23 March 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 28 March 2011

Marching against the Cuts

Question No: 993 / 2011

John Biggs

Will you be marching alongside tens of thousands of Londoners on Saturday as they stand up against Government cuts which will in my opinion savage London?

Accessibility on the Underground

Question No: 897 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

How are you making the London Underground network more accessible for visually impaired people?

Mitcham Safer Neighbourhood Teams

Question No: 981 / 2011

Richard Tracey

"In Prime Minister's Questions earlier this month, Siobhain McDonagh, MP for Mitcham and Morden, claimed that Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNTs) in Merton borough had been merged and that every SNT team had been reduced to one police officer.

- i) Can you confirm that, in fact, Merton borough has not changed its SNT 1:2:3 (one sergeant; two officers & three PCSOs) model in every ward and that nothing will be decided on without the agreement of the Met Police and MPA, following the Metropolitan Police's Review?
- ii) Furthermore can you confirm that the budget for 2011 / 2012 provides for the current model of one PCs and three PCSOs?"

Air pollution fines (2)

Question No: 811 / 2011

Darren Johnson

Will you revise London's air quality plan "by 11 June 2011 to include short-term measures" as required by the European Commissions letter of 11th March 2011?

LIPs Funding and Road Humps

Question No: 977 / 2011

Andrew Boff

The Mayor has said that LIPs funding should not be used by boroughs to install road humps. Does he take a similar view of boroughs using the money to install speed cushions, as proposed by Hackney Council?

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

World Athletics Championships

Question No: 983 / 2011

Tony Arbour

If London hosts the World Athletics Championships in 2017, how much public sector funding would be required to subsidise this event? How much funding would the GLA or Mayor's Office need to provide for this event?

Scrapping of the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)

Question No: 987 / 2011

Jennette Arnold

What assessment have you made of the impact in London that scrapping the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) will have on low income families?

King George Hospital

Question No: 976 / 2011

Roger Evans

Does the Mayor agree with me that the closure of A&E services at King George Hospital would represent a serious reduction in health provision for people in my Redbridge constituency, and will he support the campaign for this important service?

Health Service Reforms

Question No: 997 / 2011

John Biggs

What is the greatest risk to Londoners from the proposed health service reforms?

Positioning of TfL signs

Question No: 978 / 2011

Gareth Bacon

Does Transport for London carry out traffic impact surveys when deciding where to position Low Emission Zone signs telling traffic to exit major roads to avoid charging?

BSF

Question No: 994 / 2011

John Biggs

In a recent interview for *Total Politics* you told Iain Dale that "the issue in London is the underperformance of schools" and you expressed concern about the literacy and numeracy rates in London. With this in mind, what do you think the implications on the performance of London's schools will be, given the Government's decision to scrap the 'Building schools for the Future' programme?

Surgery outcomes for London

Question No: 979 / 2011

Victoria Borwick

Mindful of the health inequalities across London, can I ask the Mayor to support the need for Londoners to have excellent healthcare and surgery which will give them the best possible outcomes?

Youth Justice Board

Question No: 1188 / 2011

Len Duvall

What effect will the disbanding of the youth justice board and cuts to the early intervention grant have on levels of youth offending in London?

HIV-AIDS awareness

Question No: 980 / 2011

James Cleverly

Does the Mayor share my alarm at the growing ignorance surrounding HIV-AIDS as high lighted in a recent National AIDS Trust survey? What does he believe he can do to tackle this through his public health responsibilities?

Cuts to Police Budgets

Question No: 988 / 2011

Joanne McCartney

What is the total Government cut to policing in London?

Park Street crash

Question No: 962 / 2011

Steve O'Connell

In the light of the latest accident involving a pedestrian and bus on the Park Street/Wellesley Road junction, Croydon, (CRO) will you examine how public safety could be improved?

Housing Benefit and Welfare Reforms

Question No: 989 / 2011

Nicky Gavron

What will be the impact of the Government's benefit reforms on housing in London?

Cost to GLA Family of July 7th bombing inquiry

Question No: 975 / 2011

Brian Coleman

What costs have been incurred to date by the Greater London Authority and its Functional Bodies in relation to the Inquests into the 7th July 2005 terrorist murders?

Social housing funding

Question No: 803 / 2011

Jenny Jones

Will you have enough money to deliver your target of 31,680 new social homes over the next four years?

Banning soup runs

Question No: 923 / 2011

Mike Tuffrey

Do you agree with me that outlawing soup runs and rough sleeping is not the best way to ensure homeless people get the help they need?

Housing mobility

Question No: 925 / 2011

Mike Tuffrey

When will your pan-London mobility scheme for London's social housing tenants extend to include new build homes?

Ouestions for Written Answer

Bicycle paramedics

Question No: 760 / 2011

Jenny Jones

Will you encourage the Department of Health and the London Ambulance Service to expand their bicycle paramedics scheme to more boroughs in London? The 100-strong team is estimated to have saved at least £300,000 in fuel costs and have improved response times.

Southwark Bridge

Question No: 761 / 2011

Jenny Jones

Will you look at designating Southwark Bridge as a cycle-only bridge, possibly shared with pedestrians? Next to the pedestrian Millennium Bridge, it would symbolise London as being a genuinely cycle-friendly city.

Cycles on Crossrail trains

Question No: 762 / 2011

Jenny Jones

A constituent has asked if Crossrail trains will be designed to be as cycle-friendly as possible by following Berlin's example in having 100% folding seats to allow for large numbers of cycles to be carried off-peak? Will this be in the specification for the carriages and for the operator?

Cycle superhighways

Question No: 763 / 2011

Jenny Jones

Do you have a mechanism in place to monitor all planning applications and street refurbishments along the Cycle Superhighways to ensure that dedicated space is given to the cycle routes without obstructions?

Cycle Hire docking station problems

Question No: 764 / 2011

Jenny Jones

How many complaints have Transport for London now received regarding the failure of a bike hire docking station to release the bike? When will this problem with the IT system be resolved? In line with your response to my question 2774, are you still withholding payments from SERCO as a result of their failure to meet milestone targets?

Burgess Park and Priority Park scheme (1)

Question No: 765 / 2011

Jenny Jones

Were you aware of Southwark Council's plans to cut down 450 trees in Burgess Park, 283 more than was quoted in the planning application?

Burgess Park and Priority Park scheme (2)

Question No: 766 / 2011

Jenny Jones

Can you justify why the redevelopment of your Premier Park includes plans to remove 450 trees from the Park, many of which are mature, which will result in a net loss of trees and canopy cover?

Burgess Park and Priority Park scheme (3)

Question No: 767 / 2011

Jenny Jones

Does the net loss of trees in Burgess Park contradict your draft climate change adaptation strategy's Action 31, which states that 'The Mayor will work with partners to increase tree cover across London by five per cent by 2025'?

Soup run ban in Westminster

Question No: 768 / 2011

Jenny Jones

Will you support the broad-based alliance of homelessness, religious and community organisations that is fighting the proposed ban on soup runs and rough sleeping in Westminster?

Equalities duties

Question No: 769 / 2011

Jenny Jones

In the light of the recent judicial review that found that London Councils conducted a flawed and unlawful process of review of the London Boroughs Grants Scheme, by breaching all 3 public sector equality duties, how will you help to improve understanding of and encourage compliance with Public Sector Equalities Duties?

Disproportionate cuts to voluntary sector

Question No: 770 / 2011

Jenny Jones

What is your current view about the proportionality of cuts to the voluntary sector from the public sector in London and, given that you control a multi-billion pound budget on behalf of London, what are you doing about cuts that many see as being disproportionate, in particular regarding the London Councils Grants Review?

Tree pruning in Greenwich Park

Question No: 771 / 2011

Jenny Jones

Will you ask LOCOG to urgently review their plans to prune more than 400 trees, including ancient and veteran trees, to heights of up to 5.2m, with some branches being removed to the stem? This seems excessive, runs contrary to guidelines and could cause long-term damage to highly valuable trees.

Barclays sponsorship (1)

Question No: 773 / 2011

Jenny Jones

Can you tell me (a) the total amount spent by Transport for London on the Cycle Superhighways and the Cycle Hire schemes to date and (b) how much of this came from Barclays sponsorship money to date?

Barclays sponsorship (2)

Question No: 774 / 2011

Jenny Jones

How much have you asked Barclays to pay towards the extension of bike hire to east London in addition to their pledged £25m?

Barclays sponsorship (3)

Question No: 775 / 2011

Jenny Jones

Do you agree that the image of the bike hire scheme is being damaged by association with a bank which paid £3.4bn in bonuses and other performance rewards?

Blackfriars bridge redesign

Question No: 776 / 2011

Jenny Jones

Will you make clear that any redesign of Blackfriars Bridge should retain space for a cycle lane in each direction, even if that means that other road traffic is squeezed and unable to have an extra lane?

Red route enforcement (1)

Question No: 777 / 2011

Jenny Jones

Can you confirm that the service level agreement stipulations on red route enforcement in the new safer transport contract with the Met Police will include PCSOs reporting to the Traffic Directorate on any unsafe or disruptive road works, using the new software on their handheld ticketing devices?

Red route enforcement (2)

Question No: 778 / 2011

Jenny Jones

Can you confirm that the new safer transport contract with the Met Police will contain a penalty clause relating to bus reliability affected by red route enforcement? A TfL report in 2006 revealed that rigorous enforcement had reduced average waiting times by 15 per cent.

Right direction

Question No: 779 / 2011

Jenny Jones

Will your new strategy to improve transport safety and security in London include a section

Pedestrian and cyclist collisions

Question No: 780 / 2011

Jenny Jones

In your answer to 4074/2010 you tell us that 139 collisions with cyclists caused injury to a pedestrian, including 1 fatality. Can you provide an equivalent figure for injury to cyclists from these collisions? Is there any analysis available of who was at fault in these collisions?

Biking boroughs funding

Question No: 781 / 2011

Jenny Jones

Thank you for your positive answer to my question 672/2011 on ring fencing money for biking boroughs. Can you detail the reasons and financial constraints which account for you allocating such a small amount of money, with £4m spread over 13 boroughs and three years?

Greenways funding

Question No: 782 / 2011

Jenny Jones

You have now provided local authorities with a ring fenced budget for biking boroughs, but in answer to question 271/2011 you state that "TfL has significantly simplified the number of funding streams to the London boroughs and any 'ring-fencing' of funding for borough Greenways schemes would be contrary to this objective." Please explain why biking boroughs is regarded as an exception to this rule, whilst the pan London Greenway scheme is no longer seen as an important strategic goal in need of a £4m dedicated annual funding stream to ensure its completion?

TfL funding for borough transport schemes

Question No: 783 / 2011

Jenny Jones

Having reversed your further cut in funding for Local Implementation Plans (LIPs), can you provide an updated answer to my question 22/2011 regarding your plans for LIP funding in 2014/15? Will funding still be cut "in line with TfL's General Grant, which reduces by 28.6% by the end of that period"?

London Road Safety Plan

Question No: 784 / 2011

Jenny Jones

Following your answer to my question 25/2011, may I have a copy of the draft London Road Safety Plan on which you said you would consult with stakeholders before the end of this financial year?

Cycle parking at Crossrail stations

Question No: 785 / 2011

Jenny Jones

I am concerned that your answer to my question 673/2011 appears to show that Crossrail has

so far failed to incorporate any cycle parking into the re-design of stations which it has already carried out. Can you provide an update, as originally requested, of any cycle parking currently envisaged at any Crossrail station?

Parliament Square (1)

Question No: 786 / 2011

Jenny Jones

Given that the Democracy Village protest was evicted in July 2010, when will the Parliament Square gardens be re-opened to the public?

Parliament Square (2)

Question No: 787 / 2011

Jenny Jones

Are you still concerned about the threat of reoccupation of the Square?

Parliament Square (3)

Question No: 788 / 2011

Jenny Jones

Why have you taken court action to have Brian Haw removed from Parliament Square?

Cuts to youth services (1)

Question No: 789 / 2011

Jenny Jones

Are you developing a successor to the Youth Offer Programme to fill some of the major funding gaps in youth provision in London, following local government and voluntary sector cuts?

Cuts to youth services (2)

Question No: 790 / 2011

Jenny Jones

Do you agree that it is short-sighted to cut funding to successful youth services such as the Salmon youth centre in Bermondsey, which you have supported through your sports programme and is now facing an 80% loss of funding?

Cuts to youth services (3)

Question No: 791 / 2011

Jenny Jones

Do you think that the large scale cuts to youth services in Haringey will make the job of police officers in the borough harder?

Youth centre closures

Question No: 792 / 2011

Jenny Jones

Do you agree with a police sergeant in charge of a Safer Neighbourhood Team who reportedly lobbied against the closure of a local youth centre on the basis that she was "concerned about a

Money for rough sleeping projects (1)

Question No: 793 / 2011

Jenny Jones

Can you confirm whether the £8.45m added to the GLA General Grant to provide resources for rough sleeping projects and services has any restrictions on its use, such as a ring fence?

Money for rough sleeping projects (2)

Question No: 794 / 2011

Jenny Jones

If homelessness projects and services central to achieving your aim to end rough sleeping by 2012 were short of funds due to cuts from London Councils and individual boroughs, would you consider using your GLA General Grant to maintain their current funding levels on top of any support paid for by the £8.45m of money recently transferred to your control from the Government?

Homelessness funding (1)

Question No: 795 / 2011

Jenny Jones

Do you recognise Homeless Link's estimate that homelessness services in London will see their funding cut by approximately 23% in 2011/12 leading to the possible loss of 626 bed spaces?

Homelessness funding (2)

Question No: 796 / 2011

Jenny Jones

What action are you taking to encourage London boroughs to ensure they are supporting the services needed to tackle rough sleeping in the capital so that London can achieve the goal of ending rough sleeping by the end of 2012?

Community-led housing

Question No: 797 / 2011

Jenny Jones

What decisions were taken regarding community-led housing projects at the HCA London Board meeting in February? Can you share any papers on this item with me?

