

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA041220-1433

18 December 2020

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 4 December 2020. Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested:

1. *The total number (absolute number and full time equivalent) of local authority staff who are trade union representatives.*
2. *The total number (absolute number and full time equivalent) of trade union representatives who spend at least 50 per cent of their time on union duties*
3. *The names of all trade unions represented in the local authority.*
4. *A basic estimate of spending on unions (calculated as the number of full time equivalent days spent on union duties by authority staff that spent the majority of their time on union duties multiplied by the average salary)*
5. *A basic estimate of spending on unions as a percentage of the local authorities total pay bill (calculated as the number of full time equivalent days spent on union duties by authority staff that spent the majority of their time on union duties multiplied by the average salary divided by the total pay bill).*

Please can you provide all information for the financial year 2019-20, and where possible for the year 2020-21.

It is not clear whether your request was intended only for local councils, or whether you also wished to request information from the GLA. However, the GLA receives this information annually from UNISON after the end of each financial year and publishes details on our website.

You will find the figures for 2019/20 at:

https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/results_trade_union_facility_time_2019_20_gla_published_copy.pdf

The GLA does not yet hold information for 2020/21.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA041220-1433

Yours sincerely

Information Governance Officer

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