvall](#)

Should residents of Outer London, say a North London borough, be satisfied that many opportunities to participate in the Arts are only half an hour away by tube (subject to engineering works?)?

Fire Appliances

Question No: 397 / 2011

[Navin Shah](#)

In November's Mayor's Question Time, you stated to me "It seems to me that we are entirely in agreement that there shouldn't be reduction in Fire Appliances." Please update us as to your discussions with your LFEPA Chair in regard to his instruction to the Authority's FPE Committee that "officers [should] explore, as part of the budget process, and report back to the Committee... on whether the Brigade needs all 27 of the fire appliances removed from stations during the current industrial action to be returned or whether there is an over-supply of appliances" Given we are entirely in agreement, presumably you have detailed your conviction to the LFEPA Chair and demanded he cancelled the investigation into "over-supply"? Will you order the Chairman to ensure the immediate return of these engines to London's fire stations?

Match Funding for European Social Fund

Question No: 398 / 2011

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Following the demise of the LDA, do you consider the match funding required to make use of the remaining European Social Fund targeted for London as part of the contractual commitments being passed to the GLA?

Tottenham Hotspur

Question No: 399 / 2011

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Can the Mayor confirm if he, or his officials, have had any meetings, correspondence, phone calls or contact whatsoever with Daniel Levy or any member of ENIC or Tottenham Hotspur plc in the period between June 1st 2010 and November 18th 2010 and can he publish the content of those discussions.

VERO Campaigning Communications

Question No: 400 / 2011

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Can the Mayor confirm if he, or his officials, have had any meetings, correspondence, phone calls or contact whatsoever with the chairmen, directors and employees of VERO Campaigning Communications in the period between June 1st 2010 and the present day and can he publish the content of those discussions.

Qatar Based Investors

Question No: 401 / 2011

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Can the Mayor confirm if he, or his officials, have had any meetings, correspondence, phone

calls or contact whatsoever with officials or employees from Qatar based investors, with regard to the Olympic Stadium or Tottenham Hotspur Football Club, in the period between June 1st 2010 and the present day and can he make the content of those discussions open to the public.

Olympic Stadium

Question No: 402 / 2011

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Will the Mayor reiterate his desire to see an Olympic Stadium that is a “flexible facility that can accommodate athletics as well as other team-based sports” (Mayor’s Spokesperson quoted in FT, 8 August 2008) as part of the 2012 legacy?

Olympic Stadium 2

Question No: 403 / 2011

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Does the Mayor believe it would be a waste of public money for the £500 million Olympic Stadium to be demolished after just 29 days of use?

Olympic Park Legacy Company

Question No: 404 / 2011

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Can the Mayor confirm if he, or his officials, have had any meetings, correspondence, phone calls or contact whatsoever with the board of the Olympic Park Legacy Company, regarding Tottenham Hotspur FC, in the period between June 1st 2010 and the present day and can he publish the content of those discussions.

Olympic Legacy

Question No: 405 / 2011

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Does the Mayor believe that decisions surrounding the Olympic Legacy should be made whilst considering consequences for the whole of London and not just the five Olympic Boroughs?

Olympic Legacy 2

Question No: 406 / 2011

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Should THFC be successful in their bid for the Olympic Stadium, what financial, technical and regeneration support will be provided to Haringey and Enfield to reap at least the same benefits for the community that the THFC bid would have generated?

Police Officer Numbers

Question No: 407 / 2011

[Joanne McCartney](#)

How many police officers do you expect to be in post on 1st April 2011, 2012 & 2013?

PCSO Numbers

Question No: 408 / 2011

[Joanne McCartney](#)

How many PCSOs do you expect to be in post on 1st April 2011, 2012 & 2013?

Tube ticket office staffing

Question No: 409 / 2011

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Please list any tube ticket offices which will have no staff on duty at any point of the day – including incidences where no staff will be on duty for a period in order to accommodate meal breaks.

Pedestrian crossing removals

Question No: 410 / 2011

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

You are aware of my concerns over TfL's plans to remove up to 145 sets of traffic signals as per the list of sites supplied to me last year. Please give an update on the status of each of these sites, including which proposals have been dropped, which have gone ahead and which remain under consideration.

A23 Streatham

Question No: 411 / 2011

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Please give an update on TfL's plans to improve the A23 through Streatham, and in particular the area known as 'the Dip' below St Leonard's Church.

Trust to Run Libraries

Question No: 412 / 2011

[John Biggs](#)

Can you describe further your reported intention to establish a trust to take over the operation of London Libraries? What, in this context, is 'Team London'? Under what powers would you establish the trust and to whom would it be accountable?

London Apprenticeships Campaign

Question No: 413 / 2011

[John Biggs](#)

What targets are being set for this campaign and what further involvement will you have in it?

ReNew Programme

Question No: 414 / 2011

[John Biggs](#)

Can you provide an assurance about the future funding of this scheme and whether its proposed scale and delivery programme has changed?

Council Tax Freeze

Question No: 415 / 2011

[John Biggs](#)

In your written report you advise that 'Londoners have been awarded a £23 million windfall due to prudent financial management that has enabled me to freeze the precept for the third year running.' Given that virtually all local authorities will be freezing their council tax this year, is this not a tenuous argument? And given that the £23million is far exceeded by the cuts in grant to the GLA family, in what way might it be described as a windfall?

Economic Development Strategy

Question No: 416 / 2011

[Len Duvall](#)

Speaking of your Economic Development Strategy in response to Written Question No: 3738/2010 you stated that "direct delivery budgets have always been relatively limited when set against the scale of the London economy". Does this fact invalidate the need for the GLA to have a direct delivery budget for economic development and, if so, does this mean that, in terms of economic development, the GLA will be reduced to a 'toothless tiger'?

Feed In Tariff

Question No: 417 / 2011

[Richard Barnbrook](#)

Does the guaranteed price under the Feed in Tariff push up the cost of electricity to the London public?