

# GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA220720-8653

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Dear ██████████

Thank you for your request for information about Assembly Member Florence Eshalomi MP, which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 21 July 2020. Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested:

- 1. Since being elected as the MP for Vauxhall has Florence Eshalomi continued to claim any salary or financial expenses from the GLA?*
- 2. If so, what is the quantum of this?*
- 3. How many meetings of the GLA has Flo attended at this time?*
- 4. How many questions or pieces of GLA specific case work has Flo answered in this time?*
- 5. How do the answers to 3 and 4 compare to the average performance of GLA members at this time?*

Please find below the information we hold within the scope of your request:

- 1. Since being elected as the MP for Vauxhall has Florence Eshalomi continued to claim any salary or financial expenses from the GLA?*
- 2. If so, what is the quantum of this?*

The London Assembly Members' salaries and expenses are published on the GLA's website. Assembly Member Florence Eshalomi MP draws a salary of £19,514.33 before tax, as published on the page linked below and she has not made an expenses claims (£0).

<https://www.london.gov.uk/people/assembly/florence-eshalomi-mp/more-about>

- 3. How many meetings of the GLA has Flo attended at this time?*

Under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act, we are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is already reasonably accessible to the applicant.

Section 21 of the Freedom of Information 2000 provides that:

*(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.*

The information you have requested is published on our website so it is reasonably accessible to you. This exemption is not subject to the public interest test.

Any information we hold in scope of this request is recorded in the published London Assembly full Assembly meeting records and Committee meeting records. These include minutes, which show attendance, and webcasts.

You can find a calendar of all whole Assembly meetings and Committee meetings at <https://www.london.gov.uk/moderngov/mgCalendarMonthView.aspx?GL=1&bcr=1>. The minutes and agendas can be found by clicking on specific meetings.

*4. How many questions or pieces of GLA specific case work has Flo answered in this time?*

Assembly Members' casework is constituency business and is considered Members' own information (see the GLA protocol on Members' recordkeeping - appendix D of the Authority's [records management policy](#)). It is not considered to be information held by the GLA for the purposes of Freedom of Information Act requests to the GLA.

This topic is also covered in the Information Commissioner's Office guidance ([Information held by a public authority for the purposes of the Freedom of the Information Act](#));

*(31) Local authorities are public authorities for the purposes of FOIA, but individual elected members are not. Therefore, information held by councillors for their own purposes will not be covered by FOIA, but information they hold on behalf of, or as part of, the local authority will be covered (section 3(2)(b)).*

*5. How do the answers to 3 and 4 compare to the average performance of GLA members at this time?*

The GLA does not measure/record the performance of the London Assembly Members or keep a central log of Members' attendance at meetings. However, as per question 3, meeting information is publicly available.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA220720-8653.

Yours sincerely

  
**Information Governance Officer**

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