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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 18 July 2011

Transport for London fare increases for 2012

Question No: 2382 / 2011

Mike Tuffrey

You accused your predecessor of "leaving a monstrous black hole" in the finances of TfL. Can you confirm that your fares decision for 2012 will be based on July 2011 RPI plus 2%?

Unlicensed Minicabs

Question No: 2202 / 2011

Roger Evans

What steps are currently being taken to crack down on unlicensed minicabs?

Blackfriars Bridge and the 20mph speed limit

Question No: 2091 / 2011

Jenny Jones

Have you now read the Transport for London report recommending that four bridges over the Thames should have a 20mph speed limit?

FirstBuy

Question No: 2295 / 2011

Nicky Gavron

Why did London receive the least money of all regions from the Coalition Government for the FirstBuy scheme?

Knife Crime

Ouestion No: 2127 / 2011

Richard Barnbrook

Despite pouring vast amounts of taxpayers' money at various initiatives including Operation Blunt 1 and 2, Time for Action and Operation Daedalus, knife crime for 2010 was up 8% in London at 13,619 incidents! Why do you think this menace continues to increase on the streets of London and are Londoners being given poor value for money from the authorities charged with keeping London safe from knife crime?

Residential Burglary in Camden and Barnet

Question No: 2184 / 2011

Brian Coleman

Barnet has recently seen one of the highest increases in residential burglary while Camden has see one of the highest increases in general 'property' crime (includes robbery, motor vehicle crime, burglary, shoplifting and criminal damage). What can be done to tackle this increase?

Anthony Browne

Question No: 2211 / 2011

Len Duvall

On reflection, do you think it was right for you to allow your former economic adviser, Anthony Browne, to be paid £21,000 to sit at home and work on your election campaign?

Airport capacity

Question No: 2160 / 2011

Victoria Borwick

"Does it concern the Mayor that 55,000 air passengers are stacked in aeroplanes above London daily?"

Government welfare reforms

Question No: 2212 / 2011

Len Duvall

Is "time" the only concession you've managed to extract from the coalition government in relation to its welfare reforms?

London's cycling trends

Question No: 2135 / 2011

Andrew Boff

Will the Mayor commission a full and thorough study into cycling trends on London's roads?

Youth Violence

Question No: 2216 / 2011

Joanne McCartney

Are you concerned at the recent increase in serious youth violence in London?

Lavender Fields and Colliers Wood Public Transport

Question No: 2157 / 2011

Richard Tracey

What is being done to promote access to public transport in Lavender Fields and Colliers Wood, where large areas are further from public transport than the recommended maximum 400 metres?

Savings from TfL

Question No: 2381 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

What savings are you hoping to make through TfL's Project Horizon?

Rezoning Surbiton and Kingston Stations

Question No: 2178 / 2011

Tony Arbour

Will the Mayor lobby the Secretary of State for Transport to rezone Surbiton and Kingston Stations from zone 6 to zone 5?

Olympic Mascots

Question No: 2031 / 2011

Dee Doocey

Do you agree with LOCOG's policy of charging local schools £850 for the Olympic mascots to attend a school fair?

High Speed 2

Question No: 2179 / 2011

Brian Coleman

Will the mayor outline his attitude to HS2?

Benefit Reforms

Question No: 2217 / 2011

Nicky Gavron

Can the Mayor update us on the impact Government benefit reforms will have, and is having on

Volunteering Schemes

Question No: 2205 / 2011

James Cleverly

What level of response has there been so far to your recent calls for volunteers to join your Team London tree planting scheme and your Capital Clean-Up scheme to help remove rubbish and graffiti from London's streets?

Pedestrian Safety

Question No: 2218 / 2011

Valerie Shawcross

Are you concerned that the number of accidents involving pedestrians increased over 2009 in 20 of the 32 London Boroughs?

Trade union officials employed by Functional Bodies

Question No: 2383 / 2011

Brian Coleman

Would the Mayor list the positions and the salaries of all trade unions officials employed part time or full time by all the functional bodies?

Off Message Mayor

Question No: 2222 / 2011

John Biggs

It is reported that you have permission from the Prime Minister to be 'off message' in an election year. Should Londoners be flattered, offended or merely confused?

Olympic Park/Wellcome Trust bid

Question No: 2144 / 2011

Andrew Boff

Can the Mayor comment on newspaper reports of the Wellcome Trust's £1bn bid for the Olympic Park?

Olympic Board and Olympic Ticketing

Question No: 2223 / 2011

John Biggs

On how many occasions did the Olympic Board discuss ticketing?

Olympic Tickets for Over-60s

Question No: 2147 / 2011

Richard Tracey

How many Olympic tickets were allocated to the over-60s at the discounted price of £16? Was a certain proportion of tickets in each of the designated sessions allocated to over-60s and how was the ballot for these tickets conducted?

Entry level jobs

Question No: 2126 / 2011

Darren Johnson

Given that each organisation in the GLA group has a different definition of entry-level jobs will you develop a consistent approach across the group?

Olympic ticket allocation

Question No: 2183 / 2011

Brian Coleman

Is the Mayor happy with how the Olympic ticketing has gone?

Azure card

Question No: 2100 / 2011

Jenny Jones

What progress have you made with TfL and the Home Office on allowing access to public transport in London for asylum seekers on section 4 support using the Azure payment card?

Questions for Written Answer

Cost of policing protests (1)

Question No: 2022 / 2011

Dee Doocey

What has the cost to the MPS been for policing protests in London from January to June this year? How much of these costs are recoverable from the Home Office?

Cost of policing protests (2)

Question No: 2023 / 2011

Dee Doocey

What is the estimated cost of policing protests in London for the rest of this financial year?

Verbal abuse of police officers

Question No: 2024 / 2011

Dee Doocey

Do you believe that warranted police officers should be able to cope with a higher level of verbal abuse than ordinary members of the public?

Financial cost to MPS of industrial action

Question No: 2025 / 2011

Dee Doocey

What was the financial impact on the MPS of the industrial action taken by police staff on 30th June 2011?

Culture Diary – number of registrations

Question No: 2026 / 2011

Dee Doocey

How many organisations, and how many events, were registered in total in the Culture Diary by the closing date of 31 March 2011?

Culture Diary - monitoring and updating

Question No: 2027 / 2011

Dee Doocey

Are you satisfied that the Culture Diary provides a complete picture of every event that will take place in 2012 in London? How will you monitor new events that have not yet been determined, but will be devised between now and 2012? What milestones have you put in place to monitor the delivery of events within the Culture Diary?

Specialist Training for Police Officers

Question No: 2028 / 2011

Dee Doocey

What lessons have been learnt by the MPS from the industrial action taken by police staff on 30th June 2011? What plans does the MPS have to address the problems of having to replace specialist IT staff with police officers at short notice? Have you got a succession plan in place?

London Living Wage

Question No: 2029 / 2011

Dee Doocey

Are all employees and contractors within GLA Group being paid at least the new London living wage rate of $\pounds 8.30$ an hour?

Olympic Games Lanes – Black taxis

Question No: 2030 / 2011

Dee Doocey

What have you done as a member of the Olympic Board to persuade the Department for Transport to overturn the ban on London's black cabs using the Games Lanes during the Games in 2012?

Team London

Question No: 2032 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

Further to MQ1959/2011, were all Team London projects for which tenders were issued active by 30 June?

Cleaner taxi incentives

Question No: 2033 / 2011

Mike Tuffrey

The "Update to the Air Quality Plan for the Daily Mean PM10 Limit Value for Greater London Agglomeration Zone, UK: June 2011" document on the Defra website, states that "the Mayor has announced a financial incentives scheme to encourage drivers to purchase the cleanest taxis". Can you provide details of this scheme, including when it will start, what the scale of the financial incentives will be, and its objectives?

London Underground solar panels

Question No: 2034 / 2011

Mike Tuffrey

How many solar panels have already been installed on London Underground properties, how many more installations are planned for 2011, and how much energy will they generate?

London Underground green electricity

Question No: 2035 / 2011

Mike Tuffrey

Your answer to MQ2319/2010 stated that London Underground has "strong market leverage" to secure renewable energy supplies, and that LU were working on more detailed plans during 2010 "and by the end of the financial year will have identified options for short and long term project to deliver its aspirations". What short and long term projects have been identified for increasing renewable and low carbon energy sources for LU?

Rewards for sustainable behaviours

Question No: 2036 / 2011

Mike Tuffrey

Further to MQ3948 what progress has been made with building in "incentives for greener more sustainable behaviours" into plans for the London Card?

High temperatures on the tube (1)

Question No: 2037 / 2011

Mike Tuffrey

Your answer to MQ2324/2010 on high temperatures on the tube states that at above 33°C "LU monitors train services to ensure that if any train stops in a tunnel for 15 minutes or longer, a rescue plan is implemented which includes despatching the London Ambulance Service to stations where customers from stalled trains will be detrained and providing them with bottled water", at which stations is this bottled water stored and are they adequately staffed to support

High temperatures on the tube (2)

Question No: 2038 / 2011

Mike Tuffrey

Your answer to MQ2324/2010 on high temperatures on the tube states that at above 33°C "LU monitors train services to ensure that if any train stops in a tunnel for 15 minutes or longer, a rescue plan is implemented which includes despatching the London Ambulance Service to stations where customers from stalled trains will be detrained and providing them with bottled water", how many times has this situation occurred in 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011; and what is the predicted impact of a full detraining, on top of a 15 minute delay, on network performance?

Heat map of the tube

Question No: 2039 / 2011

Mike Tuffrey

Further to MQ2326/2010 has London Underground published the heat map on the TfL website, and if not will you encourage them to do so?

Renewable capacity study

Question No: 2040 / 2011

Mike Tuffrey

What were the key findings from your renewable and low carbon energy supply capacity study, and how will you be implementing them?

Drinking fountains

Question No: 2041 / 2011

Mike Tuffrey

Further to MQ0642/2011 has the invitation for proposals for drinking fountains been sent out? How many proposals have been received? When will pilot projects commence?

Public awareness of air quality

Question No: 2042 / 2011

Mike Tuffrey

What progress have you made on implementing the policies in your Air Quality Strategy around improving public awareness of air quality issues, and how are you monitoring the impact of these policies?

Green roofs and walls

Question No: 2043 / 2011

Mike Tuffrey

What progress have you made promoting the installation of green roofs and walls across London? Are you still intending to have a trial fund for green roofs?

Thames Barrier Visitor Centre

Question No: 2044 / 2011

Mike Tuffrey

There has been a steep fall in the number of visitors to the Thames Barrier to less than 10,000 per annum, and its education centre is currently closed. Given the need, as identified in your Climate Change Adaptation Strategy, to raise public awareness of flooding will you work with the Environment Agency to improve Londoners' understanding of the role the Thames Barrier plays in protecting London from flooding?

Off-site affordable housing

Question No: 2045 / 2011

Mike Tuffrey

On how many planning applications in 2010 and 2011 have you agreed to affordable housing being provided off-site?

