

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA130918-2791/
MGLA170918-3023

8 October 2018

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 13 September 2018. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested:

I would like to request some information under the Freedom of Information Act about weed killer products used by the GLA. I wish to ask the following questions:

- Does the council use any garden/environmental products that contain glyphosate? If so, what are they?*
- Does the GLA use Roundup or RangerPro weed killer from company Monsanto? If so, which products?*
- How much has the council spent on these items in five years? (Separated by each year and product)*
- Does the GLA have immediate plans to discontinue use of the Roundup and RangerPro weed killer products or any other products mentioned? If so, why?*

As I mentioned previously, the GLA is London's strategic government and does not operate in the same way as London's Borough Councils, including the City of London (listed at <https://www.london.gov.uk/in-my-area>). Unlike the Boroughs we are not responsible for parks and highways. However, we are responsible for Trafalgar Square, Parliament Square and some land and property holdings.

The GLA's contractor for the squares has confirmed that no chemical weed killer is used either for the cleansing or the ground maintenance services of the square. Trafalgar Square is not a green space.

The information below all relates to GLA Land and Property (GLAP) Estates. Please find attached the information we hold within the scope of your request:

Does the council use any garden/environmental products that contain glyphosate? If so, what are they?

Yes - Roundup ProBiactive

Does the GLA use Roundup or RangerPro weed killer from company Monsanto? If so, which products?

Yes - Roundup ProBiactive

How much has the council spent on these items in five years? (Separated by each year and product)

2013 - £450.00

2014 - £550.00

2015 - £500.00

2016 - £500.00

2017 - £550.00

Does the GLA have immediate plans to discontinue use of the Roundup and RangerPro weed killer products or any other products mentioned? If so, why?

Not at present as neither the EU's assessment of glyphosate as an active substance nor the UK's assessments of applications for authorisation of products which contain it have found the substance unacceptable for use, however our landscape contractors will continue to review the situation regarding its use.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA130918-2791.

Yours sincerely

Ruth Phillips
Information Governance Officer

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