Self-help housing projects

Question No: 798 / 2011

Jenny Jones

Thank you for your answer to question 665/2011. Can you tell me any specific ideas for supporting self-help housing providers that your Housing Advisor brought back from his visit to a north London provider?

Empty Homes funding

Question No: 799 / 2011

Jenny Jones

Will you press for a slice of the £100m national HCA fund to tackle empty homes to be made available to the Big Society directly in London with an appropriately streamlined application and monitoring system, rather than going through boroughs who tend to present inefficient bureaucratic hurdles to smaller organisations? London has a number of short life, self-help and other community providers who could make good use of the money.

Incentives to use empty homes

Question No: 800 / 2011

Jenny Jones

Can you tell me the amount of precept you have returned to borough councils who have transferred empty homes to short life housing providers?

Empty homes statistics

Question No: 801 / 2011

Jenny Jones

Do you have any estimate of the number of long-term empty homes that aren't recorded in the official statistics because they are marked for demolition on stalled regeneration schemes, from large estates like the Heygate estate in Southwark to small clusters of publicly owned homes?

Empty homes on surplus public land

Question No: 802 / 2011

Jenny Jones

Thank you for the tables in answer to my question 667/2011. Can you tell me how many empty homes and otherwise-habitable buildings sit on each site that is not due to be disposed of within the next six months? If no such data currently exists, will you carry out a survey and report back to the Assembly with your findings?

Land value uplift (1)

Question No: 804 / 2011

Jenny Jones

When will you have initial findings on the land value uplift experienced as a result of the East London Line?

Land value uplift (2)

Question No: 805 / 2011

Jenny Jones

Will you share with me the methodology for monitoring Crossrail's impact on land values and rents mentioned in your answer to guestion 666/2011?

Public trust in GLA group statistics

Question No: 806 / 2011

Jenny Jones

Will you commit the GLA group to following the Code of Practice for Official Statistics to promote public trust in the use of statistics?

Greenwich Town Centre (1)

Question No: 807 / 2011

Darren Johnson

Can you ask TfL to release all the correspondence it has had with the London Borough of Greenwich about the Greenwich Town Centre gyratory and pedestrianisation scheme?

Greenwich Town Centre (2)

Question No: 808 / 2011

Darren Johnson

What steps are you taking to encourage the London Borough of Greenwich to find a plan for the town centre that is acceptable to TfL and acceptable to local residents before the financial year runs out and the money is lost?

Hotel Rooms for the London 2012 Games

Question No: 809 / 2011

Darren Johnson

With reference to your answer in MQT 0045/2011, who are the individuals and organisations that you have recommended to the Olympic organisers for allocation of the 'the best rooms in London during the Games'?

Air pollution fines (1)

Question No: 810 / 2011

Darren Johnson

You recently told Nick Ferrari on LBC that you were "ready to defy Europe" over the enforcement of air pollution standards. Apart from the repeated applications for time extensions, what watering down of limit values and the time limits did you ask the Government to negotiate?

European time extension for air pollution

Question No: 812 / 2011

Darren Johnson

Do you believe that the letter from the European Commission granting a time extension requires you to take any additional action not already included in your air quality strategy?

Low emission taxis

Question No: 813 / 2011

Darren Johnson

Would you support the idea of Transport for London investing in the purchase of a fleet of low

emission taxis which they could then rent to taxi drivers at a reduced rate, subsidised by advertising in a similar way to the hire bikes?

Black cab inspections

Question No: 814 / 2011

Darren Johnson

Can you confirm that the twice yearly MOT Inspections of black cabs from 2013 will include a thorough examination of their exhaust systems by a vehicle examiner who is trained to ensure that any additional, approved, emissions reduction systems fitted to the taxis are installed correctly; that the MOT certificate will specify that the devices were installed correctly, as specified in the original approval specification; and that they were appropriately certified?

Action on nitrogen dioxide pollution (1)

Question No: 815 / 2011

Darren Johnson

Your response to my question 708/2011 failed to answer my request for "a policy by policy list of funding & action requested, along with an assessment of the minimum time it would take to implement each of them". Can you supply me with this list?

Action on nitrogen dioxide pollution (2)

Question No: 816 / 2011

Darren Johnson

Can you provide me with the date of your next meeting with the Minister to discuss your list of essential actions on nitrogen dioxide?

Air pollution monitoring sites

Ouestion No: 817 / 2011

Darren Johnson

Do you agree that your response to my question 706/2011 shows your complicity in the UK Government's 'hear no evil, see no evil' approach to air pollution in London? Can you explain why your officials can't simply ask the relevant experts, who they meet on a regular basis, to verify which monitoring stations meet the micro-scale siting and data quality requirements contained in the EU Air Quality Directive 2008/50/EC?

Monitoring air pollution levels at Cromwell Road

Question No: 818 / 2011

Darren Johnson

Thank you for the answer to my question 704/2011. Will you instruct TfL to take over responsibility for the Cromwell Road monitoring site if Defra seek to close it down?

Monitoring air pollution levels at Vauxhall

Question No: 819 / 2011

Darren Johnson

In answer to my question 703/2011 you state that the monitoring site at Vauxhall Interchange bus station "may not meet the requirements as set out in Annex C of the Directive." Will you write to the relevant authorities at local and national level to establish whether it does meet the

Monitoring air pollution levels at Hammersmith Broadway

Question No: 820 / 2011

Darren Johnson

Do you think that the decision to remove the air pollution monitoring station at Hammersmith Broadway could be seen as an attempt to avoid long term scrutiny of the health impacts of local traffic?

Compliance with PM10 limit values in 2009

Question No: 821 / 2011

Darren Johnson

Thank you for your carefully worded answer to my question 705/2011 stating your confidence that "the data contained" in Defra's report on air pollution 2009 is correct. Are you equally confident that Defra has not excluded data which it should have reported to the European Commission regarding monitoring sites, such as Vauxhall Interchange, which may meet requirements as set out in Annex C of the Directive?

No idling zones for taxis

Question No: 822 / 2011

Darren Johnson

Table 5 of your Air Quality Strategy Appendix C includes "No Idling Zone (quantified for taxis only)" as part of your modelling of how your policies will reduce pollution in London. Policy 3.4.6.of your Strategy states that "The Mayor, working with the boroughs, bus and coach operators and other organisations will establish a No-Idling Zone throughout London." You expand on this by stating that "The Mayor will make London a 'no idling zone' for parked vehicles with a particular focus on buses, coaches, taxis, private hire vehicles, and delivery vehicles." However, in answer to my question 684/2011 you deny that there will be any enforcement of no idling areas for taxis. Please explain this apparent contradiction?

Reduction in taxi emissions

Question No: 823 / 2011

Darren Johnson

In the policies modelled for your Air Quality Strategy, what was the estimated reduction in PM10 taxi emissions for 2011 and 2015 resulting from the No Idling Zone (quantified for taxis only)?

Working with the Lee Valley Regional Park Authority

Question No: 824 / 2011

Darren Johnson

How will you ensure that the Lee Valley Regional Park Authority is properly involved in the work of your proposed Mayoral Development Corporation for the Olympic park?

The one hundred million pound question

Question No: 825 / 2011

Darren Johnson

You have now failed to answer my simple factual question for a second time. When you printed a promise to spend $\pounds 100m$ on direct climate change programmes in your public draft Climate Change Mitigation and Energy Strategy in October 2010, you must have know what you meant to spend it on. You have made this promise a number of times since 2008. Can you give me the details you had in mind when publishing the figure in your draft strategy as requested in question 3602/2010 and again in question 699/2011, the final LDA settlement notwithstanding?

Tree loss in your park schemes (1)

Question No: 826 / 2011

Darren Johnson

Can you provide details of the actual or planned tree removal figures for all your ten Help a London Park schemes?

Tree loss in your park schemes (2)

Question No: 827 / 2011

Darren Johnson

Did you ask boroughs to include criteria for protecting mature and broadleaf trees and canopy cover for any tenders relating to parks included in your Priority Park and Help a London Park schemes? Please provide the specific or relevant criteria.

East London Green Grid (1)

Question No: 828 / 2011

Darren Johnson

Can you give an update on the following Green Grid projects, providing the LDA, TfL and GLA expenditure in 2010/11 and their planned expenditure in 2011/12: Ponders End Waterfront; Upper Roding Valley Phase 2; Lea River Park; Walking the Crays Phase 2; Abbey Green; Ferry Lane/Wathamstow Wetlands?

East London Green Grid (2)

Question No: 829 / 2011

Darren Johnson

With reference to your answer to question 0695/2011, can you clarify whether the 826.8ha surface area figure that you provided is solely for Green Grid projects? If not, please provide that figure.

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

Question No: 830 / 2011

Darren Johnson

Are you planning to continue to have a dedicated Green Grid team? If so, in what GLA team/department will they be placed?

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

Question No: 831 / 2011

Darren Johnson

What funding has been allocated for dedicated Green Grid staff in 2011/12, and how many staff posts will this be for?

Pay information on web site

Question No: 832 / 2011

Darren Johnson

When and where can I expect to find information about the lowest paid employees in the GLA on its web site, as promised in question 3613/2010?

GLA group contractors and suppliers (1)

Question No: 833 / 2011

Darren Johnson

Can you list for me the twenty companies who received the most money from the GLA group in the financial years 2008/09, 2009/10 and 2010/11, providing for each company a short description of the products/services provided and the total amount of money paid to them?

GLA group contractors and suppliers (2)

Question No: 834 / 2011

Darren Johnson

Can you also tell me whether, to your knowledge, any of the twenty contractors who received the most money from the GLA group from April 2008 to the current time (a) is a London Living Wage employer and (b) whether they have policies to restrain the difference in pay between their lowest and highest paid employees?

GLA group contractors and suppliers (3)

Question No: 835 / 2011

Darren Johnson

Can you tell me the amount paid to the following companies over each of the past three financial years, including 2010/11, and where applicable the amount received in sponsorship/payment by the GLA group: Vodafone, Barclays, RBS/Natwest, Google and KPMG?

Trade union membership in London

Question No: 836 / 2011

Darren Johnson

Does it concern you that the Department for Business Industry and Skill's latest report on trade union membership shows the level of union membership as a percentage of employees in London hitting a new low of 21.5% in 2009, down from 25.7% in 1999, now making London the least organised workforce in the UK?

Trade union rights

Question No: 837 / 2011

Darren Johnson

Can you give me any examples where the GLA group actively addressed employers who prevent or discourage employees from being members of trade unions, and who fail to recognise trade unions, through the procurement process in the past three years?

Employee involvement in the GLA group

Question No: 838 / 2011

Darren Johnson

How are employees outside of senior management involved in the management of each of the GLA group bodies? Have you sought to improve their involvement?

Hate Crimes

Question No: 839 / 2011

Richard Barnbrook

Former Detective Superintendent Mick Gradwell stated that the Police would not speak out against Asian sex gangs and the underage rape of white girls which had been going on for decades for fear of appearing "institutionally racist". Do you think the reluctance of appearing "institutionally racist" highlighted by the former Detective Superintendent also applies to the Metropolitan Police and does the Macpherson report impede the Metropolitan Police's ability to be impartial and fair to the white community with regard to race hate crime?

Climate Change Mitigation and Energy Strategy (1)

Question No: 840 / 2011

Richard Barnbrook

In your Climate Change Mitigation papers you state "the mayor will work with the taxi manufacturing industry to develop an affordable zero emission taxi". Have any concrete discussions taken place to date and is 2015 a realistic timescale for reduced taxi emissions of 60%?

Climate Change Mitigation and Energy Strategy (2)

Question No: 841 / 2011

Richard Barnbrook

In your Climate Change Mitigation papers you state "the mayor's Electric Vehicle delivery Plan aims to have 1,000 electric vehicles in the GLA group fleet by 2015". How many Electric Vehicles are currently in the fleet?

Climate Change Mitigation and Energy Strategy (3)

Question No: 842 / 2011

Richard Barnbrook

In your Climate Change Mitigation papers you state "the Mayor through TFL is aiming to work with partners to deliver AT LEAST 25,000 electric vehicle charging points by 2015". How many electric vehicle charging points are there in London currently?

Climate Change Mitigation and Energy Strategy (4)

Question No: 843 / 2011

Richard Barnbrook

In your Climate Change Mitigation papers you state "As electric vehicle drivers currently have to register in every borough they charge in, the pan-London scheme will bring together the publicly accessible charge points in London into one network and will be developed in early 2011". Is this network up and running?

Climate Change Mitigation and Energy Strategy (5)

Question No: 844 / 2011

Richard Barnbrook

In your Climate Change Mitigation papers you state "However, it is anticipated that the majority of the additional demand can be met without substantial additional generating capacity". Who anticipates this scenario?

Climate Change Mitigation and Energy Strategy (6)

Question No: 845 / 2011

Richard Barnbrook

In your Climate Change Mitigation papers you state "These plans include the aim to deploy up to 150 Hydrogen-powered vehicles in the capital by 2012 including a three- year demonstration of at least five hydrogen-powered busses from 2010". Are there 5 hydrogen-powered busses currently in use in the capital?

GLA Funded Events

Question No: 846 / 2011

Richard Barnbrook

Do you think London taxpayers, in these very financially difficult times, are happy to fund the many cultural events this year mentioned in your Mayor's reply to question 649 / 2011, which in my opinion have no bearing on London / Britain or its cultural way of life?

Cultural Olympiad – audio description

Question No: 847 / 2011

Dee Doocey

Will Cultural Olympiad events organised by the GLA and LOCOG have audio description facilities?

Inspire Mark - accessibility

Question No: 848 / 2011

Dee Doocey

Is there a system to ensure that all events which use the Inspire Mark meet a minimum standard of provision for people with disabilities, including audio description?

Childcare in London

Question No: 849 / 2011

Dee Doocey

In your answers to my questions 623/2011 and 624/2011 you suggest that the Government's new Universal Credit will solve the problem of affordable childcare in London, since it will reflect the higher cost of childcare in London. Since the cost of childcare is such a key element of getting people back into work, don't you think you should be at the forefront of this debate?

