

Questions to the Mayor
Mayor's Question Time, 2 July 2014

PRIORITY ORDER PAPER

Report No: 5

Subject: Questions to the Mayor

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Safeguarding children

Question No: 2014/2300

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What are you doing to better safeguard children who go missing from care who are at risk of exploitation from gangs and groups in London?

Labour market inequality

Question No: 2014/2415

[Fiona Twycross](#)

Are you concerned by inequality in London's labour market?

TfL Buses hospitalizing Londoners

Question No: 2014/2393

[Richard Tracey](#)

We congratulate TfL on its receptiveness to our recommendations around transparency by publishing more data regarding bus safety. However, we notice that approximately one person has been hospitalized a day due to a collision with a TfL Bus in the first quarter of 2014. Could you provide some previous figures to provide context around this information?

Police spying on their critics

Question No: 2014/2342

[Jenny Jones](#)

How many other people with no criminal record who have scrutinised or criticised the police are tracked in MPS databases?

Part-time Travelcards

Question No: 2014/2416

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Do you still expect to introduce part-time Travelcards in January 2015?

Fire prevention in recycling facilities

Question No: 2014/2385

[James Cleverly](#)

What action will the Mayor take to support LFEPA's calls for better fire prevention in recycling and waste management facilities?

Electronic tagging

Question No: 2014/2406

[Tony Arbour](#)

Following your 'sobriety' scheme whereby criminals convicted of serious drink-related offences were given electronic tag, what are your views on Dutch proposals where some prisoners who are electronically detained would be forced to search for and keep a job (and if an electronic detainee did not have a job then they will only be allowed to leave their residence for a maximum two hours per day) and if they were unable to do so would be forced to do community service?

Crossrail 2

Question No: 2014/2387

[Steve O'Connell](#)

How optimistic are you that Crossrail 2 will open by 2029?

Healthy Work Places

Question No: 2014/2417

[Onkar Sahota](#)

Given that his report 'London's business case for employee health and wellbeing' demonstrates the need to reduce workplace absence, what more can the Mayor do to support businesses reduce their employee sickness rates?

Letting agents

Question No: 2014/2418

[Tom Copley](#)

Do you agree with proposals to prevent letting agents charging administration fees to tenants?

Private sector social housing

Question No: 2014/2419

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Given your strategic responsibility for housing in London, do you think it is right that some London local authorities should as a matter of policy place greater reliance on the private sector to meet their social housing obligations to Londoners in need of social housing, rather than on their own housing resources?

London "Super-Sewer"

Question No: 2014/2420

[Murad Qureshi](#)

What actions are you taking to ensure the proposed "super-sewer" does not leave Londoners out of pocket?

[Note: The following are priority questions, but not in proportional order.]

Drink driving and new technology

Question No: 2014/2383

[Gareth Bacon](#)

Would you consider looking into the option of using a laser-based device which has recently been developed, that detects alcohol vapour inside moving cars and could provide a more efficient way to catch drink drivers?

Human Slavery and the Prawn Industry

Question No: 2014/2377

[Andrew Boff](#)

The US is considering downgrading Thailand to a human trafficking blacklist, because of the frequent use of slaves in the production of prawns sold in leading American, British and European supermarkets. Would the Mayor look into calling on the UK Government to do the same and recommending supermarkets buying these prawns - including Tesco, Aldi, Morrisons, the Co-operative and Iceland - stand up to this horrific crime?

Muslim Council of Britain FGM

Question No: 2014/2413

[Victoria Borwick](#)

Do you welcome the Muslim Council of Britain's recent announcement that FGM is "non-Islamic", "against the teachings of Islam" and that it is "putting the health of women and girls at risk"?

Year of the Bus

Question No: 2014/2286

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What does the Year of The Bus mean for bus passengers in London?

Empty homes

Question No: 2014/2343

[Darren Johnson](#)

Are you disappointed that you will only bring 624 empty homes back into use as affordable housing this financial year, when you had aimed for 1,100, as outlined in your Investment & Performance Board papers last month?

Questions not asked during Mayor's Question Time will be given a written response by Monday, 7 July 2014.

Health benefits of walking

Question No: 2014/2287

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

The new Transport and Health Report published by the GLA demonstrates the huge potential health benefits of getting more Londoners walking. In light of this, will you set a more ambitious target to get more Londoners walking?