Community right to reclaim land

Question No: 2046 / 2011

Mike Tuffrey

The Community Right to Reclaim Land is being extended to cover the GLA and TfL, what are the implications of this change and what actions are you taking to gear up for it?

Housing Mobility scheme

Question No: 2047 / 2011

Mike Tuffrey

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

Empty Homes Audit

Question No: 2048 / 2011

Mike Tuffrey

What were the findings of your empty homes audit?

Institutional Investment in housing

Question No: 2049 / 2011

Mike Tuffrey

What progress have you, the HCA and LDA made on attracting institutional investment into housing in London?

Private Rented Sector Initiative

Question No: 2050 / 2011

Mike Tuffrey

Now that the Private Rented Sector Initiative has ceased as a HCA initiative, what steps are you taking to continue the work that it started in levering in institutional investment into the private rental market?

Rough Sleeping

Question No: 2051 / 2011

Mike Tuffrey

Do you share my concern at reports that the number of people sleeping rough on the streets of London increased by 8% in 2010/11 to 3,975 people?

Get on our land campaign

Question No: 2052 / 2011

Mike Tuffrey

Will you support Inside Housing's 'Get on our land' campaign which aims to increase the supply of land on which to develop homes?

Affordable Homes Programme 2011-15: family homes

Question No: 2053 / 2011

Mike Tuffrey

Now that the deadline for the submission of offers to the HCA for the for the 2011-15 Affordable Homes Programme has passed, do you have an indication of whether there were sufficient offers from providers in London to deliver three-bed and larger units?

Affordable Homes Programme 2011-15 (2)

Question No: 2054 / 2011

Mike Tuffrey

Now that the deadline for the submission of offers to the HCA for the for the 2011-15 Affordable Homes Programme has passed, do you have an indication of whether there were sufficient offers from providers in London to deliver on your targets for new affordable homes?

Affordable Homes Programme 2011-15 (1)

Question No: 2055 / 2011

Mike Tuffrey

Are you satisfied that London has got its fair share of the national Affordable Homes Programme 2011-15?

Londonwide LEP

Question No: 2056 / 2011

Mike Tuffrey

When will the Londonwide LEP hold its first meeting, and what do you think should be on the agenda?

Proposals for a Mayoral Community Infrastructure Levy

Question No: 2057 / 2011

Mike Tuffrey

You agreed with me, in MQ0920/2011 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". Have you continued to make representations to government and adjoining regions to

Living wage at London South Bank University

Question No: 2058 / 2011

Mike Tuffrey

Do you support the current campaign of staff and students at London South Bank University to ensure that staff who work at the university, but whose jobs have been contracted out by the university to private companies, and who perform duties ranging from cleaning to security, are paid the London Living Wage?

Cardiff Model (1)

Question No: 2059 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

Can you please provide a list of the London Boroughs that are currently operating some version of the Cardiff Model, whereby hospital accident and emergency departments anonymously share information about the time and location of violent incidents with the police? Please also state which Boroughs are not currently operating any such system.

Cardiff Model (2)

Question No: 2060 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

Can you please tell me which hospitals/NHS Trusts in London are not operating some version of the Cardiff Model, whereby hospital accident and emergency departments anonymously share information about the time and location of violent incidents with the police?

Artwork at Angel Tube

Question No: 2061 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

Will you consider converting the former Angel Tube Station entrance on Torrens Street/City Road into a possible space for Art on the Underground, similar to the walls adjoining Southwark Station?

Stolen bus stops (1)

Question No: 2062 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

You mentioned recently that bus stops were being stolen for their scrap metal.

- a) Please provide all the locations and dates where bus stops have been stolen in London, per borough in 2009 and 2010.
- b) Please also list how many have been replaced and at what cost.

Stolen bus stops (2)

Question No: 2063 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

What steps have you and TfL taken to deter thieves from stealing London's bus stops?

Theft of Metal

Question No: 2064 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

There has been a significant rise in metal thefts across London. Please detail the number of metals, including cables and other high value items that have been stolen from the TfL network, including London Underground, Overground, DLR, Cycle Hire, Buses and Trams. Please provide the data broken down by number of items stolen and value, per month, since the beginning of 2009 to date.

Pedicabs (1)

Question No: 2065 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

What representations have you had from the taxi trade in London regarding pedicabs in London?

Pedicabs (2)

Question No: 2066 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

Do the taxi trade agree with you on your current stance of supporting a voluntary registration scheme for pedicabs?

Dial A Ride (1)

Question No: 2067 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

Please list in date order, since it was introduced, occasions whereby the Dial A Ride 0845 number phone system has had to switch to its back up system due to the 0845 system being out of service.

Dial A Ride (2)

Question No: 2068 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

Prior to having the new computer system, Dial A Ride only required one hour's notice from users for same day bookings, but now with the new computer system in place it requires two hours. Given the figures for same day bookings completed by Dial A Ride each year before the new computer system in 2004/05 was over 17,000, compared with just over 10,000 for 2009/10, will you review and improve the system?

Westminster Centre for Independent Living closing

Question No: 2069 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

Are you concerned about Westminster Council's decision to close the Westminster Centre for Independent Living on Westbourne Park Road? Given your responsibilities in relation to health inequalities, what representations have you made to the Council and/or Government on this issue?

Regent's Canal tow path

Question No: 2070 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

What discussions have you had with British Waterways about ensuring both pedestrians and cyclists can use the canal towpath safely?

Guide Dogs on Escalators (1)

Question No: 2071 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

Please can you update me on your progress with the DfT on amending the bye-law to allow guide dogs to travel on escalators on London's Underground system?

Guide Dogs on Escalators (2)

Question No: 2072 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

Please list all meetings and correspondence you and TfL have had with the DfT about guide dogs on escalators since I raised this matter with you in March.

Northern Line Extension Consultation

Question No: 2073 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

I understand that a re-consultation exercise is currently underway regarding the route options for the proposed Northern Line Extension until August 2011. Why does the updated leaflet still contain options 3 and 4 when I was informed at the recent exhibition and public meeting that they have both been ruled out, (option 3 because Vauxhall Station cannot cope with the extra capacity it would bring, and option 4 as the line would travel underneath the new US Embassy site)? Will you review this consultation so that Londoners are not misled and it becomes a genuine consultation?

Yellow Box Junctions

Question No: 2074 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

I have been informed from one of my constituents that he successfully appealed a PCN on Saturday 5 February 2011 after incurring a fine on the yellow box junction situated at Deptford Bridge/Blackheath Road. The reason for his successful appeal was due to the box junction being non-compliant with TSRGD 2002 and without DfT approval. Your previous answer fails to mention this junction. Could you therefore revisit my original question and provide me with a full list of junctions as requested in MQ (1900/2011)?

Cycle Hire to Camberwell and Peckham

Question No: 2075 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

At your recent 'Community Conversations' event in Peckham on the 28th June, a young man asked you "why there were no bikes in Peckham" referring to your cycle hire scheme, to which you replied, "we will do our best to oblige you". When will residents in Camberwell and Peckham receive the Cycle Hire scheme?

Number 3 bus

Question No: 2076 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

I have received reports of a deterioration in the service of the Number 3 Bus route, in particular, buses seem to regularly bunch in both directions. Could you please confirm what TfL is doing to resolve these problems?

Community Conversations (1)

Question No: 2077 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

Please provide me with the number attendees at each of your Community Conversation events since you became Mayor.

Community Conversations (2)

Question No: 2078 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

Please outline each of the key outcomes that have arisen through your Community Conversation events since you became Mayor. What action have you taken as result of these events?

Community Conversations (3)

Question No: 2079 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

Please provide me with the date, time and location of your proposed Community Conversation event in September in the London Borough of Lambeth.

Information at Temporary Bus Stops

Question No: 2080 / 2011

Caroline Pidgeon

Will you consider reviewing the quality of information provided for bus passengers as and when bus stops need to be temporarily closed? Local residents from Teddington have brought to my attention a particularly striking example of poor communication from TfL, arising from a broken water main on Broad Street, leaving many elderly passengers unaware of where to go to find their regular bus service.

Earl's Court and West Kensington Opportunity Area (1)

Question No: 2081 / 2011

Jenny Jones

What proactive efforts have you made to communicate with the Tenants and Residents Associations on the Gibbs Green and West Kensington estates and with the trade unions representing employees and employers associations such as the Association of Event Organisers who are affected by your plans for the Earl's Court and West Kensington Opportunity Area?

Earl's Court and West Kensington Opportunity Area (2)

Question No: 2082 / 2011

Jenny Jones

Are you prepared to accept the view of residents of the Gibbs Green and West Kensington estates, neighbouring communities and many of the employee and employers bodies who argue that the Earl's Court and West Kensington Opportunity Area is a wasteful and destructive project that must be rejected?

Earl's Court and West Kensington Opportunity Area (3)

Question No: 2083 / 2011

Jenny Jones

Do you support the view of the Minister for Decentralisation that any decision to transfer the Gibbs Green and West Kensington estates into a resident-controlled community housing association will take precedence over the Earl's Court and West Kensington Opportunity Area plans, and not the other way around?

Earl's Court and West Kensington Opportunity Area (4)

Question No: 2084 / 2011

Jenny Jones

Have you or the other project partners undertaken an assessment of the financial and environmental implications of retrofitting the buildings on the Gibbs Green and West Kensington estates versus demolishing them and building new homes on the land?

London Plan and localism

Question No: 2085 / 2011

Jenny Jones

What are you doing to review the London Plan in light of the community empowerment and neighbourhood planning aspects of the Government's localism agenda?

British Transport Police

Question No: 2086 / 2011

Jenny Jones

I have been contacted by a constituent who is concerned about the failure of the British Transport Police to intervene or record incidences of verbal abuse against Transport for London staff and members of the public at Liverpool Street Station. Will you raise this issue with the British Transport Police as a matter of urgency?

Thames path

Question No: 2087 / 2011

Jenny Jones

Can you list any planning applications referred to the GLA for developments along the River Thames that did not include a Thames path accessible to the general public?

Cycling on the Olympic Route Network

Ouestion No: 2088 / 2011

Jenny Jones

What assessment was made of the likelihood of cyclists slowing down Olympic vehicles if they were allowed onto the Olympic Route Network? Who made the original decision that cyclists should be banned from the network and have you seen the report upon which this decision is based?

Blackfriars Bridge safety (1)

Question No: 2089 / 2011

Jenny Jones

You claim that the new design for Blackfriars Bridge 'will allow every road user to navigate the junction safely'. What evidence, authority, or guidelines are you using to substantiate this claim? Cyclists believe it to be more dangerous than the present layout.

Blackfriars Bridge safety (2)

Question No: 2090 / 2011

Jenny Jones

Will you guarantee that there will be no injuries or deaths as a result of cyclists using the right turns from northbound lanes into Queen Victoria Street and from southbound lanes onto Victoria Embankment, which involve cyclists filtering across two lanes of heavy traffic?