Personal Best

Question No: 850 / 2011

Dee Doocey

How many Londoners have completed Personal Best training, and what is the current status of this programme? How many people who have completed the training have subsequently secured paid employment?

CompeteFor - GLA contracts

Question No: 851 / 2011

Dee Doocey

How many GLA family contracts (i.e. GLA, TfL, MPA, LFEPA and LDA) have been procured through the CompeteFor system, and what is the total value of these contracts, broken down by Functional Body?

CompeteFor – non-GLA contracts

Question No: 852 / 2011

Dee Doocey

How many contracts from non-GLA family organisations have been procured through the CompeteFor system, and what is the total value of these contracts, broken down by organisation?

Jobs, Skills and Futures Brokerage

Question No: 853 / 2011

Dee Doocey

How many people, previously unemployed, have been successfully placed into work with contractors on the Olympic Park or the Olympic Village through the Jobs, Skills and Futures Brokerage. How many of these people now in work are resident in the five host boroughs?

Local Employment and Training Framework

Question No: 854 / 2011

Dee Doocey

What is the current status of the LDA's Local Employment and Training Framework?

London Employer Accord

Question No: 855 / 2011

Dee Doocey

Can you please provide an update on the London Employer Accord?

London 2012 Live Sites in London

Question No: 856 / 2011

Dee Doocey

Will you need a Visa card to buy tickets for the 'Live Sites' in London 2012 taking place in Hyde Park, Victoria Park, Potters Field, and Trafalgar Square?

Get Set

Question No: 857 / 2011

Dee Doocey

How many schools in each Borough have signed up for London 2012's Get Set programme, and how many have yet to do so in each Borough?

Academies

Question No: 858 / 2011

Dee Doocey

What is the future of the LDA's Academies Programme?

Police secondees

Question No: 859 / 2011

Dee Doocey

As at the end of January 2011, there were 98 police officers and 33 police staff seconded to organisations outside the Metropolitan Police Service. Which organisations are they seconded to? Please supply figures broken down by organisation and how many people are seconded to the particular organisation.

New congestion charge registration

Question No: 860 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

How many people have registered since the new congestion charges were brought in on the 4th January of this year? How much revenue has TfL generated from these new fees to date?

Pedestrian improvements-junction Bromley Rd/Southend Lane/Whitefoot Lane

Question No: 861 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

Further to MQ 31/2011, could you please confirm:

- (a) the proposed dates for consulting with Lewisham Council and other interested groups?
- (b) What timescale, if any, TfL has for actually implementing any pedestrian improvements?

Crime on buses in London

Question No: 862 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

Broken down by borough, per month, please can you provide the number of bus-related crime incidents from January 2010 until present day?

Wembley Central Station

Question No: 863 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

What plans do you have to improve Wembley Central station for its users, as I have received many complaints about it? I understand the lift is broken and the help points do not work?

Taxicard Double Swiping

Question No: 864 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

Do you agree with me that boroughs should allow their residents who are Taxicard users to use double swiping so that users are not constrained to travelling short distances which will have serious implications to their freedom? Will you use your influence to persuade Boroughs to allow double swiping?

Western Extension Cameras

Question No: 865 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

Please can you update me on what is happening to the camera infrastructure in the decommissioned Western Extension Zone? How many cameras have been removed so far? Have any of the cameras been gathering information since the removal of the Zone, and if so what for?

Ticket office closures – Kennington Station

Question No: 866 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

Since the severe reduction in opening times of Underground ticket offices in London, a member of London Underground staff told a constituent of mine at Kennington Station she would have to go to another station to buy a ticket, due to the ticket machines being broken. When will the ticket machines be repaired at Kennington and will you also review the ticket office opening hours for this station?

Logistics of contactless payment on Oyster Card readers (1)

Question No: 867 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

Will passengers have to register or set up their bank cards to be used for contactless payments on Oyster, or will they automatically be ready for use if they can be used for contactless payment already?

Logistics of contactless payment on Oyster Card readers (2)

Question No: 868 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

What will happen if a passenger has an Oyster Card and a credit/debit card in their wallet and touches in on a bus journey once contactless payment is introduced? Will the payment come off both cards or will one card take preference?

Cost of contactless payment on buses

Question No: 869 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

During the pilot stages of starting up the contactless payment scheme on the bus network, how much will a single fare cost when using contactless payment?

Wimbledon Station

Question No: 870 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

I have been informed that Wimbledon Station is very confusing for passengers who cannot find where to touch in and out with Oyster when interchanging between Overground rail and the tram. Will you instruct TfL to work with South West Trains to try and make it more straight - forward for passengers using this station?

Trees in London (1)

Question No: 871 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

Since 2008 how many trees has TfL had to remove from the streets of London due to maintenance or other works? Please provide figures broken down by year.

Trees in London (2)

Question No: 872 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

Since 2008 how many trees has TfL planted on the streets of London to replace trees lost due to maintenance or other works? Please provide figures broken down by year.

"Idling engine" fines

Question No: 873 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

Will your new "idling engine" fines extend to coaches whose drivers leave engines running causing a nuisance to local residents, in areas such as along Belvedere Road by the Royal Festival Hall?

TfL posters at airports in London

Question No: 874 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

How often do TfL representatives check the posters displaying travel information , particularly information relating to weekend line closures on the Tube network, and how often are the

posters updated at airport terminals in and around London, as I have heard reports of some being out of date?

Holborn Circus scheme

Question No: 875 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

I believe there are plans for Holborn Circus which include dog- leg crossings for pedestrians, which increase the distances people have to walk across roads in the area. Will you review these plans and ensure that pedestrians and cyclists are a priority?

Equality Impact Assessment Schemes

Question No: 876 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

Does TfL carry out Equalities Impact Assessments on highway development schemes?

"Taxi Terminals"

Question No: 877 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

Will you look into obtaining sponsorship to set up "taxi terminals" with toilet and ranking facilities in London for taxi drivers?

Dial a Ride (1)

Question No: 878 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

Please provide the number of single occupancy trips completed from period 1 to present day, 2011?

Dial a Ride (2)

Question No: 879 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

Please publish a table showing for each day in December 2010 and January 2011, the average waiting time for calls to Dial a Ride's centralised call centre, and also the waiting times for peak and off peak periods, the number of calls abandoned, and total number of calls received each day.

Stolen bicycles being advertised on websites

Question No: 880 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

I have been informed that there is a problem with the selling of stolen bicycles in London on the websites such as Gumtree where people can place adverts for buying and selling. Will you use your influence to encourage Gumtree and other such websites to be more responsible and make it harder for thieves to use their sites to sell stolen bicycles?

Cycle hire scheme (1)

Question No: 881 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

In a recent interview with Iain Dale for Total Politics magazine, you said you would have liked to have "done the cycle hire scheme all way out West." Given these comments, coupled with your plans to extend the scheme East for the Olympics, will North and South London ever see more cycle hire docking stations?

Cycle hire scheme (2)

Question No: 883 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

Please list any councils, groups or businesses who have approached you or TfL about paying to install cycle hire docking stations in their area?

Cycle hire scheme (3)

Question No: 884 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

Please provide a table showing the number of casual cycle hire users of the Barclays cycle hire scheme each month since it began, and also the income generated from these users broken down by month.

Cycle hire scheme (4)

Question No: 885 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

Please provide a table to show the number of registered cycle hire users of the Barclays cycle hire scheme each month since it began, and also the income generated from these users broken down by month.

Cycle hire scheme (5)

Question No: 886 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

What consultation took place with stakeholders on the decision to expand the cycle hire scheme to East London? Which stakeholders were consulted?

Cycle hire scheme (6)

Question No: 887 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

How is the expansion of the cycle hire scheme to East London being funded?

TfL Properties in Brownhill Road, Catford

Question No: 888 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

Further to your reply to MQ 1120/2009 in May 2009, what progress, if any, has been made in clarifying whether the properties owned by TfL on Brownhill Road in Catford are actually needed for transport improvements in Catford? Given these properties were first purchased by

the Department of Transport in 1987 will you seek to ensure that a decision is finally made to either use the site for transport improvements or to sell the properties for development to end this long term blight in Catford?

Overcharging on Oyster (1)

Question No: 889 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

What steps are you taking to reduce the number of passengers using Oyster being overcharged due to the use of autocomplete at stations where the barriers are open?

Overcharging on Oyster (2)

Question No: 890 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

Do you believe it is satisfactory that passengers using Oyster face a maximum fare for a journey when autocharge is used, unless they touch in at the same station within three days?

Meetings with Unions

Question No: 891 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

You said in a recent interview with lain Dale for Total Politics magazine that you "talk regularly to the unions." Please can you provide evidence of this by listing the date of any meetings, any minutes of those meetings, and a list of phone calls you have had with the RMT, ASLEF and TSSA unions since June 2008?

London Assembly reports

Question No: 892 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

Please could you tell me which of the reports published by the London Assembly since you were elected as Mayor you think are very good, and which ones you would, to use your words from a recent interview, "file vertically"?

Credit/Debit card fraud suffered by TfL (1)

Question No: 893 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

Since 2000 what has been the cost to TfL if it is found somebody has purchased an Oyster ticket, Travelcard, tickets, congestion charge or other TfL services using a fraudulent credit or debit card? Please list the amounts broken down by year.

Credit/Debit card fraud suffered by TfL (2)

Question No: 894 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

What steps are you taking to try to reduce fraudulent purchasing of services provided by TfL? Do you monitor suspicious activity, for example, two consecutive purchases of credit?

Credit/Debit card fraud suffered by TfL (3)

Question No: 895 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

Does TfL always check as standard practice the 3-digit security code on the back of credit and debit cards, and the expiry date?

Taxi ranks at night

Question No: 896 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

What are you doing to increase the number of taxi ranks in central London at night?

Cyclists on pavements

Question No: 898 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

There is a serious problem with cyclists riding on pavements and going through red lights in London causing danger for pedestrians, especially visually impaired people. I realise there has been the establishment of the MPS Cycle Task Force and the commencement of the trial of a cyclist improvement scheme "Capital Cycle Safe," but the issue is still major problem. What measures are you taking over and above these initiatives to get on top of this issue?

London Promenade scheme

Question No: 899 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

Are you interested in backing and taking further the London Promenade scheme, which features in the London Assembly "Walk this Way" report?

High Speed 2 and the impact on London

Question No: 900 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

What work is being done to prepare for High Speed rail 2 and the potential impact it will have on London?

TfL Customer Charter (1)

Question No: 901 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

Since January 2007 to February 2010 please provide how many tube journeys, broken down by month and by tube line, were delayed for more than 15 minutes. Please also list how many passengers were affected by these journeys.

TfL Customer Charter (2)

Question No: 902 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

What is the total number of Customer Charter claim forms returned by passengers using TfL's services , broken down by year and mode of transport, since January 2007?

TfL Customer Charter (3)

Question No: 903 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

How many Customer Charter claims were made online through the TfL website since January 2007, and how many of these claims were rejected?

TfL Customer Charter (4)

Question No: 904 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

How many Customer Charter claims were made by post in hard copy form from January 2007, and how many of these claims were rejected?

TfL Customer Charter (5)

Question No: 905 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

Considering that despite 14.27 million Underground passengers being entitled to Customer Charter compensation during the 12 month period from February 2010 and January 2011 just 38,9962 actually received compensation, what steps are you taking to ensure that

- a) there is a significant reduction in such excessive delays,
- b) there is greater awareness of entitlement to compensation for excessive delays under the TfL Customer Charter.

TfL Customer Charter (6)

Question No: 906 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

Will you ensure that customer charter forms are available in the leaflet stands at all stations to ensure passengers can easily claim the compensation they are entitled to?

Cash machines at Underground stations

Question No: 907 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

Please list each Underground station which has a cash machine. Please also identify whether they are free to use or not.

Payments to celebrities

Question No: 908 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

Please list the individual amounts paid to 'celebrities' for appearances, endorsements and media work commissioned by the core GLA, TfL, LFEPA, MPA and LDA from September 2010 to March 30th 2011. Please break down by Functional Body and also list the exact work carried out.

Wide aisle gates at Underground stations

Question No: 909 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

Please can you set out the time scale for when all Underground stations will have wide-aisle gates installed?

Team London - Small Grants Fund

Question No: 910 / 2011

Mike Tuffrey

What total amount of funding is going to be made available for charities and voluntary groups to bid for through the Small Grants Fund? Will you ensure that this funding benefits groups across all of London's 33 local authority areas?

Team London

Question No: 911 / 2011

Mike Tuffrey

In issuing the Team London tenders for funding grants to charities and voluntary groups, what processes and procedures are you putting in place for each of the seven programmes to: assess bids, distribute funding and monitor progress and outcomes?

Contingency

Question No: 912 / 2011

Mike Tuffrey

Further to MQ 0638/2011 are you now in a position to say how you plan to spend the £10.2m contingency funding which was included in the GLA 2011/12 budget?

LDA environment projects

Question No: 913 / 2011

Mike Tuffrey

Are you now in a position to clarify what level of funding each of the environmental projects below will receive in 2011/12 in the LDA budget?

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

London Green Fund

World cup bid (1)

Question No: 914 / 2011

Mike Tuffrey

Having already contributed £250,000 to the England 2018 World cup bid (MD622, 28 June 2010, published 6 December 2010), this February (MD750) you approved a further £145,000 of funding, from the GLA contingency budget, for the failed England 2018 World Cup Bid. Do you believe that this additional payment represents good value for money?

World cup bid (2)

Question No: 915 / 2011

Mike Tuffrey

Having already contributed £250,000 to the England 2018 World cup bid (MD622), this February (MD750) you approved a further £145,000 of funding, from the GLA contingency budget, for the failed England 2018 World Cup Bid. Having signed a funding agreement with England 2018 for the original £250,000 contribution from London why was it later found not to be sufficient and what factors led you to approve a further £145,000 of funding?

