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Dear [REDACTED],

Under the Freedom of Information Act, you requested the release of the following information:

Since May 2016, copies of the Mayor of London's diary related to any and all meetings with Trade Union representatives and officials related to strikes on the transport network (including London Underground).

Since his election, the Mayor has been working to reduce the amount of strikes on the TfL network as he is fully aware that every single strike is a huge inconvenience to the millions of Londoners and visitors who rely upon the transport network to get around the city.

Consequently, the number of working days lost to strike action under the Mayor has reduced by 40 per cent compared to his predecessor's average throughout his term.

Alongside his Deputy Mayor for Transport, Val Shawcross, he is working hard to reset relationships with the unions who represent TfL staff following the breakdown in relations during his predecessor's time in office. As part of this, the Mayor has instigated a regular meeting with transport unions and TfL is establishing a new high-level engagement forum.

The Mayor will continue to ensure all sides are able to take part in constructive discussions that allow them to settle their differences and help to prevent strike action. The Mayor and his Deputy Mayor have already succeeded in ending a number of disputes before strike action has been taken.

Since May 2016 (up to 30th November 2016), the Mayor has held the following meetings with transport unions. I have also included the meetings that the Deputy Mayor for Transport, Val Shawcross, has had with unions over the same time period.

These meetings covered a wide range of topics and show a willingness on the Mayor and Val Shawcross's part to engage constructively with unions to work through matters collaboratively.

Sadiq Khan's meeting with the Unions since May 2016 to 30th November 2016

- On 20 July, the Mayor had his regular quarterly meeting with the Transport Unions:
 - ASLEF
 - RMT
 - Unite
 - TSSA
 - GMB
- On 29 July, the Mayor had his regular meeting with representatives from the South East Region Trade Union Congress.
- On 13 October, the Mayor had his regular quarterly meeting with the Transport Unions:
 - ASLEF
 - TSSA
 - Unite
 - (GMB and RMT were invited and sent apologies)
- On 25 October, the Mayor had his regular meeting with representatives from the South East Region Trade Union Congress.
- These meetings are all listed in the regular Mayor's Report to the London Assembly which can be found at:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/moderngov/ieListMeetings.aspx?CatId=12932&bcr=1>
- In addition, the Mayor has had phone conversations with a number of Union General Secretaries, for example, he has spoken to:
 - Unison
 - GMB
 - TSSA
 - RMT
 - Unite
 - FBU
 - ASLEF
- Furthermore, in line with the Mayor's commitment to transparency, he now regularly publishes his Mayoral Diary on the Greater London Authority website. This can be found at the following link:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/governance-and-spending/sharing-our-information/publication-scheme/mayor-londons-diary>

Val Shawcross's meetings with the Unions from May 2016 to 30th November 2016

- On 13 June, Val met with Unite to discuss taxi and private hire issues.
- On 20 June, Val met with GMB Professional Drivers to discuss taxi and private hire issues.

- On 6 July, Val met with the RMT Taxi branch to discuss taxi and private hire issues.
- On 6 July, Val met with TSSA for a general introduction.
- On 14 July, Val met with Unite to discuss bus issues.
- On 16 August, Val met with Unite to discuss bus issues.
- On 6 October, Val met with Unite to discuss taxi and private hire issues.
- On 13 October, Val joined the Mayor's meeting with the Transport Unions.
- On 2 November, Val spoke at the Unite Transport Conference on behalf of the Mayor; the conference focussed on the future of London transport.
- On 10 November, Val met with RMT to discuss taxi and private hire issues.

Yours sincerely,

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