Tufnell Park station improvements

Question No: 2014/2288

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

I understand that the lifts at Tufnell Park station need replacing in the near future. Will you ensure that the works are conducted in such a way that the station remains open during this time?

Heritage bus routes

Question No: 2014/2289

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Given that TfL's own consultation recorded that over 84% of people disagreed with the proposal, and that there was an average of almost 8,000 passengers per week, do you feel it was right to axe the heritage Routemaster buses from route 9H?

Frequency of 163 bus

Question No: 2014/2290

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

A number of constituents have raised the issue of the frequency of the 163 bus route, reporting crowding at Raynes Park station at peak times, with safety issues due to the busy junction. Will you look at the frequency of buses on this route, particularly in peak times, and consider increasing the number of buses serving the route?

Mayfield Road (SW19) bus stop

Question No: 2014/2291

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Mayfield Road in Wimbledon is a considerable distance from two bus stops on Kingston Road, causing difficulty for less mobile residents. Will you look at an additional bus stop in this area?

Tube Accessibility Fund

Question No: 2014/2292

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

A constituent has asked if you will consider setting up a public fund - which businesses can contribute to - to provide step-free access to the 75% of tube stations which do not currently offer step-free access, as part of the Paralympic legacy for London.

Smart parking

Question No: 2014/2293

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Following the example set by Madrid, what consideration have you given to introducing 'smart parking' to provide incentives to electric and hybrid car ownership?

Frequency of X26 bus route

Question No: 2014/2294

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

A constituent has complained that the X26 bus from Croydon to Heathrow is often overcrowded. Will you consider increasing the frequency of this service, or converting the service to double decker buses?

Peckham Rye Station

Question No: 2014/2295

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Please provide an update on the status of the Gateway to Peckham development at Peckham Rye Station.

Roads - Winter maintenance and floods funding

Question No: 2014/2296

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Funding for winter maintenance and flood repairs is calculated by a formula which uses the total length of roads. LB Sutton has comparatively fewer roads but is prone to flooding. Will you consider addressing this unfair method of allocating much needed funds?

Removal of footbridge at St Margaret's Roundabout, Richmond

Question No: 2014/2297

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Given the many representations made by local residents, will you reconsider the proposal to remove the footbridge at St Margaret's roundabout and withdraw the current consultation?

Publication of Crossrail board members' gifts and hospitality

Question No: 2014/2298

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Further to your statement in response to Question 2014/1742 that the expenses claimed by the Chief Executive, officers reporting to the Chief Executive, the Chairman and Non Executive Directors of Crossrail Ltd will be published, as is the case with senior TfL officers, will you now make a commitment to ensure that full details of any received gifts and hospitality are also published by Crossrail?

Refunds for delayed journeys

Question No: 2014/2299

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Further to the announcement by Transport for London of changes to simplify the process of claiming a refund for a delayed journey, will you make a commitment to ensure that Transport for London starts to publish monthly statistics on the number of passengers who successfully claim a refund on (1) the London Underground, (2) DLR and (3) London Overground?

Review of the Local Policing Model

Question No: 2014/2301

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

When will the review of the local policing model take place? Will you be consulting Safer Neighbourhood Panels and other consultative groups on the new model and how it is working out in practice?

Gang Crime (1)

Question No: 2014/2302

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

This month, Sheldon Thomas, who runs the charity Ganglines gave evidence to the Home Affairs Select Committee claiming that there are over 11,000 gang members in London. The MPS only has 3,484 members recorded in their "matrix database". Do you think the MPS has a full understanding of the problem?

Gang Crime (2)

Question No: 2014/2303

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Evidence given to the Home Affairs Select Committee this month suggests that children are being used by gangs to ferry around drugs and firearms because they are less likely to be stopped and searched. In refreshing your anti-gang strategy, how do you plan on better safeguarding such children?

Gang Crime (3)

Question No: 2014/2304

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Figures show that a typical gang member commits on average nine offences and are 15 years old when they first offend. Approximately 57% are first convicted before their 16th birthday and 83% before their 18th birthday with high incidents of "mental well-being problems" bought on by the emotional trauma of exposure to violence from a young age. What steps are you taking to prevent young people being drawn into gang culture?

MPS discrimination against LGBT officers.

Question No: 2014/2305

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Pink News reported that Scotland Yard's Vetting Unit warned openly gay officers that their activity on lawful social networking sites was being monitored, specifically referring to the gay dating app Grindr. What measures are you taking to make sure such discriminating and intimidating behaviour is tackled within the MPS?