Community Right to Reclaim (1)

Question No: 916 / 2011

Mike Tuffrey

Further to the announcement by Grant Shapps of the Community Right to Reclaim, are the LDA, MPA and LFEPA compiling lists of empty land and buildings to add to the new "user-friendly website" which the government is planning to launch by the end of May 2011 to allow the public easier and more transparent access to information about public sector land and property?

Community Right to Reclaim (2)

Question No: 917 / 2011

Mike Tuffrey

Do you agree with the charity Empty Homes that the Community Right to Reclaim powers should also apply to government departments and other public bodies that own empty property and land, such as the Homes and Communities Agency, Defence Estates, NHS, and Housing Associations?

Proposals for a Mayoral Community Infrastructure Levy (1)

Question No: 918 / 2011

Mike Tuffrey

Your Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule for a CIL anticipates that the proposed rates of CIL will achieve the target of raising £300m for Crossrail by 2019. Will you consider charging lower rates of CIL, over a longer period, and so have less impact on the economic viability of development in London?

Proposals for a Mayoral Community Infrastructure Levy (2)

Question No: 919 / 2011

Mike Tuffrey

Concerns have been expressed about the potential impact of your CIL charges on the ability of London boroughs to raise funds for local infrastructure. When setting your CIL rates will you work alongside boroughs to take account of the full range of costs associated with development including existing borough S106 requirements and locally set CIL rates?

Proposals for a Mayoral Community Infrastructure Levy (3)

Question No: 920 / 2011

Mike Tuffrey

Do you agree that businesses and developments in areas such as Maidenhead and Slough should be required to contribute towards the costs of Crossrail through charges such as the CIL, as they are just as likely to benefit from it as adjoining areas in London?

London Housing Taskforce

Question No: 921 / 2011

Mike Tuffrey

When will your London Housing Taskforce be reporting and how will you take forward its proposals and in what timeframe?

London Housing and Property Company

Question No: 922 / 2011

Mike Tuffrey

Are you disappointed that a year after launching the London Housing and Property Company at MIPIM the company has yet to be set up?

'housingmoves' service

Question No: 924 / 2011

Mike Tuffrey

With the transfer of the housingmoves service to the GLA from the Department for Communities and Local Government on 1 April 2011, what are your objectives for the service in 2011/12? Will you aim for it to complete more moves through the Seaside and Country Homes Scheme?

Earth hour

Question No: 926 / 2011

Mike Tuffrey

Will City Hall, and other parts of the GLA family, be supporting Earth Hour on 26 March 2011?

PM10 limit values (1)

Question No: 927 / 2011

Mike Tuffrey

Further to the European Commission granting a time extension for Greater London to meet the EU limit values for PM10, (i) what short-term measures does your final Air Quality Strategy

include; and (ii) what "short-term measures" to "control, or, where necessary, suspend activities which contribute to the risk of the limit values being exceeded" are you going to put in place by 11 June 2011 to ensure that the PM10 daily limit value is not exceeded after the exemption period?

PM10 limit values (2)

Question No: 928 / 2011

Mike Tuffrey

What are you going to do and when to ensure that the UK meets fully the conditions for a time extension to comply with the daily limit value for dangerous airborne particles (PM10) in London?

Air quality - short term measures (1)

Question No: 929 / 2011

Mike Tuffrey

What will be consultation process for new short-term measures to improve air quality in London to meet the conditions of the time extension to comply with the PM10 daily limit value?

Air quality - short term measures (2)

Question No: 930 / 2011

Mike Tuffrey

What evidence do you have to suggest that short-term measures included in your final Air Quality Strategy have reduced daily mean concentrations of dangerous airborne particles (PM10) since 1 January 2011 in: (i) Marylebone Road; (ii) Horn Lane; and/or (iii) elsewhere in London?

Air quality - Time extension application for PM10 (1)

Question No: 931 / 2011

Mike Tuffrey

Was your final Air Quality Strategy included as part of the UK's reapplication for a time extension for PM10 and if not why not: (a) formally; or be (b) informally?

Air quality – Time extension application for PM10 (2)

Question No: 932 / 2011

Mike Tuffrey

What discussions have you or your officials had with Ministers and/or government officials since the European Commission announced a temporary and conditional time extension to comply with the daily PM10 limit value on 11 June 2011?

Air Quality Strategy

Question No: 933 / 2011

Mike Tuffrey

What legal advice have you received on the need to revise your Air Quality Strategy following the European Commission's decision on the time extension application which required "London's air quality plan will need to be revised by 11 June 2011 to include the short-term measures and be submitted to the Commission", and will you publish it?

Air Quality Action Group

Question No: 934 / 2011

Mike Tuffrey

Your twenty-ninth Mayor's report states that the "GLA has also established an Air Quality Action Group, which will bring together the GLA Group, boroughs, Defra and the Environment Agency. The aim of this group is to enable joint action to be taken at air quality hotspots more quickly in future." How many times has the Action Group met? What air quality hotspots is it currently tackling, or considering tackling in 2011?

Air Quality - national government action

Question No: 935 / 2011

Mike Tuffrey

In your letter to the Secretary of State for Transport which stressed the need for national measures to meet the NO2 limit values in 2015, which national measures did you stress as being the most important?

Air pollutant concentrations

Question No: 936 / 2011

Mike Tuffrey

Your final Air Quality Strategy projects reductions in emissions of dangerous airborne particles and oxides of nitrogen between 2008 and 2011 and between 2008 and 2015. What are the corresponding projected reductions in concentrations of these pollutants in the same time timeframes?

PM10 levels

Question No: 937 / 2011

Mike Tuffrey

In like-for-like terms what has been the trend so far this year for exceedances of the PM10 daily limit value in Marylebone Road compared to the same period in: 2008; 2009; and 2010?

ELENA bid

Question No: 938 / 2011

Mike Tuffrey

Further to MQ3958/2010, when will the GLA and LDA hear the outcome of the bid for European Local Energy Assistance (ELENA) funds for €6.432 million over three years to continue decentralised energy and RE:FIT programme activity between now and 2013? If the bid is not successful what future is there for the programmes in 2011/12?

Love Clean London (1)

Question No: 939 / 2011

Mike Tuffrey

Will the 'Love Clean London' tool extend beyond local authorities and enable Londoners to report 'grime-crime' on TfL's network and property?

Love Clean London (2)

Question No: 940 / 2011

Mike Tuffrey

Will the 'Love Clean London' tool extend beyond local authorities and enable Londoners to report 'grime-crime' to Network Rail and other public bodies?

Renewable heat incentive

Question No: 941 / 2011

Mike Tuffrey

What plans do the GLA Group have to ensure that London makes full use of the renewable heat incentive announced by government?

Chewing Gum Action

Question No: 942 / 2011

Mike Tuffrey

If you are successful in your application to the Chewing Gum Action Group for all of the 2011/12 communications budget for anti chewing gum litter communications how do you propose to use this funding? Will you run a London-wide communications campaign?

10:10

Question No: 943 / 2011

Mike Tuffrey

Further to MQ169/2011 can you provide an update on whether City Hall managed to cut its emissions by 10% in 2010?

Fairtrade Fortnight

Question No: 944 / 2011

Mike Tuffrey

What did you do to support Fairtrade Fortnight in 2011?

Libel actions

Question No: 945 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

How much have A/ The Metropolitan Police Authority, and B/ The Metropolitan Police Service spent in the years 2008/09, 09/10 and 10/11 (to date) on legal services/advice relating to allegations of libel made against the Authority or of officers serving in the Metropolitan Police Service? Please provide figures broken down by year.

Staffing at London Underground stations

Question No: 946 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

Broken down by month, please provide the total number of hours each Underground station was left unstaffed between January 2010 and December 2010.

Rail Summit (1)

Question No: 947 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

Did you discuss the extension of the 24 hour Freedom Pass with members of ATOC at your Rail Summit on Friday 11 March? If so, what precisely was discussed?

Rail Summit (2)

Question No: 948 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

In your answer to MQT 3933/2010 on how negotiations with the Train Operating Companies were going to extend the 24hr Freedom Pass to national rail services, you advised that ATOC had not yet responded to "TfL's latest proposals". What are TfL's latest proposals for extending the use and what indication did ATOC give you at your Rail Summit that TfL's proposals were realistic and achievable? When will you be receiving a formal response from ATOC?

Burgess Park - tree felling

Question No: 949 / 2011

Mike Tuffrey

Local residents are concerned that plans for Burgess Park include the felling of over four hundred and fifty trees, far more than were indicated in the plans which were consulted on. Will you consider intervening to prevent unnecessary tree felling and loss of wildlife habitat?

Mobile phones on London Underground (1)

Question No: 950 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

Please provide a timetable for introducing the advances on mobile phone networks onto the tube.

Mobile phones on London Underground (2)

Question No: 951 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

Once mobile networks are introduced onto the tube, will there be a 'quiet' carriage on tube trains?

Cost of Camden SNT bases

Question No: 952 / 2011

Brian Coleman

According to a recent FOI, the new West Hampstead SNT base cost the taxpayer almost one million pounds, and yet an SNT policeman's role involves spending most of their time out on the beat. These spiralling SNT base costs work out, across Camden, at twenty three thousand pounds per officer.

- i) Will the Mayor agree to review these extortionate costs?
- ii) Should officers, instead, be attached to established police stations, in light of the fact that SNT bases are closed to the public?

Vauxhall, Nine Elms Battersea and Community Infrastructure Levy

Question No: 953 / 2011

Richard Tracey

The Mayor and his advisors have often stressed the central importance of the Northern Line Extension for the regeneration of Vauxhall, Nine Elms Battersea (VNEB). Why then has VNEB been included in proposals for a Mayoral Community Infrastructure Levy to raise money for Crossrail, when it had previously been excluded and did not have pass development contributions on to fund Crossrail?

Mobile Phones on the Tube

Question No: 954 / 2011

Richard Tracey

Have you investigated the possibility of enabling SMS and data services on the Underground, without enabling voice calling?

Chingford Police Station

Question No: 955 / 2011

Andrew Boff

Are there any plans to down-grade or close Chingford police station?

Soup Kitchens

Question No: 956 / 2011

Andrew Boff

Does the Mayor support Westminster City Council's decision to ban soup kitchens outside Westminster Cathedral?

Rent for Hackney small businesses

Question No: 957 / 2011

Andrew Boff

In your role of promoting economic development in London, are you aware of plans by the Joint Estates Charities for large rent increases for traders and small businesses on the Well Street, in Hackney?

"Bike It" introduction

Question No: 958 / 2011

Andrew Boff

What plans does the Mayor have to support the introduction of the Bike It programme?

"Bike It" introduction (2)

Question No: 959 / 2011

Andrew Boff

What role will Bike It play within the Biking Boroughs initiative?

Section 106 contributions

Question No: 960 / 2011

Steve O'Connell

Please would you provide a breakdown of the Section 106 contributions from developments in London for each year since 2000?

Section 106 contributions (2)

Question No: 961 / 2011

Steve O'Connell

Please would you provide a breakdown of the estimated developer contributions in London developments for each year from the last year data is available for until 2020?

Street trees

Question No: 963 / 2011

Steve O'Connell

Will the Mayor be more flexible in allocating trees to boroughs instead of applying a rigid set of rules to areas that can benefit? Will it not be easier and cheaper to simply allocate a number of trees to a borough and let them decide where best to plant them?

Jubilee Line

Question No: 964 / 2011

Victoria Borwick

When does TfL expect the new signalling system to be installed north of Neasden?

Rail/ Bus Interchange

Question No: 965 / 2011

Victoria Borwick

What is the mayor doing to encourage interchange between rail and bus at London's railway stations?

North Circular Houses

Question No: 966 / 2011

Victoria Borwick

What progress is being made on the eviction of squatters from properties within the North Circular regeneration scheme and how soon will all the squatters have been removed? Can you please confirm whether TfL still owns the properties and, if so, whether it has been paying the appropriate level of council tax for the properties that have been occupied?

324 Bus

Question No: 967 / 2011

Victoria Borwick

Further to your response to question 0742/2011, are you aware that neither of the two bus routes that currently serve the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital in Stanmore connect with Stanmore Station? Would the Mayor consider an extension of the 324 on a pilot basis to test out TfL's assumptions on usage and revenue?

GLA funding for street cleaning during Olympics

Question No: 968 / 2011

Victoria Borwick

How much funding has the GLA provided to each London borough for additional street cleaning and enforcement activity during the 2012 Olympics? Has the GLA set parameters on exactly how this money can be spent? From which GLA budget has this money for boroughs been allocated?

Western Extension Zone Cameras

Question No: 969 / 2011

Victoria Borwick

Will you provide me with a complete list of the locations of all the cameras that will be removed from the Western Extension Zone?

Heathrow Night Flights

Question No: 970 / 2011

Tony Arbour

What would be the benefits to London's quality of life, air quality and economy of a complete ban on night flights at Heathrow?

Malden Rushett

Question No: 971 / 2011

Tony Arbour

What progress has been made by TfL in improving road safety at Malden Rushett junction?

Source London

Question No: 972 / 2011

James Cleverly

Of the 1,300 new electric vehicle charging points to be installed across London as part of Source London, how many charging points are expected to be installed in each borough?

River Crossing

Question No: 973 / 2011

James Cleverly

What progress has been made to find funding for the Silvertown Link and to explore the use of tolls to finance the infrastructure?

High Speed Rail 2

Question No: 974 / 2011

Richard Barnes

Does the Mayor think that people in London have been provided with sufficient information on the route of High Speed Rail 2 and its potential impact, as part of the public consultation?

Wrong estimate on Pope visit costs

Question No: 982 / 2011

Steve O'Connell

Why were the estimates on the cost of policing the Pope's visit inaccurate?

Shanghai Office

Question No: 984 / 2011

John Biggs

Is its closure consistent with your assertion to be supporting Anglo-Chinese economic links?

Financial Services Lobbying

Ouestion No: 985 / 2011

Len Duvall

How many times have you met with financial services industry figures over the last twelve months?

Police recruitment Freeze

Question No: 986 / 2011

John Biggs

Under whose Mayoralty was police recruitment frozen?

