

# GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA121119-6849

20 November 2019

Dear ██████████

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 11 November 2019. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Our response to your request is as follows. Please find below the information we hold within the scope of your request:

***1) Has or will your local authority have a Christmas lights switch on or similar event in October, November or December 2019?***

***If no, then no further questions apply and to save you time, a response just saying "No" will suffice***

***If yes, then please confirm the following:***

The Greater London Authority do not have a Christmas lights switch on planned in 2019. The Authority facilitates the installation of the Oslo Christmas Tree in Trafalgar Square, which will happen on 5th December 2019.

***2) Who did (or will do) the switch on or performed (or will perform) at the event?***

The lighting event is paid for and managed by Westminster City Council, including the ceremonial switching on. Therefore, we cannot answer whether any fees or expenses were paid to any of the participants.

***3) Were they (or will they be) paid a fee to do so? If so, how much were they paid (or will they be paid)? If more than one, please provide a breakdown.***

As above

***4) Were (or will) expenses paid, either in addition to any fee or instead of? If so, please provide a breakdown of these.***

The GLA did not pay expenses to any individuals for switching on the Christmas tree lights (see our response to question 2).

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA121119-6849

Yours sincerely



**Information Governance Officer**

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