

Dear

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 2 May 2017. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Your request seems to be primarily aimed at Local Authorities so please note that the GLA is London's strategic government and does not operate in the same way as local authorities. Details about the GLA's role can be found at <https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/how-we-work-london>

We do not hold most of the information that you have asked for but we do hold some related information, which we publish on our website.

Our response to your request is as follows:

1. How many roadside ash trees are there within your council boundary? If a total number is not known, have any surveys of numbers of roadside ash been carried out within your boundary and if so, what were the results? (For clarity, by "roadside ash" I am referring to ash trees (any Fraxinus species) that are close enough to a road that they could potentially fall onto or drop debris onto the road.)

The GLA does not carry out tree surveys and does not hold information on the day to day management of most of London's street or highway trees as this is the direct responsibility of London's 33 boroughs and Transport for London (TfL). With regard to the day to day management, operational and resourcing aspects of TfL's tree management you should contact TfL's information access team using FOI@tfl.gov.uk. You can find contact details for the London Borough councils at <https://www.london.gov.uk/in-my-area>

The GLA does hold some information about the number and species of trees managed by TfL and some boroughs, which is available online here: www.london.gov.uk/WHAT-WE-DO/environment/parks-green-spaces-and-biodiversity/trees-and-woodlands/london-tree-map. You can find related data on the London Data Store - please note the age of the data and the comments about the information we received: <https://data.london.gov.uk/dataset/local-authority-maintained-trees>

2. How many urban ash trees are there within your boundary, and what is the breakdown of these between public and private property? If this is not known, how many trees of any species are there within your boundary?

The GLA does hold some information in relation to this request. As above, information about the number and species of trees managed by TfL and some boroughs is available. It does not include a breakdown of public/private property. The London Boroughs and TfL may be able to provide this information.

3. If known, what is the total area of parks, gardens, greens and common land within your boundary?

The GLA does not hold this information, but information about land use in London can be obtained from GiGL, London's Environmental Records centre. Summary information about the total area of green space can be seen here: <http://www.gigl.org.uk/keyfigures/>

4a. What was the total amount of money spent by your council on insuring trees in the last financial year (2016-17)?

Nil

4b. And what was the total amount spent on public liability insurance overall?

The GLA does hold information on our total public liability insurance. The PLI premiums incurred by

the GLA for 2016-17 was £123,622.63

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference at the top of this email.

Yours sincerely

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<https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/governance-and-spending/sharing-our-information/freedom-information>