Cycle lane safety

Question No: 2092 / 2011

Jenny Jones

Do you agree with Transport for London that whilst a 2m cycle lane "will increase the comfort levels experienced by cyclists there is no evidence to show that this extra width creates a safety benefit?" Might this statement ignore the sheer volume of cyclists in central London and the need for cyclists to overtake each other in relative safety?

Cycle training for children

Question No: 2093 / 2011

Jenny Jones

Are you concerned about the large gap between those boroughs providing cycle training for around 3,000 to 4,000 children a year and those providing cycle training for only a few hundred? What additional action are you taking to ensure that the boroughs meet the target of providing Level 2 cycle training to all Year 6 pupils who want it, by 2012?

Oyster and cycle hire

Question No: 2094 / 2011

Jenny Jones

Given that Oyster cards enable concessions for a range of people on low incomes including young people, pensioners, war veterans and job seekers, will you set a timescale for introducing Oyster card payment for the cycle hire scheme?

Traffic police cuts

Question No: 2095 / 2011

Jenny Jones

Given the rise in the total number of child pedestrian casualties, will you reverse the cut of thirty police officers and thirteen staff from within the traffic section of the Transport Command Unit since 2009/10?

Child casualties on London's roads

Question No: 2096 / 2011

Jenny Jones

The total number of child casualties has once again fallen nationally in 2010. Why has it gone up in London?

Pedestrian casualties on London's roads

Question No: 2097 / 2011

Jenny Jones

The total number of pedestrian casualties has once again fallen nationally in 2010. Why has it gone up in London?

Casualties on London's roads

Question No: 2098 / 2011

Jenny Jones

Can you explain why the Metropolitan Police area is the only area in the country where there has been a growth in the total number of casualties between 2008 and 2010?

Contactless payment

Question No: 2099 / 2011

Jenny Jones

Is there any timescale for introducing contactless payment across London's public transport system?

Community led housing

Question No: 2101 / 2011

Jenny Jones

Can you update me on work undertaken in the GLA group and HCA London to support community led housing in the past few months, including any further discussions at the HCA London Board meetings in April and June?

London Councils grants scheme

Question No: 2102 / 2011

Jenny Jones

London Councils are funding a number of charities providing essential pan-London services with grants that will end in December this year, six months before they review the scheme and make decisions on re-commissioning those services. Will you lobby them to extend those grants up to July 2012 to ensure continuity of services?

Temporary accommodation

Question No: 2103 / 2011

Jenny Jones

Having failed to reduce the number of households stuck in temporary accommodation by half by the end of 2010, are you confident that you will achieve this aim before the end of your current term of office?

Safer Neighbourhood sergeant cuts

Question No: 2104 / 2011

Jenny Jones

In reference to reducing numbers of Safer Neighbourhood sergeants, you said that it is "necessary to streamline the management of some of the capital's smaller and quieter wards to improve performance". In 2011-12 the Metropolitan Police are applying a reduction of around 25% of sergeants pro rata across London's boroughs, meaning half the wards in each borough will share a sergeant. Do you consider half of the wards in the following boroughs to be smaller and quieter, and if so can you tell me which wards match that description? Westminster, Camden, Islington, Tower Hamlets, Hammersmith & Fulham, Southwark, Hackney, Kensington & Chelsea, Lambeth and Newham.

Water dispensers

Question No: 2105 / 2011

Darren Johnson

Given the environmental impact of lorries transporting flagons of water around the city for use in office water dispensers, will you work with Thames Water to encourage workplaces to switch to tap water instead?

Nuclear trains

Question No: 2106 / 2011

Darren Johnson

In June 2010 you stated that you would 'ask TfL to ascertain the factual position on nuclear trains during the games from Direct Rail Services' (MQ 1774/2010). In January this year, you stated that TfL was awaiting a reply from Direct Rail Services (MQ 0041/2011). Can you please send me all the up-to-date correspondence between Direct Rail Services and Transport for London?

Signage on Cycle Superhighways

Question No: 2107 / 2011

Darren Johnson

Could you ask TfL to ensure that the hours of operation of all Cycle Superhighway routes are displayed clearly on signs so that Highway Code rule 140 can be actively enforced?

Cycle journey planner

Question No: 2108 / 2011

Darren Johnson

Can you ask TfL to modify their online journey planner for cyclists so that the default journey is

the safest most direct route rather than the fastest route as at present, as that may put cyclists in danger and may also mean they are likely to have more traffic lights to deal with?

Maryon Wilson Park

Question No: 2109 / 2011

Darren Johnson

A constituent has contacted me with the sad news that the London Borough of Greenwich has withdrawn funding from the urban farm in Maryon Wilson Park, Charlton, which may force it to close in April 2012. This will deprive a great many people, young and old, of a valuable amenity that has been open since 1926. Will you make representations to the council and investigate what support can be given to keep it open?

LWARB funding & air quality

Question No: 2110 / 2011

Darren Johnson

Will you ensure that the London Waste and Recycling Board do not fund any new waste plant which does not meet the criteria in your London Plan of being 'air quality neutral'? This joined up thinking would ensure that new waste plants do "not lead to further deterioration of existing poor air quality, such as areas designated as Air Quality Management Areas".

Cable car and bus connections

Question No: 2111 / 2011

Darren Johnson

The report for Transport for London commissioned by the Green Group on alternatives to the Thames Gateway Bridge in 2008 recommended that a cable car would work best as a public transport option if the bus network were realigned to provide connections fanning out from the terminals. What work has TfL undertaken to study and implement this?

Enforcement of taxi no idling zones

Question No: 2112 / 2011

Darren Johnson

In answer to my question 684/2011 you deny that there will be any enforcement of no idling zones for taxis. Can you confirm that this is still the case, as the Defra action plan for London includes 'enforcement (where necessary)' and states that '[taxi] marshals will also have a broader mandate to stop taxis from idling by monitoring the taxi rank'?

Conformity testing for black cabs (1)

Question No: 2113 / 2011

Darren Johnson

Unlike other vehicle manufacturers, LTI are not required by law to conduct 'in service' emissions conformity tests because they sell fewer than 5,000 vehicles a year. The power for roadside checks was devolved from VOSA to local authorities in 2003, but these authorities have not conducted any testing. It is therefore the case that absolutely no 'in service' emissions conformity testing has been conducted on London taxis by any agency whatsoever. Why has this been allowed to happen and what action is to be taken?

Conformity testing for black cabs (2)

Ouestion No: 2114 / 2011

Darren Johnson

A constituent has been told by VOSA that they do not regard the emissions test for black cabs which is carried out at the annual inspection, as a proper 'conformity test'? Can you contact them and confirm that this is their advice to you?

Clean air fund

Question No: 2115 / 2011

Darren Johnson

Can you outline which specific measures (i.e. cleaner buses, roads being treated with dust suppressants, creation of no idling zones) being implemented with the extra £5m government grant to reduce air pollution in London will directly benefit people living on the following roads: Edgware Road, Knightsbridge, Cromwell Road, Shepherds Bush Road, Victoria Street, Pentonville Road?

Government action plan on nitrogen dioxide pollution (1)

Question No: 2116 / 2011

Darren Johnson

The Government's consultation on reducing NO_2 air pollution to below European limit values argues that "compliance in the London zone is currently expected to be achieved before 2025". Your Air Quality Strategy argues that compliance with the European limit values is possible by 2015 if the government takes the additional actions which you recommend. Do you still stand by that statement?

Government action plan on nitrogen dioxide pollution (2)

Question No: 2117 / 2011

Darren Johnson

In answer to my question 1248/2011 you state that the GLA cannot accurately model the impact in London of national air pollution policies that you require the Government to implement. Now that the Government is consulting on its national NO_2 action plan, can you tell me which of the proposals you put forward have been included in their draft plan and whether their estimated impact in London will mean your aim of complying with European limit values by 2015 is achievable?

Smog alerts for schools

Question No: 2118 / 2011

Darren Johnson

Will you arrange for air pollution warnings to be issued during pollution episodes to parents and teachers at schools within 400m of roads with more than 10,000 vehicles a day on them?

Air pollution monitoring sites (1)

Question No: 2119 / 2011

Darren Johnson

Which boroughs had an area that failed the European NO₂ limit values for air pollution in 2009?

Air pollution monitoring sites (2)

Question No: 2120 / 2011

Darren Johnson

Which boroughs have a monitoring site used by the Government to report on NO₂ air pollution to the European Commission?

Low emission zone enforcement (1)

Question No: 2121 / 2011

Darren Johnson

Once a filter system has been retrofitted to an older vehicle and the owner has obtained a certificate to enter the Low Emission Zone, what 'in service conformity' tests will be conducted to ensure that retrofitted vehicles continue to comply once they are on the road?

Low emission zone enforcement (2)

Question No: 2122 / 2011

Darren Johnson

Once a filter system has been retrofitted to an older vehicle and the owner has obtained a certificate to enter the Low Emission Zone, what is to stop the owner removing the filter system and either selling it or using it on another vehicle?

Air pollution and the congestion charge WEZ

Question No: 2123 / 2011

Darren Johnson

Can you please provide me with a copy of the full analysis behind your statement that in terms of air pollution "there has not been a discernable 'WEZ removal effect'"?

Olympics and electric cars (1)

Question No: 2124 / 2011

Darren Johnson

Can you provide a list of the electric charging points which will be in place for the official Olympic vehicles to use?

Olympics and electric cars (2)

Question No: 2125 / 2011

Darren Johnson

How many electric vehicles will feature in the Olympic fleet and how many passengers will they carry?

Knife Crime (2)

Question No: 2128 / 2011

Richard Barnbrook

Would it be fair to comment that unless the judiciary bring in seriously tough laws for carriers and users of knives in violent confrontation, no amount of taxpayer funded initiatives are going to bring this problem under proper control?

Do you think the proposed law of a 6 month mandatory sentence for carrying a knife goes far enough in your quest to bring this menace under control in London?

Police Ethics

Question No: 2130 / 2011

Richard Barnbrook

I understand Jack Straw has accused the police of selling "road crash victims details" to personal injury lawyers, do you know if the Metropolitan Police have engaged in this practice?

London Hygiene

Question No: 2131 / 2011

Richard Barnbrook

Data collected by the Health and Public Services Committee indicate that there are 20% fewer local authority-maintained toilets are 20% less than a decade ago. Are you concerned, given the expected thousands of extra visitors in a short period of time at next year's Olympic and Paralympics, that London's hygiene will be compromised due to a lack of public toilet facilities?

Immigration and Jobs

Question No: 2132 / 2011

Richard Barnbrook

A recent report showed that the overwhelming majority of new jobs in the capital were taken by foreign-born migrants with a 150,000 fewer British born people in work in the capital. Are you concerned about this trend bearing in mind 126,500 Londoners have claimed benefit continuously for the last 10 years?

