

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA190218-4114

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Dear

Thank you for your request for information which the GLA received on 17 February 2018. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested:

- 1) *How much money do you spend, either directly or through contracted caterers/staff, on disposable plastic-lined coffee cups, and how much did these purchases cost? I would like this information broken down by month for the past three calendar years and any available 2018 data too.*

Please see below the data provided to us by our contract caterer. Disposable cups not used for internal hospitality (eg. the coffee served at meetings), where ceramic crockery is used.

Disposable Coffee Cups													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2015 Cost	£214.90	£224.36	£333.69	£321.36	£431.44	£218.46	£218.46	£336.45	£369.36	£307.35	£207.52	£119.52	£3,303
2016 Cost	£322.35	£336.54	£333.69	£321.36	£323.58	£436.92	£218.46	£224.30	£369.36	£307.35	£207.52	£0.00	£3,401
2017 Cost	£0.00	£336.54	£111.23	£321.36	£323.58	£0.00	£0.00	£224.30	£0.00	£204.90	£0.00	£119.52	£1,641
2018 Cost	£322.35	£224.36											£547
												Total	£8,892

- 2) *How much money do you spend, either directly or through contracted caterers/staff, on disposable plastic cutlery, and how much did these purchases cost? I would like this information broken down by month for the past three calendar years and any available 2018 data too.*

Please see below the data provided to us by our contract caterer. Disposable plastic cutlery not used for internal hospitality, where metal cutlery is used, eg. food supplied to meetings.

Disposable Plastic Cutlery													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2015 Cost	£39.30	£65.50	£26.20	£0.00	£78.60	£26.20	£26.20	£26.20	£0.00	£27.80	£55.60	£0.00	£372
2016 Cost	£69.50	£27.80	£83.40	£55.60	£55.60	£83.40	£83.40	£0.00	£126.90	£56.40	£112.80	£0.00	£755
2017 Cost	£0.00	£42.30	£84.60	£0.00	£84.60	£0.00	£28.20	£0.00	£70.50	£0.00	£43.95	£0.00	£354
2018 Cost	£58.60	£29.30											£88
												Total	£1,568

3) *Do you intend to continue purchasing disposable coffee cups and plastic cutlery?*

Disposable coffee cups will continue to be available from our café at City Hall for customers who wish to take away their beverages, although the default offering is a ceramic cup. A 10p discount is offered for customers who bring their own cup to the public café at City Hall. Disposable cups will also continue to be used at the small public café on Trafalgar Square.

Plastic cutlery will continue to be available on request for customers at City Hall who wish to take away their food; this prevents the loss of our re-usable metal cutlery. Plastic cutlery will continue to be available in the small public café on Trafalgar Square.

4) *I would like the information to requests 1 and 2 provided to me in Excel spreadsheet or other electronic form, to this email address*

A spreadsheet with the requested data is attached.

Yours sincerely

Chris Harris
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