

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA290617-8578

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the GLA received on 29 June 2017. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked for:

The Mayor has often expressed his dismay at being powerless in his wish to cap the amount of Private Hire licenses issued by TfL. As it stands only government can enforce the capping of PH numbers and the Mayor states that he has robustly lobbied government to try a gain the power to cap PH numbers himself. Please can you provide me with all details on the Mayors government lobbying in this matter to date.

This would include-

- 1) Which government officials the Mayor has met with?*
- 2) Provide any minutes or correspondence resulting from these meetings.*

The Mayor has been very vocal on this issue both in public and on social media. We have previous requests on this topic and released a lot of correspondence in relation to Mayoral communications with the Department for Transport. These disclosures are available on our website and you can view them on these links:

https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/0116_-_response_redacted.pdf

<https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/9937-attachment-redacted.pdf>

https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/6775_-_att_v3_final_redacted.pdf

The former Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State Lord Ahmad acknowledged in April that the Mayor had raised this matter with the Government. Please see the following link:

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2017-03-28/HL6366>.

There was also a meeting with the Chancellor on 15th November 2016 where this issue was raised, however there is no associated correspondence or minutes for this meeting.

Please also see attached a letter dated 13th June 2017 in which this matter was raised with the reappointed Secretary of State for Transport, Chris Grayling MP.

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
Information Governance Officer

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