Council Tax

Question No: 2133 / 2011

Richard Barnbrook

Apparently London councils failed to collect council tax totalling £116.8m in the last financial year, does this financially impact the Greater London Authority in any way?

Crossrail

Question No: 2134 / 2011

Richard Barnbrook

By the time Rob Holden leaves Crossrail, his remuneration for 2 and a bit years service will be in the region of £1.7m, in your opinion has this been money well spent?

Olympic Tickets (1)

Question No: 2136 / 2011

Andrew Boff

How many Olympic tickets sold by LOCOG in the first and second rounds of the ticket allocation process have been purchased by people living outside the UK?

Olympics Tickets (2)

Question No: 2137 / 2011

Andrew Boff

How many Olympic tickets sold by official European 2012 ticket suppliers have been purchased by people living in the UK?

Olympic Tickets (3)

Question No: 2138 / 2011

Andrew Boff

Will the one million new Olympic tickets that will become available next year cover all sports sessions and all price points? Will they be sold on a first come first served basis, or through a ballot?

Cultural Olympiad

Question No: 2139 / 2011

Andrew Boff

What Cultural Olympiad events will be held on the Olympic Park during the Games?

Live Sites

Question No: 2140 / 2011

Andrew Boff

Please provide an update on the plans for Live Sites across London during the Olympics. What will be the capacity of each Live Site?

Olympic Legacy

Question No: 2141 / 2011

Andrew Boff

Please detail how the GLA and LDA's combined budget of £32 million for Olympic Legacy in 2011/12 will be spent?

Olympic Route Network

Question No: 2142 / 2011

Andrew Boff

In light of recent reports, what analysis has been made of the environmental impacts of the Olympic Route Network, especially on London's air quality?

West Ham Olympic Stadium selection

Question No: 2143 / 2011

Andrew Boff

Does the Mayor have confidence in the process under which West Ham was selected as the preferred bidder for the Olympic Stadium in the light of the suspension of a senior OPLC director?

Crystal Palace Station

Question No: 2145 / 2011

Richard Tracey

What would be the total cost of providing step-free access to the platforms at Crystal Palace Station? What would be the capital cost and the annual running costs of reopening the former ticket hall?

Bus usage record

Question No: 2146 / 2011

Richard Tracey

How does the Mayor intend to build upon the remarkable success of the London bus network that has chalked up its highest usage in 50 years with 2.3bn journeys and 486km million travelled?

Olympic Lane Enforcement (1)

Question No: 2148 / 2011

Richard Tracey

Please detail exactly how the Olympic lanes and Olympic Route Network will be enforced? Which authorities will be enforcing the lanes and will they be using CCTV or officers on the street to identify vehicles that drive in Olympic lanes?

Olympic Lane Enforcement (2)

Question No: 2149 / 2011

Richard Tracey

Will any enforcement action be taken against cyclists in the Olympic lanes? If CCTV is the primary means of catching those who use Olympic lanes, how will enforcement action be taken against cyclists since they do not have registration plates?

Traffic Modelling for Olympics

Question No: 2150 / 2011

Richard Tracey

What traffic modelling has TfL carried out for the Olympics? Please provide details of the roads that will experience additional congestion – how much longer will the delays and queues on these roads be during the Games?

Public Transport Capacity

Question No: 2151 / 2011

Richard Tracey

Do the public transport hubs at the Olympic Park have sufficient capacity to cope with 80,000 people leaving the Olympic Stadium at the same time? If not, what is being done to stagger the departure times of spectators leaving the stadium?

Mitcham Gas Mains

Question No: 2152 / 2011

Richard Tracey

Given your responsibilities in relation to ensuring the resilience of all of London's essential services, including power supplies, can you confirm what caused the delay in fixing the damaged gas mains and burst water mains in Mitcham, which left hundreds of homes without gas for many days?

Cycling on the ORN

Question No: 2153 / 2011

Richard Tracey

Given the importance of encouraging cycling during the Olympics, both for its own sake and to demonstrate that London is a pro-cycling city, do you agree that Londoners should be able to cycle on the ORN?

Electric Vehicles (1)

Question No: 2154 / 2011

Richard Tracey

What action does the Mayor intend to take to ensure that his commitment to Electric Vehicles is reflected in the GLA and TfL's procurement process for fleet vehicles?

Electric Vehicles (2)

Question No: 2155 / 2011

Richard Tracey

With many sites across the capital, and as the biggest purchasers of vehicles in the UK, the car rental industry has the potential to help the Mayor meet his targets to roll out Electric Vehicles and charging point infrastructure across the capital. What engagement has the Mayor or his advisors had with the rental industry and the potential role that they can play as part of the Plugged-in-Places programme?

Electric Vehicles (3)

Question No: 2156 / 2011

Richard Tracey

The Taxpayers' Alliance has recently published a report highlighting large sums of money spent by local authorities on mileage reimbursements for council employees using their own cars for work purposes. What guidance can the Mayor offer to London boroughs looking to reduce their own mileage reimbursement expenditure?

Home Working During the Olympics (1)

Question No: 2158 / 2011

Richard Tracey

How many TfL employees does TfL anticipate will be able to work from home during the Olympics?

Home Working During the Olympics (2)

Question No: 2159 / 2011

Richard Tracey

Will the Mayor update the Assembly on what progress has been made with persuading businesses to allow their staff to work from home during the Olympics?

Transport for the disabled

Question No: 2161 / 2011

Victoria Borwick

The London Ambulance service is currently transporting many patients for non emergency appointments to hospital. In the interests of value for money and efficiency, will the Mayor explore the possibility of trying to act as a champion of shared services in regard to improving transport services for the disabled? Will the Mayor encourage all the London boroughs, London Councils and Transport for London, to come together to look at streamlining this transport service?

Reservists

Question No: 2162 / 2011

Victoria Borwick

I am glad that the GLA has received recognition from SaBRE for their support for Reserves.

- i) What arrangements are in place within the GLA to allow Reservists to meet their outside commitments?
- ii) What arrangements are in place within the larger GLA family to allow Reservists to meet their commitments?
- iii) How many reservists are employed in the GLA; and how many are employed at TfL, MPA and LFEPA?

Barclays Cycle Hire Scheme (1)

Question No: 2163 / 2011

Victoria Borwick

How many Barclays bikes are currently in need of repair?

Barclays Cycle Hire Scheme (2)

Question No: 2164 / 2011

Victoria Borwick

When a bike is in need of repair, what is the programme of maintenance?

Barclays Cycle Hire Scheme (3)

Question No: 2165 / 2011

Victoria Borwick

Although when a bike is damaged the user should press the red button, this does not always happen. What process is in place to regularly check the bikes to ensure they are in good working order?

Barclays Cycle Hire Scheme (4)

Question No: 2166 / 2011

Victoria Borwick

What other safety or other checks are carried out on the bikes as a matter of routine, and how frequently?

Bus Driver KSIs

Question No: 2167 / 2011

Victoria Borwick

Can you provide an annual breakdown for how many bus drivers have been prosecuted for KSI incidents over the last five years?

Stanmore Traffic Signals

Question No: 2168 / 2011

Victoria Borwick

What progress has been made in discussions with TfL and Harrow Council towards the introduction of a pedestrian crossing at the dangerous junction between Stanmore Hill and The Broadway, and in linking up the four sets of traffic lights between Stanmore Hill and London Road to improve traffic flow and cut congestion through the town centre?

Ponders End Regeneration

Question No: 2169 / 2011

Victoria Borwick

What progress is being made in delivering the Ponders End regeneration scheme, for which you have provided funding?

Dangerous Dogs

Question No: 2170 / 2011

Victoria Borwick

What have been the results of the recent crackdown on dangerous dogs in Haringey?

Apprenticeships (1)

Question No: 2171 / 2011

Tony Arbour

How many new apprenticeships have been created in London since you started your apprenticeships drive last November? What efforts are being made to create apprenticeships in outer London businesses?

Apprenticeships (2)

Question No: 2172 / 2011

Tony Arbour

How much has the GLA / LDA invested in your apprenticeships drive?

Regeneration

Question No: 2173 / 2011

Tony Arbour

Aside from the Outer London Fund, which schemes will receive funding from your regeneration budget of £47million in 2011/12 and £31million in 2012/13?

Business Support

Question No: 2174 / 2011

Tony Arbour

Which projects are being funded by the combined GLA and LDA budget of £6million for Business Support in this financial year?

International Promotion

Question No: 2175 / 2011

Tony Arbour

In 2011/12, the GLA and LDA budget for International Promotion is £20 million, of which £16 million is allocated to London & Partners. How will the remaining £4 million be spent?

Kingston Ancient Market Place

Question No: 2176 / 2011

Tony Arbour

What support is being provided to this regeneration scheme as part of the Mayor's Great Spaces programme?

Interactive crime map for victims

Question No: 2177 / 2011

Tony Arbour

Earlier this year I asked if you were considering the option of extending London's interactive crime map site to enable victims to track their cases online. Last month Nick Herbert, Minister for Policing, spoke at a London conference, and confirmed that this was also his ambition. What stage have you now reached in the trials on this proposal?

West End Live

Question No: 2180 / 2011

Brian Coleman

Will the Mayor congratulate Westminster City Council, and in particular the Deputy Leader of the City Council (Councillor Robert Davis) and their sponsors Mastercard on the success of West End Live in Trafalgar Square? Will he thank GLA officers for their cooperation in the event? Will he also ensure that the GLA continues as far as possible to support this event which highlights mainstream West End Theatre?

Stand By Me Campaign

Question No: 2181 / 2011

Brian Coleman

Will the Mayor join me in supporting the very important "Stand By Me" campaign launched by

Mencap to tackle hate crime against people with learning disabilities? Will the Mayor lobby at the highest levels of the Metropolitan police to ensure that when someone is targeted because of their disability, that this is treated as a hate crime by the police?

Burglary rates

Question No: 2182 / 2011

Brian Coleman

Would the Mayor accept that there's a major concern in the London boroughs, particularly the outer London boroughs, about the level of burglary. Could the Mayor explain in detail what he's doing about it. And has he communicated the problem and level of public concern to senior officers?

Operation Focus

Question No: 2185 / 2011

Brian Coleman

Operation Focus was launched earlier this year to tackle burglary. What success have you seen so far using this VOLT action plan?

Residential Burglary in London

Question No: 2186 / 2011

Brian Coleman

In 2010/11, residential burglary ended the year with a reduction compared to 2009/10, but did not achieve the 4% reduction target. What action are you taking to tackle the problem of residential burglary in London?

Metal theft

Question No: 2187 / 2011

Gareth Bacon

Metal theft is one of the UK's fastest growing crimes and a major cable theft incident, in the event of a terrorist attack or other emergency, could cause a failing of the national infrastructure with severe consequences. Therefore as the Olympics approach, should we have more stringent identification requirements and general regulation when selling metal?

No Second Night Out

Question No: 2188 / 2011

Steve O'Connell

Following the success of this homelessness scheme in providing early intervention as soon as a rough sleeper is spotted on the streets, what plans do you have for the scheme going forward to ensure that even more rough sleepers can be helped off the streets? What ongoing support is provided to those who have been assisted by the scheme so that they do not return to the streets in future?