LGBT liaison officers

Question No: 2014/2306

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

How many LGBT liaison officers are there assigned to each London borough? Please provide a breakdown per borough.

Hate Crime Reduction Strategy

Question No: 2014/2307

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

When do you intend on publishing your Hate Crime Reduction Strategy?

Racism in the MPS

Question No: 2014/2308

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Figures released under the Freedom of Information Act show 22 MPS staff members received formal disciplinary measures for an incident involving racial discrimination in 2012/13 - up from 11 in 2011/12. This seems to point to an inherent cultural problem within the organisation, what are you doing to address this?

MPS upholding public complaints of racism

Question No: 2014/2309

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Figures collected through freedom of information requests by Channel 4 between 2005-2012 show that the MPS only upheld 0.4% of complaints from the public about racist conduct. The figures show that the police have paid out compensation to complainants on more occasions than they have upheld complaints. The MPS paid compensation on 45 occasions, but only upheld 13 complaints. What are you doing to improve the complaints process and to ensure the public get a fair hearing?

Water Cannon (1)

Question No: 2014/2310

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

How many meetings have you had with the Home Secretary where you have discussed the purchasing and licensing of Water Cannon? Please provide dates.

Water Cannon (2)

Question No: 2014/2311

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

At Mayors Questions on June 11th, you agreed to be blasted by water cannon to reassure Londoners that water cannon are safe. When do you intend on upholding this agreement?

Cardiff Model

Question No: 2014/2312

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

In response to my question 2011/2059 you told me:

"...all boroughs are currently operating or developing an Emergency Department Datashare approach along the lines of the Cardiff Model, other than the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea."

Yet in answer to my question 2014/1755 last month you told me that 13 out of 32 hospital trusts were identified as "...not data sharing and no evidence of a work programme". Why do these hospital trusts not have A&E/CSP (Community Safety Partnerships) partnerships and what work are you doing to encourage all London boroughs to operate or develop an Emergency Department Datashare approach along the lines of the Cardiff Model?

Cost of policing Julian Assange

Question No: 2014/2313

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Further to MQ 2014/1746 have you received a report from MOPAC? Do you intend on making representations to the government for national funding of the policing of Julian Assange?

Housing Zones (1)

Question No: 2014/2314

[Stephen Knight](#)

Can you confirm that the majority of the £200m being made available by the Greater London Authority (GLA) to fund new Housing Zones will be treated as a recoverable investment rather than direct grants?

Housing Zones (2)

Question No: 2014/2315

[Stephen Knight](#)

How will you ensure that the Greater London Authority (GLA) earns a decent return from the development of land in your housing zones, including a share of the value that this creates?

Housing Zones (3)

Question No: 2014/2316

[Stephen Knight](#)

In your decision to create Housing Zones (MD1033) you state that the funding for the GLA element of this proposal is being met from within the GLA's existing housing capital programme. Please outline how and when this money became available, and whether any alternative uses were considered, such as expanding your existing housing investment programme?

Housing Zones (4)

Question No: 2014/2317

[Stephen Knight](#)

Will you look to place a contractual obligation on developers to provide a minimum level of affordable housing in your designated Housing Zones?

Housing Zones (5)

Question No: 2014/2318

[Stephen Knight](#)

Is there a risk that scarce planning resources will be diverted to support your new Housing Zones at the expense of determining major planning applications outside of these areas? How will you ensure that the 'streamlining' of the planning process in certain areas does not lead to a deterioration in the overall performance of London's planning authorities?

First Steps - average income

Question No: 2014/2319

[Stephen Knight](#)

Please can you list the median recorded household income of those accessing your First Steps Programme for each year since 2009?

New homes on GLA Land

Question No: 2014/2320

[Stephen Knight](#)

Can you confirm how many homes were built on GLA land in 2013/14?

Empty Homes

Question No: 2014/2321

[Stephen Knight](#)

What are the reasons behind the slow delivery (and likely missed targets) of your empty homes programme?

London Plan - Carbon offsetting

Question No: 2014/2322

[Stephen Knight](#)

Further to your answer to MQ2014/1776, can you confirm that where boroughs do not have mechanisms in place to collect cash-in-lieu contributions from developers to offset any shortfall in CO2 emission reductions, these sums go uncollected.