Outer London Adviser

Question No: 990 / 2011

Valerie Shawcross

What tasks, job description or objectives have you set your new adviser on Outer London? How does her role relate to the Outer London Commission? When will her expenses and register of interests appear on the GLA website as they are not published on Bexley Council's website?

Multiple claiming of GLA, Functional Body and Council Allowances

Question No: 991 / 2011

Valerie Shawcross

Is it in your view reasonable for a full time salaried Assembly member to take on multiple public sector roles including full time Council Cabinet member's positions?

Mobile telephony on the Underground for 2012 Olympics

Question No: 992 / 2011

Valerie Shawcross

Do you think that it is a desirable and achievable project to install Huawei mobile telephony equipment in key Underground lines before the Olympics in 2012? Did you authorise the briefing given to the Sunday Times on this project?

Government Economic Policy

Question No: 995 / 2011

John Biggs

As Mayor of London, do you support the present Government's economic policy?

Elected Police Chiefs

Question No: 996 / 2011

John Biggs

You clearly support the Government's proposals. What is the greatest risk flowing from the new arrangement?

AV

Question No: 998 / 2011

John Biggs

Are you lobbying the Government to change the voting system for City Hall?

4214 percent

Question No: 999 / 2011

John Biggs

Would you recommend Londoners borrow from a company charging 4214 percent interest? Would you use such a firm yourself?

Budget

Question No: 1000 / 2011

John Biggs

Can you update us on your budget proposals for this year?

Crackdown on human trafficking

Question No: 1001 / 2011

Jennette Arnold

Your Violence Against Women Strategy states that "trafficking is a serious problem that we intend to combat" and that you will be "cracking down on trafficking prostitution ahead of the 2012 Games." How confident are you that this pledge will be met?

AssetCo

Question No: 1002 / 2011

Navin Shah

Why were you unaware of the current plight of Asset-Co when you were interviewed on LBC on 3rd March? Why were you not kept informed of such an important issue affecting London's Fire Service?

Woolwich Ferry Roundabout

Question No: 1003 / 2011

Len Duvall

Are you aware of the problems that motorists have been experiencing at the Woolwich Ferry Roundabout and will you undertake to provide me with an explanation of the situation and what

Vauxhall Cross Gyratory

Question No: 1004 / 2011

Valerie Shawcross

Local businesses and residents continue to be concerned about the speed of traffic and the dangers to pedestrians and cyclists around this gyratory system. When it was installed TfL promised that it would be a temporary measure and would in time be replaced with a better-designed road schemes. What are your plans for this gyratory?

New Routemaster bus

Question No: 1005 / 2011

Valerie Shawcross

When will you publish the business case for the Routemaster bus project so we can establish what its cost benefit ratio is?

'Card skimming and credit card fraud on Tube Ticket machines'

Question No: 1006 / 2011

Valerie Shawcross

The Es reports that there has been a rise in the number of ticket machines in which criminals install skimming devices to copy and clone passengers' credit and debit card details. Please give the latest data on the number of such incidents in London Underground ticket machines? Given the massively reduced staffing levels in stations how do you propose to combat the rise in this crime and protect the travelling public from having their credit and debit cards copied and pin numbers stolen?

227 Bus Bromley and space for baby buggies

Question No: 1007 / 2011

Valerie Shawcross

A mother from Bromley wrote to ask me to ask about the 227 buses. She says 'I live in Bromley and use the 227 route a lot. There is only space for two buggies on the buses on this route. Time & again I am unable to board a bus because there are already two buggies in the space. It is a popular route for mums to use, Bromley shopping centre at one end, Beckenham & Penge High Streets in the middle & Crystal Palace at the other end. I have spoken to women on this route and we all agree it feels like we are second class citizens, forced to wait on the pavement while buses drive past. During the last heavy snowfall I saw a woman begging, BEGGING a bus driver to let her on with her buggy because already several buses had not let her on & her children were cold. It was disgraceful. "

What provision will you make to accommodate more parents and baby buggies on this route?

Pedestrian Crossings on Red routes Southwark

Question No: 1008 / 2011

Valerie Shawcross

Local councillor Claire Hickson has asked me to ask you if TfL will review the pedestrian crossing facilities on Tower Bridge Road at the junction with Long Lane and Abbey Street where there are no pedestrian facilities to assist with an east -west crossing. Please give accident and personal injury data for this location fro the last 3 years and explain what steps TfL is taking to

Borough High Street

Question No: 1009 / 2011

Valerie Shawcross

What steps have TfL taken to progress pedestrian improvements and road surface improvements for Borough High Street since my meeting with Living Streets and TfL in September?

Junction of Borough High Street and Newcomen Street

Question No: 1010 / 2011

Valerie Shawcross

What is your view of the adequacy of pedestrian crossing facilities at this location? In what ways can TfL improve pedestrian safety at this location?

St Thomas' Street

Question No: 1011 / 2011

Valerie Shawcross

I am still extremely concerned about the lack of a safe pedestrian crossing facility at the Borough High Street end of St Thomas' Street. When current roadworks and traffic once again flows heavily through this T-junction, pedestrians will once again be forced to dash and dodge the turning traffic. Will you please consider installing proper pedestrian facilities at this risky spot? Will you accept personal responsibility for the next death or personal injury that occurs at this location given your repeated ignorance of my warnings and pleas for a crossing at this spot?

Council Leaders' Pay Increase

Question No: 1012 / 2011

Valerie Shawcross

With reference to your reply to Question No: 419 / 2011 would you therefore recommend that the Croydon Council Leader returns to paying himself the same total amount of allowances that I was paid for the same job which was approximately £20,000 gross pa for my last full year as Leader, which is about one third of the current Leader's annual Council allowance earnings?

Taxi claims at Conservative Party Conference

Question No: 1013 / 2011

Valerie Shawcross

I notice that one of your advisers claimed for 6 taxi trips in 3 days from the GLA while attending Conservative Party conference last year. Can you reassure me that the unfortunate adviser will have recovered the use of his legs in time for the 2011 conference?

Joiner Street Tunnel, London Bridge

Question No: 1014 / 2011

Valerie Shawcross

Are you satisfied that the crowd crushing in Joiner street tunnel, which runs through London Bridge station, is managed safely? When the tube station is closed crowds can back up and block the exits from the mainline rail station. I have never seen or heard any form of crowd management taking place at this location during these distressing incidents. How will this

location be managed safely during the Olympics when London Bridge is set to be an overcrowding hotspot according to TfL and the ODA?

FT Officer Numbers in Borough Commands

Question No: 1015 / 2011

Valerie Shawcross

What numbers of FT warranted Police officers are currently in post in each Borough Territorial Police Commands and what do you expect will the number of FT warranted officers be in each at March 31st 2012 and March 31st 2013?

Fares and poor service on buses

Question No: 1016 / 2011

Valerie Shawcross

I have been asked by a Londoner to put the following to you.

'Why are public transport fares continuing to rise, especially on the buses? The service is not improving at all as I find, like others, that customer service in this country is below average. This extends to lack of communication amongst the drivers towards the public. Some of them came across as rude, arrogant and have no respect for their customers. Is this down to the training that they receive from management? If so, then I think this needs to be reviewed'.

Bus driver training

Question No: 1017 / 2011

Valerie Shawcross

As you know, last year, myself and other members' of the Transport Committee sat in on an equalities training session for bus drivers and found it to be sadly lacking. Please provide an update on progress made by TfL Buses on implementing the Committee's recommendations in this regard?

Disability Adviser.

Question No: 1018 / 2011

Valerie Shawcross

I refer to question 1181/2008 referring to the GLA's Disability Advisor. Who currently holds this post following the sad death of the previous postholder?

Dial a Ride

Question No: 1019 / 2011

Valerie Shawcross

What actions have you taken since the Transport Committee report in March 2009 to improve Dial-a-Ride, as you pledged to do at the time? How did the performance of this service in 2008/9 compared to the latest published year's performance figures?

TfL Funding to Taxicard

Question No: 1020 / 2011

Valerie Shawcross

In reply to Question 1183/2008 you pledged funding for 2008/09 to Taxicard of £12.7 million.

Could you please give the figures for the subsidy in 2009/10 and 2010/11 what is the planned level of subsidy for each of the following 3 years, 2011 to 12/14?

Cycling in London

Question No: 1021 / 2011

Valerie Shawcross

A concerned London cyclist has asked me to put the following guestion to you:

'Does the Mayor agree with the majority of cyclists that cars simply do not belong in bike lanes in a civilised city?

Cycling in London 2

Question No: 1022 / 2011

Valerie Shawcross

Given the difficulty of counting cycle trips at the borough level will the Mayor ask TfL to consider setting a 'mode share target' for cycling on the TLRN.

Cycling in London 3

Question No: 1023 / 2011

Valerie Shawcross

My constituent believes that the 5% mode share for cycling in London will not happen without sufficient reallocation of road space and changes to traffic signals to take more account of cyclists. What plans do TfL have to prioritise bicycles at traffic lights on the TLRN?

Cycle Lane on Vauxhall Bridge

Question No: 1024 / 2011

Valerie Shawcross

A concerned cyclist has asked me to raise with you the issue of conditions for cyclists on Vauxhall Bridge Road, where the advisory cycle lane on the junction approaching Vauxhall Bridge has faded to the extent that drivers now ignore it completely.

TfL's own data shows that cycling has increased on Vauxhall Bridge by 80% over two years, while my constituent tells me that it has also become noticeably more dangerous.

My constituent asks 'Why has the advisory cycle lane been allowed to fade to the point of non-existence on one of the busiest roads in London?'

Cycling on Bridges

Question No: 1025 / 2011

Valerie Shawcross

Do TfL have forecasts for the number of cyclists crossing the bridges into central London?

Cycling on Bridges 2

Question No: 1026 / 2011

Valerie Shawcross

Why does TfL's own guidance suggest reallocating roadspace for the Cycling Superhighways 'Traffic Directorate Interim Guidance Note: Modelling Cycle Super-highways' (29th July 2010) but not for on the bridges where cyclists make up over 25% of traffic (and growing)

Causes of poor performance on the Underground

Question No: 1027 / 2011

Valerie Shawcross

Further to my question 0422/2011, please provide a breakdown of the cause of disruptions on the tube – which resulted in partial or complete line suspensions - for each of the last three months of 2010, whether the cause was strike action or not.

TfL Board Allowances

Question No: 1028 / 2011

Valerie Shawcross

Please publish a breakdown of the pay and allowances for each member of the TfL Board for the next financial year.

MQT replies

Question No: 1029 / 2011

Valerie Shawcross

I noted last month that when written answers to questions were published following the Mayor's Question Time budget meeting, all of the questions relating to transport had received a 'holding' answer rather than a substantive answer. Why was this, what is the procedure for clearing and signing off replies relating to transport and can we be assured that this will not happen again?

20mph on Cycle Superhighways

Question No: 1030 / 2011

Valerie Shawcross

Please give an update on progress with regard to implementing 20mph zones on the Cycle Superhighways.

Tube complaints

Question No: 1031 / 2011

Valerie Shawcross

Please advise how many complaints were received about London Underground services – by line and in total – for the latest available reporting periods.

Bus overcrowding 1

Question No: 1032 / 2011

Valerie Shawcross

How do TfL monitor overcrowding on London's bus services?

Bus overcrowding 2

Question No: 1033 / 2011

Valerie Shawcross

Please list the ten most overcrowded bus routes in London.

Deputy Chair of Transport for London

Question No: 1034 / 2011

Valerie Shawcross

Please will you confirm that your deputy chair at TfL has now desisted from making false claims to the press about my alleged involvement in tube strike picketing? I have never been involved in any such activity.

Blackfriars Bridge

Question No: 1035 / 2011

Valerie Shawcross

I have been contacted by a number of cycling organisations, who believe that TfL's plans for alterations to traffic arrangements at the north end of Blackfriars Bridge will make life difficult for cyclists and pedestrians. They also feel that consultation has been lacking. Please could you answer the following queries?

- 1. Please confirm which cycling groups you, or your officials, have been in contact with in order to consult them about the proposed changes.
- 2. Please confirm the details for the consultation on the proposals.
- 3. Please confirm that the current proposals involve the removal of the cycle lane from the junction of Queen Victoria Street southwards onto Blackfriars Bridge in order to facilitate a third traffic lane.
- 4. The cyclists have raised concerns that the lack of a left turn for cyclists from New Bridge Street into Queen Victoria Street would mean they would have to cross three lanes of traffic. Is this correct and if so what mitigation measures are TfL proposing to install to ensure cyclists are safe.
- 5. I also understand that a pedestrian crossing from Watergate Street to the north side of Queen Victoria Street is to be removed. Is this the case and if so how are pedestrians expected to safely cross the road?

Signals Passed at Danger

Question No: 1036 / 2011

Valerie Shawcross

Please list the occasions when London Underground trains have passed red signals during the last year, giving details by month and by line.

343 bus

Question No: 1037 / 2011

Valerie Shawcross

Further to my question 0427/2011, please provide an update on how measures intended to improve the service on route 343 are impacting on the service. Is passenger feedback improving?

Disability Equality

Question No: 1038 / 2011

Navin Shah

Thank you for you response (Question No: 453 / 2011). What have you done to promote equality for disabled people, including in relation to health inequalities? Please list all meetings with Ministers, equality Commissioners and healthcare professionals where you, Pamela Chesters or Richard Barnes have raised the issue of disability equality, and in particular with reference to learning disabilities?

Metropolitan Line

Question No: 1039 / 2011

Navin Shah

Can you confirm that constituents living on the Metropolitan Line will have to suffer weekend engineering works until 2018? When can North West London expect the beginning of the next closures and round of massive commuter inconvenience?

Transport Network

Question No: 1040 / 2011

Navin Shah

How does London rank globally in terms of reliability and cost effectiveness of its transport network and what have you learnt from the best practise of other cities about how to improve Transport for London?