Housing Task Force

Ouestion No: 2189 / 2011

Steve O'Connell

Which recommendations from your recently concluded housing task force do you intend to take forward as policy for London?

Car Parking in New Developments

Question No: 2190 / 2011

Steve O'Connell

Now that the Government has removed the requirement for local development plans to include maximum parking levels for new developments, will you introduce amendments to the London Plan to remove the London wide car parking limits that it has set, so that boroughs can ensure each development has the necessary level of parking capacity to meet its likely demand?

Anti-drugs message

Question No: 2191 / 2011

Steve O'Connell

Croydon's Woodside SNT has successfully raided five cannabis dens in the last seven months. However the problem is not going to go away and the 2011 Annual London Survey revealed that drug-related crime is the fourth greatest safety concern for Londoners.

Ceop identified that 18% trafficked children into UK were used for cannabis cultivation. Should these kind of facts be more widely publicised, to make drug users more aware of the exploitation they cause by their decision to use of drugs?

X26 bus

Question No: 2192 / 2011

Steve O'Connell

Will the Mayor instruct TfL to reinstate "The Plough" bus stop in Beddington on the X26 bus route?

Epsom and St Helier NHS Hospital Trust

Question No: 2193 / 2011

Steve O'Connell

In the Mayor's proposed new role as Chair of the London Health Improvement Board, is there a view as to whether the potential break up of the Epsom and St Helier Trust and the merger of St Helier and Sutton hospitals with St George's Healthcare Trust will be of benefit to Sutton residents and improve their quality of healthcare?

Wellesley Road

Question No: 2194 / 2011

Steve O'Connell

The division created by Wellesley Road has a massive impact in separating the town centre and impedes upon regeneration. Crossing points are few and pedestrians are forced to use subways. What are TfL doing to tame Wellesley Road and address the severance it causes? When will it be easier to cross between the east and west sides of Croydon's town centre?

Croydon Town Centre

Question No: 2195 / 2011

Steve O'Connell

Following several recent crashes involving buses and trams in Croydon town centre, what safety measures have been introduced by the bus and tram operators including instructions to the drivers?

A23 London Road parking

Question No: 2196 / 2011

Steve O'Connell

Will you look at introducing 30 minutes free parking and additional parking bays along the A23 London Road in Croydon in order to stimulate local business?

Countdown

Question No: 2197 / 2011

Steve O'Connell

TfL intends to provide countdown to bus stops with 50,000 passengers per year only. This will mean the system inevitably focuses on central London, town centres and a few district centres. Other district centres such as Coulsdon, Cheam, Carshalton and Selsdon will get none and neither will district centres with high usage but split stops. What is the Mayor's view and will the Mayor revise the programme to include key centres and interchanges rather than rely on a blunt numbers criterion?

Tramlink (1)

Question No: 2198 / 2011

Steve O'Connell

TfL and Croydon Council are investing significant funds to purchase new trams and develop tramlink, can you provide an update on Tf:'s progress and timescales for introducing the new trams?

Tramlink (2)

Question No: 2199 / 2011

Steve O'Connell

With the extra investment going into the tram system, will the Mayor double track the Wimbledon branch to increase capacity and frequency of services for the benefit of residents in Croydon and beyond?

Tramlink stops

Question No: 2200 / 2011

Steve O'Connell

Will TfL invest in improving the signage to tram stops outside of central Croydon in order to highlight their street presence to those that do not already know, in the same way as London Underground stations are well signposted?

Mayoral investment in Croydon and Sutton

Question No: 2201 / 2011

Steve O'Connell

On the back of the significant tram funding, what can the Outer London Fund and any other funding streams bring to the boroughs for future investment in infrastructure?

Unlicensed Minicabs

Question No: 2203 / 2011

Roger Evans

When Londoners spot unlicensed minicabs, what steps can they themselves take to help the police catch them?

Dial-a-ride cut through

Question No: 2204 / 2011

Roger Evans

Will the Mayor instruct TFL to ensure that Dial-a-Ride drivers are reminded of the restricted status of Chelmsford Road, Fullers Road and Empress Avenue and not to use it as a cut through?

Energy Efficiency Funding

Question No: 2206 / 2011

James Cleverly

What work is being done to encourage energy companies to invest in your RE:NEW and RE:FIT energy efficiency programmes for homes and public buildings, to ensure that London gets the maximum benefit for the public money that has already been invested? What other types of private funding are also being targeted?

Police abuse

Question No: 2207 / 2011

James Cleverly

It has recently come to light that Scotland Yard told its officers that bad language on its own is not a good enough reason to detain someone. While this may be the case, what else can be done to protect officers from abuse and harassment?

FGM in London

Ouestion No: 2208 / 2011

James Cleverly

Earlier this year the government removed the Whitehall post which dealt with female genital mutilation (FGM) and instead integrated this work into several departments.

- 1. What effect, if any, do you think this has had on the problem of FGM in London?
- 2. How many cases have been reported in 2010 and 2011? How many people have been prosecuted in each of these years?

A21 Masons Hill (1)

Question No: 2209 / 2011

James Cleverly

TfL and Thames Water have been liaising for four months to sort out the water leak on the A21 at Masons Hill, but this problem has still not been fixed. What action will TfL take to expedite this matter and ensure that the leak is repaired as soon as possible?

A21 Masons Hill (2)

Question No: 2210 / 2011

James Cleverly

What measures will TfL take to ensure that boroughs and utility companies are fully informed about the road permit scheme and how to use it?

Progress of RE:NEW for 2011/2012

Question No: 2213 / 2011

Murad Qureshi

In May you advised that in addition to the 8,936 homes already treated under your RE:NEW programme, work will commence from July 2011 with the expectation that an additional 55,000 homes will be retrofitted by the end of March 2012. Can you now please advise whether this July start date is still feasible and if so, what is the precise start date?

Can you also update me on whether the national funding sources you mentioned in your reply to my aforementioned question 1524 / 2011 which would enable you to reach your original 200,000 homes target have materialised?

Assetco

Question No: 2214 / 2011

Murad Qureshi

How much would it cost to bring back the provision and maintenance of fire equipment currently with Assetco in-house?

Equalities and Human Rights Commission

Question No: 2215 / 2011

Jennette Arnold

The Equalities and Human Rights Commission budget is to be cut by 68% by 2015. As a consequence the grant provision of \pounds 4.17m for London's voluntary sector eg: Legal Advice Services, Citizens Advice Bureaus and Equality Advice Bureaus will be cut. The majority of these services are used by London's poorest and most vulnerable citizens. What representations did you make to Government to prevent the loss of this vital provision to Londoners?

LEZ and small businesses

Question No: 2219 / 2011

Valerie Shawcross

I recently met a market trader who relies on his stall for his livelihood and has recently obtained quotes to have the necessary filter to avoid paying LEZ charges installed on his van. They ranged from £1800 to £3400, plus MOT charges. What are you doing to assist small business owners, who wish to comply with the LEZ?

Private Members Club

Question No: 2220 / 2011

John Biggs

It is reported that Londoners can secure privileged lobbying access to you by paying £2012. Is this a proper exercise of your duties?

Public Sector Fat Cats

Question No: 2221 / 2011

John Biggs

What conclusion should voters draw from the fact that under your administration the GLA family leads the UK pay league for the number of staff and elected representatives remunerated at over £100,000?

Olympic Precept (1)

Question No: 2224 / 2011

John Biggs

Can you advise when the Olympic Precept is due to expire?

Olympic Precept (2)

Question No: 2225 / 2011

John Biggs

Given that a lot of Londoners have missed out on tickets; will you consider an earlier end to the collection of this precept?

London2012 Tickets (1)

Question No: 2226 / 2011

John Biggs

How many people bid for Olympic tickets and how many of them were Londoners?

London2012 Tickets (2)

Question No: 2227 / 2011

John Biggs

How many people unsuccessfully bid for Olympic tickets and how many of them were Londoners?

Average Speed Cameras

Question No: 2228 / 2011

John Biggs

How many Fixed Penalty Notices have been issued for speeding in each month of operation of the A13 average speed camera network? And is traffic running more smoothly as some predicted? What are the initial lessons from the scheme?

Children born on 20/12/2004 - Promise re Olympics Opening Ceremony

Question No: 2229 / 2011

John Biggs

Do you understand why some children and their parents feel you have broken the promise made to them having said you would be bound by it?

Blackfriars Bridge

Question No: 2230 / 2011

John Biggs

Will you ask TfL to introduce new signage on Blackfriars Bridge to inform users of the speed limit?

Piccadilly Circus Carbon Output

Question No: 2231 / 2011

John Biggs

How do you believe you should respond to the report (Economist 11/6/2011) that the illuminated adverts at Piccadilly Circus, a symbol of London, generate 1.9million kg of CO2 annually? Will you work with the advertising industry to reduce this figure?

Capital Costs Cycle Hire scheme

Question No: 2232 / 2011

John Biggs

What has been the total capital cost of the current cycle hire scheme, including the entirety of its installation including control systems?

Cycle Hire scheme

Question No: 2233 / 2011

John Biggs

How many bikes are there within the scheme?

'Strangers into Citizens'

Question No: 2234 / 2011

Len Duvall

Why do you think the Conservative Members on the London Assembly does not support your 'Strangers in to Citizens' campaign?

Siebert Road traffic noise abatement

Question No: 2235 / 2011

Len Duvall

Have you received any representations from the residents of Siebert Road, Greenwich, who have made a request to TfL to erect reflective acoustic barriers on the A102? If so, when do you intend to reply and what is your position on the matter?

'Real Time' bus information in Lewisham

Question No: 2236 / 2011

Len Duvall

Can you please provide me with a detailed planned timetable for any removal, with and without replacement, of Countdown roadside signs at bus stops within (and within 100m of) Perry Vale ward of the Borough of Lewisham.

'Real Time' bus information in Lewisham 2

Question No: 2237 / 2011

Len Duvall

Can you please provide me with an update on the "technical issues" (and/or contractual issues) that have caused delays so far to the iBus/Coundown2 programme?

Woolwich Arsenal Sunday train services

Question No: 2238 / 2011

Len Duvall

I was recently contacted by a constituent who was surprised to find that there was no DLR service at Woolwich Arsenal nor any Southeastern Trains services between Dartford and Charlton on Sunday 26 June. I had been led to believe that TFL and SE Railway had agreed to coordinate engineering work to ensure that we do not have more than one of the three rail routes serving north of the borough (DLR, SE Railway and Jubilee Line) down on any given Sunday. Is this correct and, if so, why is the agreement not being adhered to?