Tall Buildings

Question No: 2014/2323

[Stephen Knight](#)

Further to your answer to MQ2014/2077, please provide a breakdown, by year, of the number of applications you have considered for buildings over 30m in height since 2008?

Seaside & Country Homes programme

Question No: 2014/2324

[Stephen Knight](#)

Further to MQ2014/0225, how many applications were submitted for housing moves through the Seaside & Country Homes programme in 2013/14? Please also list the total number of housing moves that were facilitated during the same period?

Housing Moves

Question No: 2014/2325

[Stephen Knight](#)

How many social tenants have moved through your 'Housing Moves' mobility scheme since its launch? Please provide a breakdown by financial year?

London Fire Brigade Museum - visitor numbers

Question No: 2014/2326

[Stephen Knight](#)

How many people visited the London Fire Brigade Museum in 2013/14?

Blue Light Museum

Question No: 2014/2327

[Stephen Knight](#)

Have you given up on plans to establish a single 'blue light' museum, bringing together the historic collections of the Metropolitan Police Service, London Fire Brigade and London Ambulance Service?

London Fire Brigade Museum

Question No: 2014/2328

[Stephen Knight](#)

How does your recent Mayoral direction in relation to the sale of the former London Fire Brigade headquarters on Albert Embankment affect the Authority's consideration of relocating the London Brigade Museum to that site?

Gerard Lyons' EU report

Question No: 2014/2329

[Stephen Knight](#)

In your answer to my question 2014/1789 you stated that Gerard Lyons' EU report would be launched later this year, despite having previously repeatedly said it would be launched in the spring this year. Can you be more specific as to when it will be launched?

Scottish Independence

Question No: 2014/2330

[Stephen Knight](#)

Given your strong statements about the implications of Scottish independence for London and the rest of the UK, what representations have you made on the subject to the Scottish government, the UK government and the business community?

Mayoral Decision Publication Delay

Question No: 2014/2331

[Stephen Knight](#)

Why was MD1282 taken on 28 November 2013 but not published until 23 May 2014?

London and Partners

Question No: 2014/2332

[Stephen Knight](#)

In your response to my question 2014/1774 about lack of accountability to Londoners, you stated that "London and Partners is an independent company." However in your response to question 2014/1928 you used the phrase "My teams at London and Partners..." Can you clarify?

Long Term Infrastructure Investment Plan

Question No: 2014/2333

[Stephen Knight](#)

Following your answer to my question 2014/1784 about broadband blackspots in Rotherhithe and elsewhere, can you be more specific as to when your Long Term Infrastructure Investment Plan will be published this year?

European Funding Parental Employment Target

Question No: 2014/2334

[Stephen Knight](#)

Following your answer to question 2014/1781, how many parents do you aim to help into quality part-time jobs through your European Structural Investment Funds London strategy?

Ensuring Part-Time Jobs go to Parents

Question No: 2014/2335

[Stephen Knight](#)

Following your manifesto commitment "to create 20,000 part time jobs to help parents return to work" and your belief that your target will be met, can you confirm that there has been an increase in the number of part-time jobs going to parents, and quantify this increase, broken down by gender?

London Debt Strategy Group (1)

Question No: 2014/2336

[Stephen Knight](#)

In your letter dated 17 June 2014 you confirmed that the London Debt Strategy Group has in fact ceased to exist, contrary to your previous statements. You said this was due to the Group having "achieved much of what it had set out to do." Can you tell me what these achievements were?

London Debt Strategy Group (2)

Question No: 2014/2337

[Stephen Knight](#)

In response to my question 2014/0572 you stated that you would be very happy for the London Debt Strategy Group to undertake thorough research and regularly publish data on the use of payday lending in London. As established, the London Debt Strategy Group has in fact been disbanded. As a result, can you tell me who will be undertaking this work?

Credit Union Commitments (1)

Question No: 2014/2338

[Stephen Knight](#)

In response to my question 2014/0577 you stated your officers would explore the prospect of you lobbying the City to help to create links between London's credit unions and the banking sector. Now four months later, can you provide me with an update?

Credit Union Commitments (2)

Question No: 2014/2339

[Stephen Knight](#)

In response to my question 2014/0576 you stated "My officers will start investigating the state of credit unions in the capital and options for addressing the credit and debt issues facing Londoners." Now four months later, can you provide me with an update on the state of your investigation?