Trade Union Relations

Question No: 1041 / 2011

Navin Shah

Many thanks for your response to 457/2011. Are you of the view "constructive dialogue" is equivalent to including a manifesto promise to negotiate a no-strike deal directly with the unions then ignoring their requests for meeting directly with yourself as both Mayor and Chair of TfL? How does your call for a change in the law or comments about driverless trains at the State of London debate facilitate a context for constructive dialogue?

Liberating the NHS

Question No: 1042 / 2011

Navin Shah

In reference to your response to Question 458/2011, do you believe there is any function in the NHS the private sector should not be able to bid for?

GP Consortia

Question No: 1043 / 2011

Navin Shah

While you state in Question 459/2011 "there is no assumption that this transfer of responsibility will have an effect on health inequalities", the Health & Public Services Committee have heard directly from NHS London that under the new structures, the potential variation in quality of GP consortia staff could have an effect on health inequalities, as could the fragmentation of coverage by GP consortia who can choose their coverage areas. While there is no assumption, there is certainly a danger. As the Chief Executive cited your Health Inequalities

Strategy as a 'safety net', I would appreciate it if you could provide a considered answer in regard to your role in mitigating the potential effects of GP Consortia on health inequalities in the capital?

BMA London

Question No: 1044 / 2011

Navin Shah

Are you concerned by the BMA's London Regional Council's decision to move to a position of "outright opposition" to the 'Liberating the NHS' reforms?

NHS Reforms(1)

Question No: 1045 / 2011

Navin Shah

Thank you for your answer to 461/2011. Who are the London Leaders and please list the "different meetings with varying attendees to shape knowledge about what the reforms would mean from different stakeholders' perspectives", including the "varying attendees".

NHS Reforms (2)

Question No: 1046 / 2011

Navin Shah

Thank you for your answer to 461/2011. As a member of the Health and Public Services Committee I have seen a copy of this letter. Have you received a response, or any news, in particular in relation to your requests to changes to the Health and Localism Bills?

NHS Reforms (3)

Question No: 1047 / 2011

Navin Shah

Would you prefer to see a London Health Improvement Board and the proposals that a 3% topslice of local authority funding be used to fund public health activity codified in a new Greater London Authority Act?

Health & Wellbeing Board

Question No: 1048 / 2011

Navin Shah

In reference to your answer to 464/2011, why have you concluded that there is a need for a pan-London forum focussing on health improvement? Your answer contained no explanation. What did the 'wide range of partners' tell you and who were they?

Liberating the NHS

Question No: 1049 / 2011

Navin Shah

What implications of the 'Liberating the NHS' bill do you consider to be of importance to London?

2012 Olympics Tickets

Question No: 1050 / 2011

Navin Shah

I have been contacted by a constituent who feels that his family are not going to be able to afford to buy tickets to watch any of the Olympic events. He feels that after having to pay a higher Council Tax rate to help fund the Olympics he should be enabled to watch an event at the Olympics. Furthermore, this constituent lives on the Jubilee line and has suffered repeated disturbances to his commute so that the line is ready for the Olympics that his family are priced out of attending. What provisions are in place to help families like this benefit from the once in a lifetime opportunity of London 2012?

Interchange at stations

Question No: 1051 / 2011

Navin Shah

Thank you for your reply to Q456/2011 stating that there was no formalised practice of trains waiting at stations so people could change. I have had a number of responses from constituents adamant that they have heard announcements asking drivers to wait to allow passengers to change trains. One constituent has used this service for over 30 years, as both the Bakerloo and Jubilee Lines and former London Underground employees have advised that waiting for an interchange was the practice. My constituent states that the recent changes have nothing to do with driver change-over as the interchange wait rarely happened in rush-hour, even before the Jubilee Line was extended in 1999. How much time do TfL calculate would be the average delay to a commuter if a wait was re-instated? Is the Mayor sympathetic that delays occur it if passengers miss a Stanmore service and the next two trains terminate at Wembley Park, resulting in a long wait. A similar delay can occur Southbound, due to the number of Metropolitan Line services that terminate at Baker Street. Could TfL re-examine their modelling taking account of these inconveniences?

Cycle Superhighways

Question No: 1052 / 2011

Navin Shah

TfL have said that the main potential for cycle growth in London lies in the Outer London Boroughs. Why will there be no Cycle Superhighways serving Brent or Harrow for the foreseeable future?

Biking Boroughs

Question No: 1053 / 2011

Navin Shah

TfL have said that the main potential for cycle growth in London lies in the Outer London Boroughs. Some of these, for example Brent, have been designated as "Biking Boroughs", and are eligible for small funds from TfL, while neighbouring boroughs are not eligible for these funds. Given the target for cycling mode share of 4.3% by 2026, how does the Biking Boroughs scheme in its current form aid integrated cycle provision in London?

S Stock trains and door delays

Question No: 1054 / 2011

Navin Shah

I have been contacted about problems with the doors on the S Stock trains sitting at the platform for quite a few seconds before the doors open. S Stock trains also seem to have their

doors open for longer and they often announce that the front and back carriage doors won't open. What is causing these problems and what is being done to fix them?

Jubilee Line

Question No: 1055 / 2011

Navin Shah

There are three weekends in a row of both day closures on the Jubilee line between West Hampstead and Stanmore and it is making peoples lives extremely difficult. Can you guarantee to my constituents there will be no weekend closures on the Jubilee Line beyond April 2011?

Brent Cross Light Rail Ouestion No: 1056 / 2011

Navin Shah

3 Outer London boroughs have voted to support in principle a light-rail orbital rail scheme in North West London. Will you instruct your new Outer London advisor to meet with the London Campaign for Better Transport to discuss the scheme and TfL to carry out a feasibility study for this scheme?

Barking & Dagenham Decent Homes Funding

Question No: 1057 / 2011

John Biggs

Are you able to guarantee the funding announced for the Borough recently?

UK Technology Hub

Question No: 1058 / 2011

John Biggs

Given your answer to 497/2011 why do you employ a member of staff with no targets?

Mobiles on the tube Ouestion No: 1059 / 2011

John Biggs

In deciding to support this initiative, did you consider the alternative of retaining the relative peace and quiet of a mobile free service? What detailed consideration did you give to this, cheaper and probably quite popular, option?

Environmental policies

Question No: 1060 / 2011

John Biggs

Are you satisfied with your achievements on the environment?

Bankcards on Oyster

Question No: 1061 / 2011

John Biggs

How will the proposed use of contactless bankcards for travel avoid inadvertent account

DLR Stratford

Question No: 1062 / 2011

John Biggs

Given that you boasted and sought credit for the early opening of the Overground connection between Dalston and Highbury & Islington, are you happy to accept the blame for the delay to the extension of the DLR to Stratford International?

Blackwall Tunnel Response Teams

Question No: 1063 / 2011

John Biggs

Given that the 3month trial is costed at £156,000, implying an annual cost of over £600,000, this implies a recognition that the economic and other costs of delays exceeds this amount. Can you provide the figures on which the benefit/cost calculation was based and advise what the BCR is?

World Class Infrastructure for a World City

Question No: 1064 / 2011

John Biggs

Have you or will you respond to this report? If so, can I see a copy of your response? If not, why not?

Westminster & Homeless People

Question No: 1065 / 2011

John Biggs

Are Westminster heartless in banning the feeding of homeless people?

Olympic Legacy and Active Travel

Question No: 1066 / 2011

John Biggs

One of the legacy promises for the Olympic and Paralympic Games 2012 was an increase in community sport to be encouraged by the galvanising effect of the Games themselves and investment in grass roots sport. You have produced a strategy that aims for "a leaner, fitter London" and you have made a £15.5 million fund available.

In a recent publication, A Sporting Legacy for London? The Economic Development, Culture, Sport and Tourism committee considered progress towards your sporting legacy goals for 2012 concluding that the achievement of a sporting legacy was always going to be difficult but it is likely to become even more so.

In light of conclusions and recommendations made in the report, it seems appropriate that efforts made to increase physical activity through active travel – walking and cycling for everyday purposes – should be further promoted in order to achieve the leaner, fitter London aspired to. Would the you outline the role which active travel will play in achieving both sporting legacy goals and wider societal goals for the Games.

Work Capability Assessment

Question No: 1067 / 2011

John Biggs

I have been contacted by constituents concerned about the impact of the Work Capability Assessment on Autistic, Autistic Spectrum and Asperger's recipients of the Employment & Support Allowance. Given autism's effects on communication, the WCA has proved a source of anxiety to many with autism and their carers and families who are concerned the Assessment will fail to fully comprehend the consequences of autism on a sufferer's life, with potentially significant consequences in terms of the support they receive. In light of ACT NOW's Impact Assessment Report detailing the concerns of those affected, and noting the Mayor's responsibilities in relation to skills and employment, will the Mayor lobby the Department for Work and Pensions to ensure London's autistic population receive communication and other adequate support through the Work Capability Assessment process?

East London Transit Works (1)

Question No: 1068 / 2011

John Biggs

Local Councillors rightly complain about the poor quality work carried out by TfL on the stretch of the East London Transit running through the Thames Ward in Barking & Dagenham. Adequate bus shelters were replaced with ones that have proved easy to vandalise and repeated requests to remedy the situation have fallen on deaf ears. Will you instruct TfL to liaise with the Council to remove what are now skeletons of shelters and install something simpler and tamper proof?

East London Transit Works (2)

Question No: 1069 / 2011

John Biggs

Barking Riverside is one of the largest single regeneration schemes in London and yet the quality of work for the ELT by TfL is letting it down. The grass on Bastable Avenue has yet to be replaced causing frustration to local residents. Will you ask TfL to programme this simple job?

East London Transit Works (3)

Question No: 1070 / 2011

John Biggs

The new speed humps installed on Bastable Avenue in the Thames Ward of Barking are seen by residents and users to be inferior to the ones they replaced. Do you agree with me that issues such as this are important to local residents and will you instruct TfL to liaise with the local Council and councillors to correct the problems?

Big Society

Question No: 1071 / 2011

John Biggs

What are you planning to do (and this means some action by you or your office) to help London's voluntary and community organisations get through the cuts. The context is that nationally it is anticipated that there will be between £300 million and £800 million less funding for VCS groups in the next financial year depending on whether the predictions of the Institute of Finance Directors (£1.2 billion nationally) or New Philanthropy Capital (£5 billion nationally) are true.

Cycle Superhighway (CS2)

Question No: 1072 / 2011

John Biggs

Constituents have contacted me to voice their concerns that the CS2 may not be continued beyond the Bow flyover to the Olympic Park and on to Ilford. Can you confirm whether or not this is the case and if so, what plans there are to consult with residents? Is this merely a delay, or a cancellation and what are the reasons behind it?

Smithfield Market (1)

Question No: 1074 / 2011

John Biggs

A constituent has written to me to raise a number of issues concerning Smithfield market. It is recommended in a number of reports and studies, including the 2007 London Wholesale Market Review, that wholesale meat traders move out of their current location. Do you have a view on this and if so, what action are you taking?

Smithfield Market (2)

Question No: 1075 / 2011

John Biggs

As the Smithfield area continues to change, there are major concerns around the intensification of the area with the arrival of Crossrail and the sustainability of a meat market in such an active area. Are you organising the transition?

Smithfield Market (3)

Question No: 1076 / 2011

John Biggs

What involvement do you have in the future planning of this area with respect to the Farringdon Urban Design Study and is there a Masterplan. A constituent speculates that regeneration of Smithfield could happen in a similar way to the retail markets such as Covent Garden, Leadenhall and more recently Spitalfields and that this would welcomed by Londoners. Do you have such an aspiration?

Cycling on Pavements

Question No: 1077 / 2011

John Biggs

I have been contacted by a number of constituents who are concerned at the growing numbers of cyclists using the pavements instead of the road. They note that many "offenders" are using cycles from your hire scheme. As the riders of these are identifiable through the scheme, are you prepared to take action to deter this?

Buy One Get One Free

Question No: 1078 / 2011

John Biggs

You recently announced that you would match any additional funding for police officers purchased by an individual Borough. Are there any caveats to restrict Boroughs that have

received similar funding in the past applying for it under this scheme?

Congestion Charge Management

Question No: 1079 / 2011

John Biggs

Can you give me details of TfL's account with IBM to manage the Congestion Charge? What is the cost to TfL? What is the term of the contract? What incentives and penalties are within contract?

King George's Hospital

Question No: 1080 / 2011

John Biggs

Will you join me, and Roger Evans, in opposing the partial closure of King George's Hospital, which would result in a serious reduction in health provision for people in London?

Local Energy Production

Question No: 1081 / 2011

Nicky Gavron

How many of the low carbon energy production facilities, that will contribute to the Mayor's target of producing 25% of London's energy supply locally by 2025, are currently seeking planning permission and how many have already received planning permission?

Rough Sleeping Commissioning Strategy

Question No: 1082 / 2011

Nicky Gavron

When does the Mayor expect the new rough sleeping commissioning strategy to be published? Will this strategy be subject to Assembly and public consultation?

Seaside and Country Homes

Question No: 1083 / 2011

Nicky Gavron

Does the Mayor believe there is a long-term future for the Seaside and Country Homes scheme beyond the initial 2011-13 funding agreement?

London Housing Benefit Claimants

Question No: 1084 / 2011

Nicky Gavron

What proportion of London's housing benefit claimants are (a) in work, (b) retired, (c) claiming disability allowances and (d) claiming Employment Support Allowance and Incapacity Benefit?

Localism Bill (Tenancy Strategies)

Question No: 1085 / 2011

Nicky Gavron

Do you agree with London Councils that the requirement outlined in the Localism Bill for

boroughs to consult the Mayor when adopting or modifying tenancy strategies is an inefficient use of time given that borough housing policies must conform to the Mayor's Housing Strategy?

Localism Bill (Fines)

Question No: 1086 / 2011

Nicky Gavron

The Localism Bill makes provision for passing on fines from central Government to local authorities, including City Hall. Do you support this proposal and how do you envisage that such fines should be split between City Hall and the boroughs?

