

## **FOI Request**

Thank you for your request for information which the GLA received on 19 October. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Our response to your request is as follows:

**1. Does your organisation own any solar panels?**

a. Yes. We have a Photovoltaic system which consists of;  
28,000 individual photovoltaic cells  
617 roof & 46 bespoke eyelash panels

**2. Does your organisation have any partnerships with third parties to co-own solar panels? If yes, please specify who the partnership is with and the details of the deal?**

b. No

**3. If yes to question two, did the third party organisation initiate contact with you for the above deal?**

N/A

**4. If yes to questions one or two, how much energy (in kWh) are you generating?**

67KWh at peak  
311,966.12 Kwh to date (from 2007 to today's date)  
CO2 avoided 177,162.67 kg  
Reimbursement £39,830.41 GBP

**5. How much has your organisation invested in solar technology to date (to the nearest £10,000)?**

The cost of fitting the photovoltaic cells on City Hall was £541,514 (2006-2007). The project was funded by the London Development Agency's London Climate Change Agency with a grant from the Department of Trade and Industry Major Photovoltaic Demonstration Programme, which was managed by the Energy Saving Trust

The Mayor's RE:FIT and RE:NEW programmes support organisations to develop and bring their energy efficiency projects to market, including installing solar PV across their estate. Both programmes have a dedicated solar workstream which is focused on the provision of comprehensive technical and financial advice to help public sector organisations understand, implement and benefit from solar installations. However, the GLA has not invested capital funding to deliver solar energy technology through these workstreams.

**6. Are you planning on purchasing solar technology within the next [0-5 years]:**

No - City Hall does not have sufficient roof space for additional solar PV panels

**7. How much are you expecting to spend on solar in the next [0-5 years]:**

Nil - City Hall does not have sufficient roof space for additional solar PV panels

**8. Is solar technology incorporated within your organisation's current environmental strategy? If so, please provide details of strategy).**

Yes, solar panels on City Hall form part of our current building strategy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

As a strategic authority for London, the Greater London Authority is also promoting renewables such as solar energy through the Mayor's Climate Change Mitigation and Energy Strategy:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/WHAT-WE-DO/environment/environment-publications/delivering-londons->

[energy-future-climate-change](#)

**9. Please identify the main barriers to solar adoption within your organisation:**

Other (please specify) - City Hall does not have sufficient roof space for additional solar PV panels

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

Yours sincerely

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