UK Financial Transaction Tax

Question No: 2239 / 2011

Len Duvall

Early Day Motion 1579 proposes "the introduction of a Robin Hood tax on financial transactions, clamping down on tax havens and introducing measures aimed at tackling tax evasion" and calls on the Government to "introduce urgently legislation that reflects this policy to ensure that the financial sector pays its fair share towards reducing the national deficit". Do you believe that, if the government were to adopt all of the proposals laid out in EDM 1579, the – largely London-based - UK financial services industry would decamp en masse?

194 Bus Route

Question No: 2240 / 2011

Len Duvall

I have been asked by constituent to raise with you the possibility of extending bus route 194 to Forest Hill, where it used to terminate before it was curtailed to terminate at the Bell Green Sainsbury's. My constituent believes this would be a valuable and useful link especially now that Forest Hill station is served by the East London Line. Will you ask TfL to investigate this suggestion?'

336 bus

Question No: 2241 / 2011

Len Duvall

Further to my question number 0033/2011, please provide an update on TfL's discussions with LB Lewisham on plans to install permanent accessible bus stops on the hail and ride section

through Bellingham estate.

Catford-Bromley bus services

Question No: 2242 / 2011

Len Duvall

Like many bus passengers, I welcome the extension of route 320 to Catford, providing additional services between Catford and Bromley. However, I have received reports that the timings of the 320 routes do not properly complement the 208 bus service and very often, there will be 'bunching' as a 320 and a 208 both arrive at stops together. Could these timings be looked at and small alterations considered improving this.

181 and 202 bus routes

Question No: 2243 / 2011

Len Duvall

Further to my question 1578/2011, when will TfL's investigation be complete and the results and recommendations published?

Countdown removal in Stanstead Road, Catford

Question No: 2244 / 2011

Len Duvall

Please provide a detailed planned timetable for any removal, with and without replacement, of Countdown roadside signs at bus stops along Stanstead Road and Catford Road in SE6. I understand this process has been delayed – please give an explanation for why and an update on the current status of these plans.

London Taxi and Private Hire

Question No: 2245 / 2011

Len Duvall

In answer to Written Question 1579/2011 you informed that "during 2010 London Taxi and Private Hire (formally the PCO) undertook a review of its internal policy and processes which included the drafting of internal "business rules", which TfL planned to publish in "due course". Whilst I do not expect you to be able to furnish me with an exact date for publication, it would be helpful if you could indicate the month, presumably in 2011, that TfL expects to release this document.

Drinking on the Tube

Question No: 2246 / 2011

Murad Qureshi

How many arrests have been made over the whole of 2010/11 for drinking on the tube, and could you give me the figures for the previous years of your administration so far.

Knife Crime

Question No: 2247 / 2011

Joanne McCartney

Further to your responses to my question 1108/2011 in March and 1426/2011 in May, can you now update me on the Communities Against Gangs, Guns and Knives Programme? Specifically,

Child pedestrian casualties in Enfield

Question No: 2248 / 2011

Joanne McCartney

Please could you provide me with the number of child pedestrian casualties in Enfield for 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010?

Child pedestrian casualties in Haringey

Question No: 2249 / 2011

Joanne McCartney

Please could you provide me with the number of child pedestrian casualties in Haringey for 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010?

Victim Personal Statements

Question No: 2250 / 2011

Joanne McCartney

Results from the Witness and Victim Experience Survey 2009/10 (Ministry of Justice, published by Victim Support) show that only 29% of victims in London recall being given the opportunity to make a Victim Personal Statement. Of those who did, only 65% felt that it was taken into account by the courts. What are your views on these poor results? What influence will you apply on the Met to ensure more victims of crime in London are given the opportunity to make a VPS? What can you do to raise the importance of making a VPS - both to victims and the police?

Project Titan

Question No: 2251 / 2011

Joanne McCartney

I note that you have directed the LDA to transfer revenue funding totalling £805,000 (revenue) to the GLA for two new projects, 'Structured Youth Activities' and 'Mentoring For Young People At Risk'. Why did you have to direct the LDA to transfer this funding? Did the LDA have reservations about this transfer - if so, what were they?

Reading Ambassadors

Question No: 2252 / 2011

Joanne McCartney

Did Peter Andre charge a fee for your Reading Ambassadors launch? If so, how much did he cost?

Broomfield House

Question No: 2253 / 2011

Joanne McCartney

When was your office first aware that the £5.94 million earmarked for Broomfield House, Enfield would be cut as part of the spending review?

Jubilee Line upgrade

Question No: 2254 / 2011

Valerie Shawcross

The TfL board papers for the 29th June meeting (page 27) indicate that aspects of the Jubilee Line upgrade due to be completed by 25th June 2011 are behind schedule. In your answer to my question 1498/2011 you clearly state that the timetable for the newly upgraded Jubilee line will come into force on July 31st. Are you still confident of this?

East London Line Phase 2

Question No: 2255 / 2011

Valerie Shawcross

I note from the papers for TfL's 29th June 2011 board meeting that the commencement of passenger services on East London Line Phase 2 are showing as delayed. Do you still expect passenger services to begin on ELL2 on 9th December 2012? What contingencies are in place should this not come to pass? Will the South London Line service between London Bridge and Victoria via Denmark Hill continue to run until ELLX2 services commence, even if this is delayed by any period?

227 bus

Question No: 2256 / 2011

Valerie Shawcross

Further to complaints about capacity on this route, are there any plans to introduce larger capacity single deck vehicles to the 227 service?

BCV track renewal

Question No: 2257 / 2011

Valerie Shawcross

Please give an update on the track renewal program for BCV (Bakerloo, Central, Victoria Lines). Have all deadlines and targets been reached?

Bank station upgrade

Question No: 2258 / 2011

Valerie Shawcross

I note that the completion date for the upgrade of Bank station has slipped to December 2021. Please give an update on the status of this project.

Conversion of North London Line to DLR operation

Question No: 2259 / 2011

Valerie Shawcross

The works to convert the North London Line to DLR operation would, according to the TfL board papers for 29th June, seem to be subject to some delay. Please provide an update on the status of this project.

Community Conversations Programme - Southwark

Question No: 2260 / 2011

Valerie Shawcross

Are you aware that your office wrote inviting me to the Southwark meeting saying it was scheduled for 6-30pm. In fact the meeting started at 6pm and the door staff had been told to stop any late entrant! I was glad, however, to have made it into what was otherwise a worthwhile meeting.

Community Conversation Programme - meetings

Question No: 2261 / 2011

Valerie Shawcross

Crime prevention is best done with active partnership working between Police, Community groups. SNT panels, Community Police consultative groups, Faith groups, and Councils. Therefore it's disappointing that local Councils and other bodies have been bypassed and ignored when the GLA has been setting up the Community Conversation meetings. Do you not agree that this initiative would be more sustainable and effective if all partners were involved from the outset?

Need for Developer Contributions for Police Facilities in new developments

Question No: 2262 / 2011

Valerie Shawcross

The costs of installing equipment for the Met's Airwave communication system at Westfield Stratford have fallen massively and expensively on the MOPS/MPA. Why doesn't the Mayor's London plan contain a policy which facilitates the collection of Section 106 funds from developments when these construction projects generate a need for new and additional facilities for the police service?

Northern Line Extension - Battersea

Question No: 2263 / 2011

Valerie Shawcross

I am pleased that the public consultation on the potential routing of the extension has been re issued by TfL in light of the poor public awareness in Lambeth of the first consultation process. However, why has a short list of only 4 routes been published?

Will TfL look again at whether there are some other proposals and adapted route options that could be put to the public for consultation.

Mayor's Fund

Question No: 2264 / 2011

Valerie Shawcross

Please give in a table the following information for each financial year since the creation of the Mayor's fund.

- Total Expenditure for the year,
- Programme/Operation expenditure for the year
- Administration expenditure for the year
- · Income raised each year from fundraising

New Bus for London

Question No: 2265 / 2011

Valerie Shawcross

Will the New Bus for London meet Euro Standard VI in terms of emissions?

New Bus for London 2

Question No: 2266 / 2011

Valerie Shawcross

What environmental data is TfL using to assess the emissions credentials of the New Bus for London? On what is this data based, and what comparators are being used?

New Bus for London 3

Question No: 2267 / 2011

Valerie Shawcross

Does the New Bus for London meet the 'Low Carbon Bus' standard, and will it be reviewed with a view to obtaining the 'low emission bus' title?

Bus Emissions in London

Question No: 2268 / 2011

Valerie Shawcross

Is it correct that TfL have recently undertaken emissions research on all the buses in use in London? What was the result of this research and when will this be published?

Earl's Court Opportunity Area (1)

Question No: 2269 / 2011

Nicky Gavron

How much income do the Earl's Court Exhibition Centres generate for west London boroughs in parking and for Transport for London in passenger journeys?

Earl's Court Opportunity Area (2)

Question No: 2270 / 2011

Nicky Gavron

What independent scrutiny or oversight has there been of Transport for London's negotiations with London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham and Capital & Counties?

Earl's Court Opportunity Area (3)

Question No: 2271 / 2011

Nicky Gavron

What cost has been incurred by Transport for London in producing proposals related to the redevelopment of Earl's Court?

Earl's Court Opportunity Area (4)

Question No: 2272 / 2011

Nicky Gavron

How much money does Transport for London expect to receive from negotiating the new leases associated with the proposed redevelopment of Earls Court?

Earl's Court Opportunity Area (5)

Question No: 2273 / 2011

Nicky Gavron

What impact will the proposals in the planning framework of the Earl's Court Opportunity Area have on traffic and public transport?

Lillie Bridge Rail Depot

Question No: 2274 / 2011

Nicky Gavron

What assessment has Transport for London undertaken of the effects of removing the Lillie Bridge rail depot on train and track maintenance, passenger services and safety, and the operational efficiency of the Underground system?

London Underground Services to Kensington (Olympia)

Question No: 2275 / 2011

Nicky Gavron

If a refurbished Olympia is to make up for the loss of the Earl's Court Exhibition Centres, why has Transport for London decided to withdraw London Underground services to Kensington (Olympia) from December this year?

Examination in Public

Question No: 2276 / 2011

Nicky Gavron

What was the total cost to the public purse of the Examination in Public into your Draft Replacement London Plan?

Examination in Public

Question No: 2277 / 2011

Nicky Gavron

At the last MQT, you said that "he (the Examination in Public Panel Inspector) is operating under some outdated set of assumptions about how to succeed in building more affordable homes). Could you say which recommendations these were and what was outdated about the assumptions?

West Kensington and Gibbs Green Estates (1)

Question No: 2278 / 2011

Nicky Gavron

Do you support West Kensington and Gibbs Green Community Homes' attempt to assume ownership of the two estates from London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham under Section

Mayor of London's Housing Taskforce (1)

Question No: 2279 / 2011

Nicky Gavron

Which recommendations of the Mayor of London's Housing Taskforce have you accepted?

Mayor of London's Housing Taskforce (2)

Question No: 2280 / 2011

Nicky Gavron

What cost was incurred to the public purse in funding the Mayor of London's Housing Taskforce?