Localism Bill (Affordable Rent)

Question No: 1087 / 2011

Nicky Gavron

The Localism Bill endeavours to grant decision making power over allocating affordable housing funding to the Mayor. If these powers are successfully transferred, would the Mayor expect housing associations to convert existing social housing stock to the new 'Affordable Rent' model in order to gain new affordable housing funding?

Neighbourhood Planning

Question No: 1088 / 2011

Nicky Gavron

What mechanisms are going to be provided for neighbourhood plans, as outlined in the Localism Bill, to be in general conformity with the London Plan?

Cycling on the Olympic Park

Question No: 1089 / 2011

Nicky Gavron

What steps have been taken to ensure cycle routes on the Olympic Park are designed to encourage commuting as well as recreation?

Mayoral Development Corporations 1

Question No: 1090 / 2011

Nicky Gavron

Does the Mayor believe Mayoral Development Corporations should be the local planning authority for their area or, as enabled by the Localism Bill, development control powers should be discharged to the relevant local borough(s)?

Mayoral Development Corporations 2

Question No: 1091 / 2011

Nicky Gavron

Given the opposition amongst many London boroughs to the general principle of Mayoral Development Corporations, how can an MDC on the Olympic Park ease such concerns and be an exemplar scheme for borough participation?

East London Tech City 1

Question No: 1092 / 2011

Nicky Gavron

How is the Olympic Park Legacy Company linking with the Government's vision to create an East London Tech City?

East London Tech City 2

Question No: 1093 / 2011

Nicky Gavron

Does the Mayor view the East London Tech City project as a competitor or as complementary to the aims of the Olympic Park Legacy Company? Please also provide details of Cisco's pledge of \$500 million worth of investment in the East London Tech City for two innovation centres, one of which will be on the Olympic Park.

East London Tech City 3

Question No: 1094 / 2011

Nicky Gavron

Can the Olympic Park Legacy Company and the Government ensure that the two innovation centres provide not only a great location and brand for multination corporations but also high quality new jobs for local people?

National Planning Framework

Question No: 1095 / 2011

Nicky Gavron

Is the Department for Communities and Local Government consulting the Mayor's office during the production of the National Planning Framework? What outcomes would the Mayor's office like to see from the Framework when published?

Affordable Rent

Question No: 1096 / 2011

Nicky Gavron

How many new homes funded by the 2008-11 National Affordable Housing Programme as social rented in London but currently unoccupied will be converted to the new 'Affordable Rent' model?

Mayor of London's Housing Taskforce

Question No: 1097 / 2011

Nicky Gavron

Can the Mayor provide all previous and planned meeting dates for the Mayor of London's Housing Taskforce? Can he further pledge to publish agendas and minutes online?

Reserves

Question No: 1098 / 2011

Joanne McCartney

Can you please identify and quantify any reserves held within the GLA family, and any plans for

Operational Policing

Question No: 1099 / 2011

Joanne McCartney

In response to Question 0562/2011 you stated "The MPS Commissioner remains responsible for the operational side of Safer Neighbourhoods Policing. On the Politics show dated 10th February 2011 your Deputy Mayor for Policing said with regards to Safer Neighbourhoods Policing .." it's not operational." Which one of you is mistaken?

Community Support Fund

Question No: 1100 / 2011

Joanne McCartney

What is the overall reduction to London in the Community Support Fund for the forthcoming year, compared to the previous year? Please list Borough allocations for these same years.

Safer Neighbourhood Teams

Question No: 1101 / 2011

Joanne McCartney

Following on from MQT 563 / 2011 can you confirm what you consider to be the smaller and quieter wards that will have their management streamlined?

Transport Crime Figures

Question No: 1102 / 2011

Joanne McCartney

Why did you announce the 2010/11 Q3 transport crime figures on 21st February, but did not publish those figures until the 7th March?

Government Police Funding

Question No: 1103 / 2011

Joanne McCartney

If the Government is taking the fight against crime seriously, why do you think they are they cutting the amount of funding for the MPS for the next 2 years?

Police Pay - Winsor Review (1)

Question No: 1104 / 2011

Joanne McCartney

Which police officers do you believe should have their overall pay reduced?

Windsor Review (2)

Question No: 1105 / 2011

Joanne McCartney

Can you give me your views on the conclusions of the Government Review by Tom Windsor that will see some frontline officers lose £4,000 of their pay?

Police Pay - Winsor Review (3)

Question No: 1106 / 2011

Joanne McCartney

Can you please specify with regards to each rank how the proposals in the Winsor Review would affect London's police officers and how many officers would be affected by the proposed changes?

Police Morale

Question No: 1107 / 2011

Joanne McCartney

In your view what impact are the government cuts on policing having on the morale of officers in the MPS?

Knife Crime

Question No: 1108 / 2011

Joanne McCartney

In your answer to my Question 0566/2011 you stated that the GLA will oversee the £2.1M fund to tackle knife crime. What criteria will you use to determine how and where this money will be spent?

Network Rail - Grange Park Deforestation

Question No: 1109 / 2011

Joanne McCartney

Recently Network Rail have completely razed to the ground a woodland near to railway tracks in Grange Park, Enfield to the dismay and anger of local residents and the local Council. Quoting from a letter sent to a local newspaper, one resident wrote;

"The residents living in the area are now completely exposed to the railway and the noise pollution it brings, not to mention the unsightly and barren wasteland which was once home to abundant wildlife and beautiful trees which had taken so many years to grow and establish. All this was wiped out in a matter of days. "

What will you do to ensure that this does not happen again in other areas of London? Will you raise this matter with Network Rail and insist that they replant the woodland area, and in future consult with local residents and local Councils when planning to remove trees/greenery alongside the rail network?

European Directive against human trafficking (1)

Question No: 1110 / 2011

Jennette Arnold

Your Violence Against Women Strategy states that "trafficking is a serious problem that we intend to combat" and you will be "cracking down on trafficking prostitution ahead of the 2012 Games." How confident are you that this pledge will be met now that the coalition Government has failed to endorse the European Directive against human trafficking and scrapped trafficking from its strategy to end violence against women and girls?

European Directive against human trafficking (2)

Question No: 1111 / 2011

Jennette Arnold

Can you inform me of the details of any conversations that you and your staff have had with the coalition Government to express concerns about the decision not to sign up to the European Directive against human trafficking?

European Directive against human trafficking (3)

Question No: 1112 / 2011

Jennette Arnold

With levels of trafficking expected to rise in the run up to the 2012 Olympics, will you be urging the Prime Minister to drop his opt-out policy on this very welcome International attempt combat this form of slave trade?

Government's Violence against women and girls strategy

Question No: 1113 / 2011

Jennette Arnold

Will you be urging the Home Secretary to reverse the decision to scrap trafficking from the strategy to end violence against women and girls?

Women's refuge funding (1)

Question No: 1114 / 2011

Jennette Arnold

Your March 2010 Violence against Women Strategy, stated that: "We will improve the safety, wellbeing and freedom of women and children

through access to better services that meet the needs of London's

diverse communities." How do you plan to meet this pledge with funding for a large number of women's refuges running out in April?

Women's refuge funding (2)

Question No: 1115 / 2011

Jennette Arnold

What discussions have you have had with the coalition Government to try and secure funding to keep all of London's refuges running so they can continue to provide much needed support for women suffering violence?

Council of Europe convention on violence against women

Question No: 1116 / 2011

Jennette Arnold

You have previously pledged to do everything in your power to combat violence against women. Have you raised any concerns with the Home Secretary about the proposed UK amendments to water down the Council of Europe convention on violence against women – including on rape during war and conflict situations and treating violence against women as a violation of human rights?

Westminster council proposals to ban soup run (1)

Ouestion No: 1117 / 2011

Jennette Arnold

Do you support Westminster Council's proposals for a ban on soup runs and rough sleeping? If not, what representations have been made to Westminster council?

Olympic Stadium & Leyton Orient (1)

Question No: 1118 / 2011

Jennette Arnold

Your answer to question 0514/2011was most unsatisfactory and shows your usual lack of understanding of how a decision like this (in which you were influential) could negatively impact on Leyton Orient Football Club and the wider community of Leyton. A more detailed answer to my question would be most appreciated.

Olympic Stadium & Leyton Orient (2)

Question No: 1119 / 2011

Jennette Arnold

The chair of the Leyton Orient Fans Trust (LOFT) felt that your answer to question 0514/2011 was patronising and offensive and seemed to imply that their fears about the fate of the club are groundless. He asked me to submit the following questions to you:

- 1) Was your decision informed by any report or study?
- 2) If so, will you share this information with LOFT?
- 3) If not, does this mean that the position of Leyton Orient Football club has not been considered and your remarks are merely an expression of blind faith, which clearly does not constitute 'due consideration' in the context of the decisions of a Public Body?

Ticket Touting

Question No: 1120 / 2011

Jennette Arnold

Will the Met's 'Operation Podium Unit' continue to crack down on all trading in concert tickets by touts (who use websites such as Viagogo) after the Olympics?

CCTV on London buses

Question No: 1121 / 2011

Jennette Arnold

In the past few months, I have dealt with two cases of serious and intimidating verbal abuse on buses: one racist, the other homophobic. On both occasions, it turned out that the CCTV was unusable because only images are recorded and not sound. Could you explain the rationale behind the exclusion of any sound recording on buses? c

Question 0273/2011

Question No: 1122 / 2011

Jennette Arnold

It has been nearly two months since I tabled question 0273/2011 which your office has failed to answer. When can I expect to be provided with one?

Well Street market, Hackney

Question No: 1123 / 2011

Jennette Arnold

Will you support the shopkeepers in Hackney's Well Street market, who are facing a rise in rents of up to 100%, by asking landlord St John Hackney Joint Estates Charity to reconsider this decision?

2011 Fares Increase

Question No: 1124 / 2011

Jennette Arnold

At the February BMAC meeting, your Statutory Deputy Mayor promised that he would check with TfL whether the 2011 Fare Increase was subjected to an Equality Impact Assessment. Can you now confirm whether an EIA was carried out?

Cycle Parking in new buildings

Question No: 1125 / 2011

Jennette Arnold

The London Cycling Campaign (LCC) has pointed out that there is a significant lack of cycle parking in new buildings (for example: the shard will only have 1 cycle parking space for every 36 occupants). With the number of cyclists having doubled in London since 2000, isn't it time that guidelines are included in the London Plan to ensure developers include more cycle parking in new buildings?

Extension of bike hire scheme

Question No: 1126 / 2011

Jennette Arnold

One of my constituents asked me to put the following question in:

"Are there any plans to 'roll' the Mayor's bicycle hire scheme out to Stamford Hill, in Hackney North?"

Alternative Vote

Question No: 1127 / 2011

Murad Qureshi

Will you be supporting the referendum on the Alternative Vote(AV) given that you were elected as Mayor on a variant of it?

Census 2011

Question No: 1128 / 2011

Murad Qureshi

What work if any has the Mayor's office undertaken on making sure we do not have any under reporting of people and communities in London when the Census is undertaken this year on 27th March?

Progressive London conference

Question No: 1129 / 2011

Murad Qureshi

How many members of the Mayor's office attended the Progressive London conference in Congress House?

Thames Chase community forest project

Question No: 1130 / 2011

Murad Qureshi

Given that tree planting has been a key stated objective of your mayoralty, will you look at whether assistance can be given to the Thames Chase community forest project in the light of two of the funding authorities withdrawing funding and the three remaining authorities reducing theirs considerably due to government cuts in local authority spending?

Latimer Road Tube works

Question No: 1131 / 2011

Murad Qureshi

Can you give me an update on the progress of works for this critical station for the residents of North Kensington.

Rough Sleeping & Soup Kitchens

Question No: 1132 / 2011

Murad Qureshi

Given the transfer of Rough Sleeping functions to the GLA from DCLG, I trust you will not be taking the same position that the City of Westminster council has taken with soup kitchens?

Shanghai Expo Expense

Question No: 1133 / 2011

Murad Qureshi

How much in total has been spent on promoting London in Shanghai Expo last year?

Congestion Charge Exemptions

Question No: 1134 / 2011

Murad Oureshi

Please provide a full list of car make and models that are exempt from the congestion charge by virtue of their CO2 emissions.

Champions League Final at Wembley I

Question No: 1135 / 2011

Murad Qureshi

Can you confirm what your office is doing to support and promote the Champions League final which is due to be played at Wembley Stadium on 28 May 2011? What will be the cost to Londoners for hosting this event?

Champions League Final at Wembley II

Ouestion No: 1136 / 2011

Murad Qureshi

How much was spent by the GLA (financially and in kind) at promoting Champions League final ticket launch on 17th February?

Champions League Final at Wembley III

Question No: 1137 / 2011

Murad Qureshi

Previous Champions League finals like in 2009 had integrated ticketing for fans attending the final. Will this be the case in the forthcoming final at Wembley on the 28th of May?

Security costs for exiles living in London

Question No: 1138 / 2011

Murad Qureshi

The former President of Pakistan and exile, Pervez Musharraf is living in London benefiting from protection by Scotland Yard at a substantial cost to the taxpayer. What is the annual cost to taxpayers of this security and what are you doing to make sure that the FCO picks up the bill?

Ilford station in Crossrail plans

Question No: 1139 / 2011

Murad Qureshi

Crossrail has changed its mind about rebuilding Ilford station. Do you support their decision & if not, what have you done to oppose it?

Step-free access to Crossrail

Question No: 1140 / 2011

Murad Qureshi

Were you party to the decision to withdraw plans to make Seven Kings station step-free as part of the Crossrail works?

Downgrading Crossrail works

Question No: 1141 / 2011

Murad Oureshi

Are you in favour of the downgrade to the Crossrail works in Redbridge? Was this part of a deal you struck with the Treasury?

RE:LEAF Funding

Question No: 1142 / 2011

Murad Qureshi

How much are you contributing to the London Wildlife Trust's Trees for Hosts scheme, and what proportion of those trees will be street trees?

RE:NEW

Question No: 1143 / 2011

Murad Qureshi

You did not answer my question 531 / 2011.

