

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA240417-0032

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the GLA received on 22 April 2017. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked for:

1...Between 1 January 2015 and 1 January 2016 did the Mayor exchange correspondence or communications with George Osborne and or David Cameron which in any way related to the company Uber and or the provision of taxis in London and or proposed changes to the provision of taxis in London.

2...If the answer is yes can you please provide copies of this correspondence and communications including emails. Please also provide copies of any relevant telephone transcripts and or copies of any texts. Please note that I am interested in receiving both sides of the correspondence including emails, texts and transcripts.

3...If the organisation has previously held but destroyed relevant information for the period stated can it please provide details of the information destroyed. In the case of each destroyed piece of information can you provide a description of the information previously held and the date when it was created. In the case of any correspondence and or communication can you please provide details of senders and recipients. In the case of all information destroyed can you please provide the date of destruction and a reason for its destruction.

The only information which the GLA holds which is relevant to your request is a paragraph entitled 'Regulation of Pedicabs and Private-Hire Vehicles' in a letter from the Mayor to George Osborne dated 3 June 2015:

Regulation of Pedicabs and Private-Hire Vehicles

I am firmly of the view that TfL needs to be able to regulate the use of unsafe pedicabs on the streets of London, in the interests of the travelling public and the London economy which suffers due to the avoidable traffic congestion that they cause. Legislative change to allow this to happen is long overdue. TfL also needs to be able to

take steps to ensure that congestion is avoided because of the rapid growth of private hire vehicles and drivers by limiting numbers where necessary and appropriate. London's taxi drivers are a vital part of our transport economy. We want to support them to modernise as technology changes; and create a level playing field with private hire vehicles. This is about certain parts of the industry which don't meet the standards of most of the operators in the marketplace.

Further to part three of your request, please note that the GLA does not keep a record of deleted files. Information is kept in line with our retention schedule. Please see our Records Management policy for further information:

https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/9950-records_management_redacted.pdf

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

Yours sincerely

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