Interest Rates (1)

Question No: 2014/2340

[Stephen Knight](#)

Given the Governor of the Bank of England's recent signal that interest rates could rise sooner than previous expectations, what impact do you envisage such a move would have on both business investment decisions in London and on mortgage arrears and repossessions in London?

Interest Rates (2)

Question No: 2014/2341

[Stephen Knight](#)

Given the likely negative impact of rising interest rates on both business investment and on mortgage holders, would you agree that a better response to excessive property inflation in London and the south east would be to restrict the supply of money (for example through lower lending to earnings ratios and by restricting access to buy to let mortgages), rather than by increasing the price of money?

Rough sleeping group minutes

Question No: 2014/2344

[Darren Johnson](#)

Will you publish draft minutes from your rough sleeping group meetings in a timely manner, as is common with other groups, board and committees in the GLA? The long delays between meetings mean that approved minutes are far from timely at present.

Porous asphalt road surfacing (1)

Question No: 2014/2345

[Darren Johnson](#)

In answer to question 0924/2012, you stated that 'low noise surfacing is generally used because of its environmental benefits and there is no intention to discontinue the use of this material within TfL's forward maintenance programme'. Whilst TfL has not discontinued its use of this material, has the proportion of road surfacing carried out using it decreased since March 2012?

Porous asphalt road surfacing (2)

Question No: 2014/2346

[Darren Johnson](#)

What percentage of the Transport for London Road Network currently has this surfacing?

Porous asphalt road surfacing (3)

Question No: 2014/2347

[Darren Johnson](#)

The London Highways Alliance Contract (LoHAC) represents a 'collaborative approach to highway management', according to TfL. To what extent is TfL currently capitalising on the opportunities presented by this contract to ensure roads which are not TfL controlled, but in which it has a strategic interest are paved with porous asphalt surfacing as a matter of course?

Lack of pedestrian crossing facilities at Deptford Broadway

Question No: 2014/2348

[Darren Johnson](#)

At Deptford Broadway in Lewisham pedestrians are forced to negotiate nine lanes of fast-moving traffic due to a total absence of crossing facilities at this busy junction. Despite assurances from you (2663/2009) and your predecessor (0649/2005), this junction remains as dangerous as ever. Will you as Chair of TfL order an immediate TfL investigation into how a pedestrian stage can be accommodated at this junction, and ensure works are completed as soon as possible?

KSIs for taxis and private hire vehicles

Question No: 2014/2349

[Darren Johnson](#)

Can you provide statistics regarding the number of deaths and injuries to a) drivers b) passengers c) pedestrians and d) cyclists as a result of road collisions involving London taxis for each of the the last 5 years, up to the latest date for which figures are available?

Better Junction budget

Question No: 2014/2350

[Darren Johnson](#)

£5m of the £100m Better Junctions budget has been allocated to part fund the delivery of schemes on the original Top 100 list that are no longer part of the Better Junctions programme. What other funding sources will be used for these other junctions and how much?

Punitive council tax for empty homes

Question No: 2014/2351

[Darren Johnson](#)

You told LBC listeners on the 4th June that you would like to see council tax levied at ten times the normal level on empty homes. To date the Government have limited councils to 150% the normal rate. Will you write to the Government urging them to lift that restriction and support councils that want to levy punitive taxes on homes left empty for long periods of time?

Retrofitting social housing

Question No: 2014/2352

[Darren Johnson](#)

You have asked registered social landlords bidding for the affordable homes programme to submit plans to retrofit their entire stock by 2020 and to identify the support they would require to do this. What will you do with the information you get back on the extra support that cannot be met by existing government and GLA policies?

Chobham Manor manifesto promise

Question No: 2014/2353

[Darren Johnson](#)

Why was your manifesto promise to deliver a Community Land Trust in the Chobham Manor development, one you now admit you will not deliver, omitted from the Investment & Performance Board's assessment of your housing and land commitments on the 12th June?

Housing land clean-up (1)

Question No: 2014/2354

[Darren Johnson](#)

It has been reported that you will subsidise land clean-up efforts in return for commitments on housing from developers. What is the anticipated cost of this policy?

Housing land clean-up (2)

Question No: 2014/2355

[Darren Johnson](#)

It has been reported that you will subsidise land clean-up efforts in return for commitments on housing numbers from developers. Will you seek other commitments, for example on affordable housing, community land trusts and local job creation?