How many homes - over and above the 817 treated in trails and the 8,045 retrofitted in the demonstration projects - have to date been treated under the RE:NEW programme?

Effect of oil prices

Question No: 1144 / 2011

Murad Qureshi

To what extent has the recent oil price spike explained the growth of tube and bus patronage since the beginning of the year?

Met investigation of 'phone-hacking by News of the World

Question No: 1145 / 2011

Murad Qureshi

Why does it take 45 full-time detectives – more than triple the number deployed to investigate illegal expenses claims by MPs, or nearly double the number of officers in one of Scotland Yard's regional murder squads to investigate the News of the World phone-hacking scandal?

Police numbers and crime figures

Question No: 1146 / 2011

Murad Qureshi

Violence against the person was up by 42% in Hounslow April - December 2010, while police numbers came down in Hounslow from January 2010 to January 2011. Do you think there may be a correlation?

Public toilets

Question No: 1147 / 2011

John Biggs

In November you told me, contrary to my question about Redbridge Council's plans to close public toilets, that "the London Borough of Redbridge has not actually adopted any proposals to close public toilets." How does your answer square with the fact that the Council, even against the wishes of a 1,000 strong petition, are closing four public toilets across the borough? I therefore restate my question 3685/2010: How does the coalition administration at the London Borough of Redbridge's cost-cutting plan to close public toilets fulfil your endeavours to promote the need for more public toilets?

Blue Cycle Lanes

Question No: 1148 / 2011

John Biggs

I have heard complaints that your new blue tarmac surfaces, for cycle superhighways, are slippery when wet. Are TfL aware of any problem?

Enterprise Zones

Ouestion No: 1149 / 2011

John Biggs

Following the Government's announcement, do you propose to bid for Enterprise Zone status for any areas in London?

Eastenders Opening Titles

Question No: 1150 / 2011

John Biggs

Would you agree with campaigners in East London that the opening title sequence for Eastenders should be updated to include features of the Olympic Park? Or would that intrude into its mythology?

Houseboat Mooring Fees

Question No: 1151 / 2011

John Biggs

British Waterways is proposing to change regulations which would make many residential moorings in London prohibitively expensive. Do you have a view on this, and particularly the apparent view of BW that this should happen before the Olympics? A significant number of families who have relied on the existing arrangements will be driven out of East London by these proposals.

BOGOF

Question No: 1152 / 2011

John Biggs

You have announced a 'buy-one-get-one-free proposal for Boroughs to fund police officers. How many officers will be funded, this year, subject to sufficient bids, by this proposal and for how many years does the commitment last?

East London Transit

Question No: 1153 / 2011

John Biggs

Will you be copying this model elsewhere? Where?

London Team

Question No: 1154 / 2011

John Biggs

You have announced and reported this initiative. Are these funds under your control and how are their allocation to be scrutinised and held accountable? As with the Mayors Fund, is there a risk that your announcements and boasts will politicise a charitable endeavour?

London Climate Change Partnership

Question No: 1155 / 2011

John Biggs

Why have you surrendered control of this important London initiative to the Environment

Olympic Stadium disposal

Question No: 1156 / 2011

John Biggs

Are you providing any guarantees or payments, directly or via bodies you control or influence, to facilitate the West Ham deal?

Community Land Trust

Question No: 1157 / 2011

John Biggs

Does the Mayor still believe he will deliver a community land trust in London by the end of his first term?

Youth Unemployment

Question No: 1158 / 2011

Len Duvall

In December 2010, the New Policy Institute & Trust for London reported in London's Poverty Profile: Reporting on the Recession that the unemployment rate among young adults is higher than at any time in the previous 17 years and that one in three of London's unemployed population are aged under 25. Given that the LDA's 'Sustained Employment' budget has been decimated, what do you intend to do as Mayor to help rectify London's shocking record on youth unemployment?

Apprenticeships

Question No: 1159 / 2011

Len Duvall

In a 26 November GLA press release entitled 'You're hired! Mayor in drive to create over 20,000 Apprenticeships in London' it stated that you have written to "100 of the capital's top companies urging them to help Londoners into work and boost the economy by creating more than 20,000 new apprenticeships". How many of these companies responded to your letter and how many apprenticeships have they committed to deliver?

Campaign Funding

Question No: 1160 / 2011

Len Duvall

Why do you think that between September 2007, when you were endorsed as the Conservative party's mayoral candidate, and March 2008 when the mayoral race kicked off, 77% of the total campaign funds you are allowed by law - £324,000 – came from bankers and other 'City grandees'?

Campaign Funding #2

Question No: 1161 / 2011

Len Duvall

On 11 October 2009, The Guardian quoted the former Prime Minister of Denmark, Poul Nyrup Rasmussen, as saying "hedge funds are buying off...Boris Johnson". Did you ever contest this

Tax Increment Financing

Question No: 1162 / 2011

Len Duvall

In answer to Question No: 541/2011 you stated that "TIF would probably be on-balance sheet". Are there any other examples of on-balance sheet TIF and, if so, how do they work?

Tax Policy

Question No: 1163 / 2011

Len Duvall

In answer to Question No: 546/2011 you stated that "we know that the top rate of personal tax is internationally uncompetitive and it is my job to state this clearly to the Government". Whilst it is correct that the UK's top rate of tax is higher than Germany, France, the US, and Switzerland, London's dominance of financial services is contingent upon considerably more factors than top rates of tax. In addition to its language, time zone, and social and cultural factors, London also competes favourably in terms of its nearest European competitors on corporation tax, which is levied at 33.2% in Germany and 33.3% in France. Do you think this why, despite your consistently gloomy forecasts, a 2010 PricewaterhouseCoopers study found that "analysis of the impact of the 50 per cent tax rate on take-home pay reveals that the gap with other jurisdictions may not be wide enough to justify a move out of London, particularly for junior and middle-ranking bankers"?

Tax Policy #2

Question No: 1164 / 2011

Len Duvall

Despite your regularly expressed concerns about the UK's tax competitiveness, a 2010 PricewaterhouseCoopers study found that "a married banker with two children, one of them aged under six, with gross income of £250,000 and a mortgage of £750,000, would net £141,000 in the UK, after deductions for tax and social security...in Geneva, that same employee would take home about £156,000, 11 per cent more". The report went on to add that "the gap with other European financial centres and the US is significantly smaller...the same worker would net £150,000 in Paris, £149,000 in Frankfurt and £145,000 in New York", concluding that there "was not enough of a difference for many people to relocate their families". Are you aware of this report and do you disagree with its findings on tax competitiveness?

Banking Outlook

Question No: 1165 / 2011

Len Duvall

An 18 January Evening Standard article entitled 'The City's Still Hiring' stated that "fears that the bonus row, banker bashing and economic uncertainty would force financial firms to rein in recruitment have proven unfounded". In what way do you disagree with this statement?

Banking Outlook #2

Question No: 1166 / 2011

Len Duvall

An 18 January Evening Standard article entitled 'The City's Still Hiring' stated that, far from

hemorrhaging jobs as you have predicted, financial service "vacancies were up 18 per cent year on year in December" 2010, adding that "the City is still building teams and positioning itself for growth". If this is correct, your predictions of a 'mass exodus' by financial services have proven incorrect. Why do you keep 'getting it wrong' on this issue?

Banking Outlook #3

Question No: 1167 / 2011

Len Duvall

An 18 January Evening Standard article entitled 'The City's Still Hiring' stated that "44 per cent of CFOs in the financial sector that we surveyed are planning to add staff...The main reasons for this hiring were to deal with business expansion". If your concerns about the impact of the banking levy and 50p tax rate on earnings over £150,000 were valid, why would so many financial services institutions be hiring staff and preparing for growth?

Tax Policy #3

Question No: 1168 / 2011

Len Duvall

In answer to Question No: 552/2011, you wrote that "there is a philosophical difference between establishing a stronger culture of philanthropy, which I am championing, and an excessively taxed society, which I do not". Why have you been so vocal in your defence of those affected by progressive taxation and such a poor advocate of those most affected by significant recent increases in regressive taxation?

Philanthropy

Question No: 1169 / 2011

Len Duvall

What percentage of their income would the top 1% of London's earners need to donate good causes to equalise the amount they avoid paying in tax?

Philanthropy #2

Question No: 1170 / 2011

Len Duvall

On 7 March, the Evening Standard ran an interview with Paul Marshall, "hedge fund star" and co-founder of schools charity 'ARK'. Mr Marshall told David Cohen that "the best way for the rich to give is to allow them a strategic involvement for their money". Given that you recently told me (552/2011) that you are "championing" a "stronger culture of philanthropy", do you share Mr Marshall's view on allowing the wealthy "strategic involvement for their money"?

Philanthropy #3

Question No: 1171 / 2011

Len Duvall

On 7 March, the Evening Standard ran an interview with Paul Marshall, "hedge fund star" and co-founder of schools charity 'ARK'. Mr Marshall told David Cohen that "There are 32,000 people in Britain with over £20million of assets and 17% of them actually give". Does this expose your desire to see the wealthy "show more commitment to this city through greater philanthropy" (555/2011) as little more than a fantasy?

Inequality in London

Ouestion No: 1172 / 2011

Len Duvall

In answer to Question No: 557/2011, you stated that "the problem is that there are too many Londoners who are not sharing in the city's success". What policies have you put in place since becoming Mayor to even marginally rectify the problem of low social mobility in London and can you quantify the outcomes of these policies?

National Debt

Question No: 1173 / 2011

Len Duvall

In answer to Question No: 559/2011 you stated that "the previous government...went on a spending spree that...was completely unsustainable". Are you aware that, for every year between 1997 and 2007 (the year the financial crisis struck) the UK's national debt as a proportion of GDP was lower than what the government inherited in 1997?

National Debt #2

Question No: 1174 / 2011

Len Duvall

Since 2008, National Debt has increased sharply because of the trillion pound banking bailout and because of lower tax receipts and higher spending on unemployment benefits as a result of the financial services industry-induced economic downturn. Why, then, have you sought to characterise the current recession as a product of excessive public spending?

Economics Adviser

Question No: 1175 / 2011

Len Duvall

Writing in his 'City Hall Comment' column in City A.M on 10 January 2011, your economic policy adviser, Anthony Browne, wrote – ironically – that "London would be a better place if we weren't the financial capital of the world" as "bonuses would no longer make you green with envy". Do you and your advisers honestly believe that the British public's desire to see the financial service industry pay the consequences for a crisis it created as driven not by a sense of righteous injustice but by 'envy'?

Red Route Enforcement in Greenwich and Lewisham

Question No: 1176 / 2011

Len Duvall

Can you please provide me with data pertaining to the enforcement of 'Red Route' regulations in Greenwich and Lewisham over the previous twelve months.

Cable Car

Question No: 1177 / 2011

Len Duvall

What is the estimated cost of the cross-river cable car and what financial contribution do you expect the private sector to make to it?

River Crossings

Ouestion No: 1178 / 2011

Len Duvall

Can you please provide me with a full breakdown of who you have met with to discuss the prospect of new river crossings east of Tower Bridge over the previous twelve months?

River Crossings #2

Question No: 1179 / 2011

Len Duvall

What progress has been made during your mayoralty on the provision of a new river crossing east of Tower Bridge?

Cycle Hire Scheme

Question No: 1180 / 2011

Len Duvall

Was there a full tender process for sponsorship of the cycle hire scheme and, if so, please explain to me how it worked?

Cycle Hire Scheme #2

Question No: 1181 / 2011

Len Duvall

On what basis did you decide to locate your 'Cycling Superhighways'?

Cycle Hire Scheme #3

Question No: 1182 / 2011

Len Duvall

Since the sponsorship deal for the cycle hire scheme was largely unprecedented, did you receive independent guidance on the likely revenue raising potential of advertising on the scheme and, if so, what was the estimate?

Convoy's Wharf

Question No: 1183 / 2011

Len Duvall

Over the previous twelve months, what work has the GLA undertaken with the private sector to push forward the redevelopment of Convoy's Wharf, Deptford?

Economics Adviser

Question No: 1184 / 2011

Len Duvall

In answer to Question No: 559/2011 you agreed with you economics adviser Anthony Browne that one of the reasons for the "financial crisis, subsequent recession and the necessary fiscal retrenchment" was "politicians forcing banks to lend to causes that were morally worthy but not creditworthy". Nobel prize-winning economist Joseph Stiglitz's recent account of the financial services meltdown, Freefall, he describes this view as "sheer nonsense". What significant examples can you provide of "politicians forcing banks to lend to causes that were morally

worthy but not creditworthy" as evidence that such actions were contributory factors in the creation of the economic crisis?

TfL Journey Planner

Question No: 1185 / 2011

Valerie Shawcross

I have been asked to submit this question by a constituent.

I regularly work in and travel through Lambeth and Southwark, and I mostly travel by bicycle. Between many Inner (and Outer) London locations it is faster to travel by bicycle than public transport. Seeing as the public transport network is overcrowded and the Mayor is trying to increase bicycle use, why does the TfL journey planner require you to specifically ask for the route and journey-time by bicycle. Surely if this came up automatically as part of the default search it would make the potential benefits of bicycle travel far more visible, especially to those who lack entrenched travel habits. After all, if you knew the best way to get somewhere you wouldn't be on the TfL journey planner!

Walthamstow Greyhound Stadium

Question No: 1186 / 2011

Jennette Arnold

I have been asked to submit this question by a constituent of mine.

How can the mayor sit back and let millions of pounds of tax payer money go to waste. Even if they get planning permission it will waste another 20 million of tax payers' money.

English heritage has recently regarded the site as an "Historical asset in totality " of east London, so how does the mayor allow a part funded rsl to land bank, as the current owners have for three years, while there is a private buyer who wishes to purchase the site and create over 1000 jobs & investment to London . The mayor can act now it is an historical site

Transfer of Covert Police Operations

Question No: 1187 / 2011

Len Duvall

What are the resources implications for the MPS on the transfer of responsibility for covert police operations from ACPO's National Public Order Intelligence Unit to the Met?