

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA110718-7213

30 July 2018

Dear ██████████

Thank you for your request for information which the GLA received on 10 July 2018. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked for information relating to the resources allocated to dealing with the Donald Trump UK visit protests, the cost to the UK Economy, and the length of time taken in deciding whether to grant permission for the Trump balloon in Parliament Square.

With regards to the policing costs / manpower, you will need to submit a request to the Metropolitan Police Service for this information at;

<https://www.met.police.uk/rqo/request/ri/request-information/rip/request-information-police/request-information-about-police/FOI-request-form/>

Unfortunately, we do not hold information relating to the cost to the UK economy because of the protests and road closures.

The Mayor supports the right to peaceful protest and understands that this can take many different forms. His main priority is the safety of all Londoners and visitors to our city, and as always we are working in very close coordination with the Metropolitan Police and other key agencies to ensure all protests are carried out safely and securely.

The Mayor was not involved in the recent decision to allow a balloon of Donald Trump to be flown over London during the president's recent visit. He confirmed at the July 2018 Mayor's Question Time that GLA officers manage the applications to hold protests on both Parliament and Trafalgar Squares. To use the Parliament Square Garden a group must apply to the GLA city operations team.

The city operations team at the GLA have the power to approve use of the gardens as long as a number of criteria are met, such as liability insurance alongside a full health and safety risk assessment by the GLA's independent consultants.

To fly a blimp, organisers also had to separately seek the necessary approvals from the Metropolitan Police and National Air Traffic Service, which they did.

You can view further discussion on this topic at;

<https://www.london.gov.uk/moderngov/documents/s71745/All%20Writtens%2019%20July%20MQT%20-%20signed%20off%2024.07.2018.pdf>

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA110718-7213.

Yours sincerely

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