

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA240918-3516

15 October 2018

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the GLA received on 24 September 2018. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested:

How much of the GLAs money is spent on pest control in Trafalgar square per year

What the fine is for feeding pigeons in Trafalgar square and how this is administered by heritage officers

how many cases of disease were caused by the Trafalgar square pigeons

How much is spent on cleaning Trafalgar square per year

Why the GLA chose to switch Pest control company in 2006/2007 from Van Vynk Avian Solutions to Hawk Force

Please find below the information we hold within the scope of your request:

How much of the GLAs money is spent on pest control in Trafalgar square per year

The cost for avian pest control is £48,818 per annum. This covers both Trafalgar Square and Parliament Square Gardens, so I am unable to give a figure just for Trafalgar Square.

What the fine is for feeding pigeons in Trafalgar square and how this is administered by heritage officers

Section 385 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 provides that:

“A person who contravenes or fails to comply with any byelaw under this section shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction-

(a) If the byelaw is a trading byelaw, to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale, or

(b) In any other case, to a fine not exceeding level 1 on the standard scale.”

Feeding of pigeons is likely to be a level 1 offence. The fine for Level 1 is £200, the fine for Level 3 is £1000.

In terms of how this is administered anyone who fails to heed the advice of the Heritage Wardens to desist from feeding the pigeons may be reported to the Greater London Authority who will consider whether to pursue a prosecution.

How many cases of disease were caused by the Trafalgar square pigeons

The GLA do not hold records.

How much is spent on cleaning Trafalgar square per year

The GLA engage contractors for the cleansing (including toilet facilities) and waste management for both Trafalgar Square and Parliament Square Garden, so we are unable to give a figure purely for cleansing of Trafalgar Square. The contract value for all cleansing and waste is: £404,187

Why the GLA chose to switch Pest control company in 2006/2007 from Van Vynk Avian Solutions to Hawk Force

The contract was re-tendered and Van Vynk Avian Solutions were not the successful contractor at this time.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA240918-3516.

Yours sincerely

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