

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA080620-3850

2 July 2020

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 5 June 2020 regarding the Black Lives Matter march on 3 June 2020. Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, can you find out exactly as to how many of the "protesters" who attended this march yesterday were arrested and or fined for failing to observe the 2 metre social distancing law introduced by this government under emergency legislation to prevent the spread of Coronavirus? Furthermore, who exactly in Central Hall or government authorised it in the first place?

Please find below our response to your request:

The GLA does not hold information about any fines or arrests at the march on 3 June. The Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) may have information about fine and arrests at the protest. Although the GLA and MPS are closely linked, they are separate Public Authorities for the purposes of The Freedom of Information Act 2000, as per schedule 1 of the Act. If you wish to make a request to the MPS you can email foi@met.police.uk

The organisers of the march on 3 June have not been in contact with the GLA to discuss any part of their plans. No permission was sought from or given by GLA for GLA controlled land (Trafalgar Square and Parliament Square Gardens).

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA080620-3850.

Yours sincerely

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Information Governance Officer

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