Affordable Housing Westminster

Question No: 2282 / 2011

Nicky Gavron

Is it right that Westminster City Council have decided to waive the £900,000 of affordable housing contributions due under the council's own planning rules from two developments (Oriental Club, 11 Stratford Place and 3 Down Street Mews, Mayfair) when there are over 8,000 residents on the council's waiting lists and despite the objections of council planning officers?

Feed In Tariff

Question No: 2283 / 2011

Nicky Gavron

Do you agree with Hugh Ellis, Chief Planner at the Town and Country Planning Association, that the Colaition Government's reforms to the Feed In Tariff will result in a "drastically reduced" number of planning applications coming forward for large-scale solar schemes? Have you or your officers made any representations to the Minister on this?

Planning Applications

Question No: 2284 / 2011

Nicky Gavron

How many planning applications have you directed refusal for since you took office?

Family Housing

Question No: 2285 / 2011

Nicky Gavron

What percentage of social housing starts in London had (i) 3 bedrooms and (ii) 4 bedrooms or more in a) 2008/09, b) 2009/10 and c) 2010/11?

Family Housing

Question No: 2286 / 2011

Nicky Gavron

What percentage of intermediate rented housing starts in London had 3 bedrooms or more in a)

Tenant Management Organisation

Question No: 2287 / 2011

Nicky Gavron

What are you doing to encourage the establishment of Tenant Management Organisations on London's estates?

Safety of Cyclists on Camden Road

Question No: 2288 / 2011

Nicky Gavron

Thank you for your answer to question 1550/2011 (Safety of Cyclists on Camden Road 3). Of the incidents involving cyclists recorded on Camden Road, please outline how many were fatal?

Housing Benefit

Question No: 2289 / 2011

Nicky Gavron

Do you share my concern that paying Housing Benefit directly to social tenants instead of the housing associations will limit the amount of affordable homes that are delivered in London because it will increase the risk to banks of lending for such projects? Are you calling on the Coalition Government to drop this policy?

Social Rent to Affordable Rent (1)

Question No: 2290 / 2011

Nicky Gavron

Thank you for your response to question 1555/2011 (Social Rent to Affordable Rent). I appreciate that it was too early to judge what proposals would be brought forward by Housing Associations regarding the conversion of social rented homes to the new "affordable" rent" model. Are there any updates since this question was answered on how many homes have been proposed for conversion to the "affordable" rent model by London's Housing Associations?

Social Rent to Affordable Rent (2)

Question No: 2291 / 2011

Nicky Gavron

Do you support the principle of converting homes funded through the Labour Government's 2008-11 National Affordable Housing Programme as social rented into the new Affordable Rent model? And, if so, in what circumstances?

Parliament Square (1)

Question No: 2292 / 2011

Nicky Gavron

What plans there are for the enhancement of Parliament Square, including additional green space, planting, landscaping and seating?

Parliament Square (2)

Question No: 2293 / 2011

Nicky Gavron

Given your responsibilities for Parliament Square, what plans if any do you have for its enhancement, for example by making it more pedestrian friendly.

GLA Family Land

Question No: 2294 / 2011

Nicky Gavron

Do you plan to follow Islington's example by releasing GLA Family Land to developers at a reduced price in order to stimulate much needed social housing development?

London Councils Homelessness Service Funding

Question No: 2296 / 2011

Nicky Gavron

Seven of the pan-London homelessness services that were classified as an A* funding priority for London Councils funding are due to end in December when their contracts finish. London Councils has indicated that it is considering a new tendering round for all priority pan-London services, with the commissioning taking place in summer 2012. Can you seek assurances from London Councils that the seven homelessness services whose contracts finish in December will be allocated transitional funding to run until the commissioning round in 2012, and that this funding will be confirmed before summer recess?

Barnet and Camden Libraries

Question No: 2297 / 2011

Nicky Gavron

Have you made any representations on the cuts to library services in Barnet and Camden?

Camden Lock

Question No: 2298 / 2011

Navin Shah

Do you share my concerns over the proposed design of the new Camden Lock development, which has been criticised for being out of character with the area and under-delivering on much needed affordable housing?

HS2 Route

Question No: 2299 / 2011

Nicky Gavron

What negotiations have you held with the Department for Transport on the proposed route of HS2. Can you say with whom you have you met and what alterations you are proposing?

Saracens Rugby Football Club

Question No: 2300 / 2011

Nicky Gavron

Will you support Saracens Rugby Football Club's ambitions to take over Copthall Stadium if a

MetPro

Question No: 2301 / 2011

Nicky Gavron

Following the debacle surrounding Barnet's dealings with the private security firm MetPro and Lord Palmer's report on the council's dealings with the company, do you believe there should be a role for the Metropolitan Police in providing advice for boroughs on using these firms? Should there be checks against the actions of such private security firms when they are brought in by local authorities?

Barnet Safer Neighbourhood Team

Question No: 2302 / 2011

Nicky Gavron

Please outline how many sergeants will be lost in each ward in Barnet.

Barnet Safer Neighbourhood Team

Question No: 2303 / 2011

Nicky Gavron

Do you support the changes made to Safer Neighbourhood Teams in the borough?

Camden Safer Neighbourhood Team

Question No: 2304 / 2011

Nicky Gavron

Please outline how many sergeants will be lost in each ward in Camden.

Camden Safer Neighbourhood Team

Question No: 2305 / 2011

Nicky Gavron

Do you support the changes made to Safer Neighbourhood Teams in the borough?

Mayor's Fund (1)

Question No: 2306 / 2011

Len Duvall

Please list all major donors (over £1000) to the Mayor's Fund since it was launched.

Mayor's Fund (2)

Question No: 2307 / 2011

Len Duvall

Please confirm that no donations to the Mayor's Fund have been sought from or accepted from property developers who have also had planning applications under consideration by the Mayor. If donations have been received from property developers with planning applications in the pipeline please will the Mayor list all such donations?

Mayor's Fund (3)

Ouestion No: 2308 / 2011

Len Duvall

Please will the Mayor publish details of all payments made by the Reuben Foundation or the Reuben Brothers to the Mayor's Fund (including financial support and the terms of that support)?

Team London (1)

Question No: 2309 / 2011

Len Duvall

Please will the Mayor publish details of the sponsorship arrangements he has agreed with the Reuben Foundation and all payments made by the Reuben Foundation in support of Team London and (including financial support and the terms of that support)?

Meetings

Question No: 2310 / 2011

Len Duvall

Please give details of all meetings you have had with the Reuben Brothers including times, dates, what was discussed and notes from those meetings?

Affordable Homes on LDA Land

Question No: 2311 / 2011

Len Duvall

I note from your response to 1341/2001 to Mike Tuffrey that you claim to have brought forward significant public land for development during the last three years. Please tell me what was your exact personal role in bringing forward land at St Andrew's hospital for development?

St Andrew's Hospital Site

Question No: 2312 / 2011

Len Duvall

What date did the LDA let the contract with Barratts to develop the St Andrew's hospital site?

Bounds Green Development

Question No: 2313 / 2011

Len Duvall

I note from your response to 1341/2011 to Mike Tuffrey that you claim to have brought forward significant public land for development during the last three years. Please tell me what was your exact personal role in bringing forward land at Bounds Green for development?

Adelaide Wharf Development (1)

Question No: 2314 / 2011

Len Duvall

I note from your response to 1341/2001 to Mike Tuffrey that you claim to have brought forward significant public land for development during the last three years. Please tell me what was your exact personal role in bringing forward land at Adelaide Wharf for development?

Adelaide Wharf Development (2)

Question No: 2315 / 2011

Len Duvall

What date did the HCA / English Partnerships let the contract with FirstBase to develop the Adelaide Wharf site?

Culture and Volunteering

Question No: 2316 / 2011

Len Duvall

What do you envisage to be the long term advantages of volunteering in terms of personal development and employment in the cultural sector amid climate of decreasing funding?

Suburban Strategic Views

Question No: 2317 / 2011

Navin Shah

Does the Mayor think that it's important to protect views of St Mary's Church, Harrow when considering planning applications?

Queen's Park to Wealdstone: Partnership Working with Network Rail

Question No: 2318 / 2011

Navin Shah

How often do TfL liaise with Network Rail in regard to station upkeep and facilities at stations between Queens Park and Harrow & Wealdstone?

Queen's Park to Wealdstone: Partnership Working with Network Rail Ouestion No: 2319 / 2011

Navin Shah

As TfL now run the vast majority of services between Harrow & Wealdstone and Queens Park, has any consideration been made to TfL taking over responsibilities for these stations?

Cycle Route on Narrow Footpath, Stanmore

Question No: 2320 / 2011

Navin Shah

I have been contacted by many constitutes unhappy with the designation of a cycle route on an extremely narrow footpath linking Vernon Drive and Wembrough Road, Stanmore. Will you instruct officers to work with the council and residents to find a more suitable cycle path in the area? Do you think the creation of cycle routes should take priority over the needs of pedestrians to maintain existing footpaths? Would safe cycle lanes not eliminate the competition of space between cyclists and pedestrians?

North West London Transport

Question No: 2321 / 2011

Navin Shah

In the last year, delays on the Bakerloo Line have risen by 350% and by 120% on the Jubilee

Line. Can you explain why the needs of North West Londoners, which pay some of the highest travelcard fares, are being neglected?

Willesden Junction Approach

Question No: 2322 / 2011

Navin Shah

What pressure is the Mayor exerting on Network Rail to bring Station Approach, the main route out from Willesden Junction, to an acceptable standard? Does he feel that the poor appearance of the landscape around Willesden Junction undermines the objectives around the upgrade to Station Road and the Harlesden Area based scheme in general?

Station Tannoys

Question No: 2323 / 2011

Navin Shah

Thank you for your response to Question No: 1735 / 2011. Unfortunately, my constituents still seem to be baffled as to why an agreement is made on the noise level of the platform announcements and then a few months later, the volume is increased again. When agreements are made between residents and station staff on the noise level how can you ensure they are adhered to? What system can you introduce to make sure these problems do not reoccur every year?

Refugee Integration

Question No: 2324 / 2011

Navin Shah

Is the Mayor concerned to hear many charities that help refugees, such as Salusbury World, Brent, are now severely challenged by funding cuts? How can the Mayor ensure these vulnerable people, especially children, receive the skills and support they need to "build new lives in our city", as outlined in 'London Enriched?'

Municipal Journal Awards

Question No: 2328 / 2011

Navin Shah

Will the Mayor congratulate Harrow Council on its achievement of the nationwide best achieving Council prize at the Municipal Journal Awards?

Liberating the NHS

Question No: 2331 / 2011

Navin Shah

Are you happy with the new NHS compromise and its consequences for London?

London Health Improvement Board

Question No: 2332 / 2011

Navin Shah

What 'early wins' would you like to see made by the London health Improvement Board to

London Health Improvement Board 2

Question No: 2333 / 2011

Navin Shah

Do you believe there is a possibility that some indicatives of the London Health Board may only be of relevance to inner boroughs? If so what would these be?

London Health Improvement Board 3

Question No: 2334 / 2011

Navin Shah

How do you believe the London Health Improvement Board can add value to the money provided by the boroughs with regards to childhood obesity? Is this not a matter directed by clinical need?

London Health Improvement Board 4

Question No: 2335 / 2011

Navin Shah

How do you believe the London Health Improvement Board can add value to the money provided by the boroughs with regards to TB?

London Health Improvement Board 5

Question No: 2336 / 2011

Navin Shah

How do you believe the London Health Improvement Board can add value to the money provided by the boroughs with regards to mental health?

London Health Improvement Board 6

Question No: 2337 / 2011

Navin Shah

How do you believe the London Health Improvement Board can add value to the money provided by the boroughs with regards to sexual health?

London Health Improvement Board 7

Question No: 2338 / 2011

Navin Shah

How do you believe the London Health Improvement Board can add value to the money provided by the boroughs with regards to alcohol?

London Health Improvement Board 8

Question No: 2339 / 2011

Navin Shah

How do you believe the London Health Improvement Board can add value to the money provided by the boroughs with regards to tobacco?

London GP Practice Portal

Question No: 2340 / 2011

Navin Shah

What is the benefit of a London wide GP practice portal, when coverage is restricted geographically?

London GP Practice Portal 2

Question No: 2341 / 2011

Navin Shah

Do you believe the datastore will ensure equitable access to GPs in all areas of London?

Public Health Funding

Question No: 2342 / 2011

Navin Shah

Should public health spending by Primary Care Trusts in London be identified and ring fenced at this point in the NHS transition?

Outer London Fund Panel

Question No: 2343 / 2011

John Biggs

Who is on your advisory panel for the Outer London fund?

Outer London Advisor

Question No: 2344 / 2011

John Biggs

What key messages has your Outer London advisor brought you so far?

Outer London Fund and Arts and Culture

Question No: 2345 / 2011

John Biggs

Your Outer London Fund document "anticipates contribution" from among others, the arts and culture sector. Do you believe the sector has the capacity to contribute to projects as many fight for survival in a climate of local government and Arts Council cuts?

Outer London Fund and Arts and Culture 2

Question No: 2346 / 2011

John Biggs

Your Outer London Fund document "anticipates contribution" from among others, the arts and culture sector. Yet some outer London boroughs have recently eradicated culture funding in the belief "a rich variety of arts provision, much of it free, just half an hour or so away on the tube" (Barnet), while the London Borough of Croydon has cut its cultural officers from 6 to 1. In a difficult climate of local government and Arts Council funding, do you believe the sector has the capacity to contribute as you envisage?

'One Size Fits All'

Question No: 2347 / 2011

John Biggs

Your Outer London fund document states you are looking for "innovative projects and approaches...especially those capable of replication". After years emphasising heterogeneity, are you now advocating a "one size fits all" policy for Outer London?

Outer London Fund

Question No: 2348 / 2011

John Biggs

Can London Boroughs lead applications to the Outer London Fund?

Outer London Fund 2

Question No: 2349 / 2011

John Biggs

In response to question 1962/2011, "It is not a loan that will need to be repaid." Please elaborate as to how the GLA will repay its loan.

Outer London Fund 3

Question No: 2350 / 2011

John Biggs

What happens to Outer London town centres when the money runs out?

Outer London Fund 4

Question No: 2351 / 2011

John Biggs

Will Outer London Fund submissions be subject to a cost benefit analysis?

Outer London Transport Investment

Question No: 2352 / 2011

Valerie Shawcross

Please provide us with figures for transport investment from the GLA and Transport for London in each Outer London borough, per borough, per annum since 2009.

Outer London Transport Investment

Ouestion No: 2353 / 2011

Valerie Shawcross

Can the Outer London fund be used for feasibility studies for transport development projects?

Renaming Edgware Road

Question No: 2355 / 2011

Murad Qureshi

One of the findings of the inquest into the 7th of July London bombings was the potential for delays in reaching Edgware Road because of the confusion in identifying the exact location of an incident; is it now time to consider renaming Edgware Road tube station served by the Circle, District and Hammersmith and City Lines?

Olympic Tickets to Diplomats

Question No: 2356 / 2011

Murad Qureshi

Will there be any tickets allocated to UK based diplomats for next years Olympic Games?

Sale of Olympic tickets

Question No: 2357 / 2011

Murad Qureshi

Following the ticket sale fiasco for next years Olympic Games, some would suggest that the first winners of the London Games will inevitably be the touts. Are you satisfied with the system of skewed allocations which appears to have marred the process of ticket allocation so far, and do you think that the process has been a fair and successful one?

Autogas

Question No: 2358 / 2011

Murad Qureshi

A constituent has written in to commend the growing use of autogas in Hong Kong as a means of improving air quality. Do you think we have anything to learn from the Hong Kong experience?

Bombadier Transportation

Question No: 2359 / 2011

Murad Qureshi

Do you think that Bombadier Transportation's recent failure to secure the contract for the Thameslink programme will in any way impact upon its ability to deliver on its contract for the upgrading of signalling on London Undergrounds sub-surface lines?

Extension of the Central Line to Uxbridge

Question No: 2360 / 2011

Murad Qureshi

Do you support Hillingdon council's proposals to extend the Central line from West Ruislip to Uxbridge? These proposals are intended to reduce traffic on the A40 and the Uxbrige Road, both of which serve as a key transport corridor into Ealing.

High Speed Rail 2 link to Heathrow Airport

Ouestion No: 2361 / 2011

Murad Qureshi

Which of the eleven options currently being considered by engineers for linking the High Speed Rail 2 scheme to Heathrow Airport are you supporting?

Initial public offerings moving to Hong Kong

Question No: 2362 / 2011

Murad Qureshi

Do you think that the recent initial public offerings in Hong Kong including those announced by Manchester United and Prada are detrimental to the reputation of the City of London and do you think it represents a growing trend of corporate finance seeking to leave London in search of more lucrative financial homes around the world?

Naming Rights for the Olympic stadium

Question No: 2363 / 2011

Murad Qureshi

In view of the fact that the Olympic stadium was built using public funds, should the public purse be paid any royalties from the renaming of the Olympic stadium?

War criminals in London

Question No: 2364 / 2011

Murad Qureshi

The former vice president of Syria, Rifaat al-Assad is living in Mayfair. Mr Al-Assad has been accused in the press of horrific war crimes in Syria dating back to 1982 and reportedly earned himself the reputation as Syria's "butcher of Hama". Will you ask the Metropolitan Police Service to investigate individuals like this who are living in London accused of such heinous crimes?

Schools in London near busy roads

Question No: 2365 / 2011

Murad Qureshi

Can you list the number of schools in London which are located within 400 meters of roads carrying over 100,000 vehicles per day? What steps have you taken to minimise the effect of polluting traffic on these schools?

West London Waste Plan

Question No: 2366 / 2011

Murad Qureshi

The Park Royal Planning Framework which was published earlier this year identifies Park Royal as an area where "70% of manufacturing employment is associated with food processing" With reference to your reply to my question 1533/2011, why therefore, did you consider this site to be suitable for the location of a plethora of waste management sites and can these two "visions" of Park Royal co-exist?

Motorhomes and the LEZ

Question No: 2367 / 2011

Navin Shah

How many motorhomes in London that will be eligible for the daily charge do TfL estimate there

Lorry Ban

Question No: 2368 / 2011

Murad Qureshi

Are you party to the night time lorry ban suspension over the Olympic period in central London?

Toll Increases

Question No: 2369 / 2011

John Biggs

Will you be making representations on the proposed toll increases at the Dartford Crossing and their various impacts on London? Will you support my view that the economic and traffic impacts on London, particularly East London, are likely to be negative?

Jubilee Line Signalling

Question No: 2370 / 2011

John Biggs

Can you update me on current progress with the new Jubilee Line signalling system? What is the current end date for the works?

New Bus for London

Question No: 2371 / 2011

Jennette Arnold

In you answer to Question 1840/2011 you failed to answer the substantive part of my question. So I am compelled to ask again: Will you ensure that disabled people's organisations are consulted in future test phases for the New Bus for London?

BikeHire Scheme

Question No: 2372 / 2011

Jennette Arnold

One of my constituents, with a growing sense of frustration, asks the following:

"Those running the Bikehire scheme seem to be struggling to move the bikes around to meet demand. For example, I commute in via the central line and the waterloo and city to Waterloo. Every morning I arrive and check the 3 nearest hire stations and never a bike in sight."

Do you have any plans to tackle this problem or is my constituent as they put it "better off travelling a different way and returning my bike hire key"?

(2) Loss of Vital Service for SME's and disabled Londoners

Ouestion No: 2373 / 2011

Jennette Arnold

The Equality and Human Rights Commission is facing devastating budget cuts from the Government and plans to reform its powers and functions. The Commission acts as a single source of information to individuals and businesses in London on people's rights and responsibilities under equalities legislation.

The removal of the Commission's helpline and mediation and conciliation services is a serious concern.

London has more SME's than any other region in Britain. This kind of service is vital to them in order to avoid discrimination claims and costly litigation.

These services are also used by a great number of disabled individuals who not only access information about their rights within the workplace but use the service to resolve disputes surrounding the provision of goods and services and in education

Will you be disassociating yourself from the government's decision to remove these vital services from Londoners?

Lea Bridge Station

Question No: 2374 / 2011

Jennette Arnold

Do you agree with me and local Walthamstow campaigners that Lea Bridge station should be reopened as it provides a vital link to Stratford for the people of Walthamstow and that it's reopening would stimulate much needed economic growth in the Walthamstow area? What will you be doing to facilitate the reopening of the station?

High Speed Rail

Question No: 2375 / 2011

Navin Shah

Where would your new desired underground line through Euston go to, apart from Victoria?

High Speed Rail 2

Question No: 2376 / 2011

Navin Shah

Have you commissioned TfL to examine alternatives to the propsed HS2 route that would minimise disturbance in North West London? What cost estimates have been produced for tunnels and other alternatives?

High Speed Rail 3

Question No: 2377 / 2011

Navin Shah

Do you support an interchange at Old Oak Common or not?

High Speed Rail 4

Question No: 2378 / 2011

Navin Shah

What increase in passenger numbers would Euston see after the completion of HS2, and how did you calculate this figure? Why have you previously stated "Euston has been identified as the best option" (2450/2010) without expressing these concerns to the Assembly?

High Speed Rail 5

Question No: 2379 / 2011

Navin Shah

In question 1491/2011, you stated "On the face of it, a tunnel for high speed trains connecting Tottenham Court Road with Waterloo would be a major engineering challenge and a major expense, requiring extensive tunnelling and construction works across huge swathes of central London." Are you lobbying central government for a new tube line or not?

HS2

Question No: 2380 / 2011

Len Duvall

I am pleased to see you supporting Ken Livingstone's position of HS2 – why has it taken you so long to come to this conclusion?