Air Quality - Brent Cross

Question No: 2014/2356

[Jenny Jones](#)

Your London Plan states that development proposals should 'be at least 'air quality neutral' and not lead to further deterioration of existing poor air quality'. How will major road capacity increases, such as Brent Cross, meet this aim?

Air Quality - public on polluted roads

Question No: 2014/2357

[Jenny Jones](#)

Do you believe that Londoners who sit at open-air tables on the pavements of busy and polluted Transport for London roads are damaging their health?

Air Quality - catering and retail staff

Question No: 2014/2358

[Jenny Jones](#)

Under what circumstances do you believe that the health of catering and retail staff inside London's small cafes and shops are at risk, where nearby doors are continuously left open, directly on to busy and polluted major roads?

Air Quality - liability

Question No: 2014/2359

[Jenny Jones](#)

Are you liable in legal terms if you admit health concerns and your resulting advice is not communicated to all the groups exposed to harmful levels of pollution?

Fly-tipping

Question No: 2014/2360

[Jenny Jones](#)

In the past couple of months, a number of constituents from the London Boroughs of Waltham Forest, Lambeth and Bromley have contacted me regarding fly-tipping and how it's becoming a regular occurrence in their local areas. They complain that Councils who are responsible for street cleaning are often slow to respond, or fail to respond effectively, despite numerous complaints. Beyond complaint systems such as FixMyStreet and Love Clean London, has the London Waste and Recycling Board investigated best practice and the most effective actions for preventing and dealing with fly-tipping?

Domestic Extremism Database (1)

Question No: 2014/2361

[Jenny Jones](#)

Have you asked the Metropolitan Police Service whether any members of the family of Stephen Lawrence are held on their database of Domestic Extremists? If so, could you confirm how many members of the Lawrence family have files held on them?

Domestic Extremism Database (2)

Question No: 2014/2362

[Jenny Jones](#)

Have you asked the Metropolitan Police Service whether any journalists have files held on the database of Domestic Extremists? If so, could you confirm how many journalists have files held on them on the database?

Domestic Extremism Database (3)

Question No: 2014/2363

[Jenny Jones](#)

Have you asked the Metropolitan Police Service whether any former Metropolitan Police Authority Members have files held on the database of Domestic Extremists? If so, could you confirm how many former MPA members have files held on them?

Domestic Extremism Database (4)

Question No: 2014/2364

[Jenny Jones](#)

How many files are currently held by the MPS on the National Domestic Extremism and Disorder Intelligence Unit's database of domestic extremists?

Forfeiture of police pension

Question No: 2014/2365

[Jenny Jones](#)

If a police officer has been cautioned for an offence and resigned from the Metropolitan Police Service, could you explain the criteria that determine whether the officer would lose their pension?

Treatment of whistleblowers by the Metropolitan Police Service

Question No: 2014/2366

[Jenny Jones](#)

Please could you provide me with one example since 2000 of a whistleblower within the Metropolitan Police who exposed wrongdoing within the Metropolitan Police Service who feels that their career was not negatively impacted and believes they were treated fairly during the process?

Police officers resigning or retiring when facing disciplinary

Question No: 2014/2367

[Jenny Jones](#)

The Deputy Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police Service has said he has ended the practice of police officers resigning or retiring when facing disciplinary action, assuring me that officers could only leave in "rare instances". However, on 19 May 2014 the Independent Police Complaints Commission was informed that the resignation of PC Andrew Birks, the senior arresting officer involved in the Sean Rigg case, had been accepted. Can you provide me with reassurance that the Met Police are not operating a 'business as usual' policy of police officers being able to leave on their own terms despite alleged wrongdoing?

Amount of accredited authorising officers

Question No: 2014/2368

[Jenny Jones](#)

Could you let me know the total number of authorising officers within the Metropolitan Police Service, and of these how many are trained and accredited to deploy undercover officers?

Deployment of undercover police

Question No: 2014/2369

[Jenny Jones](#)

Since 2012 the National Domestic Extremism and Disorder Intelligence Unit has not deployed undercover officers. Please could you let me know which units within the Metropolitan Police do still deploy undercover officers?

Money spent by the Metropolitan Police defending civil claims by victims of undercover police

Question No: 2014/2370

[Jenny Jones](#)

Could you let me know how much money has been spent to date by the Metropolitan Police Service defending the civil claims made by the women who allege they were deceived into forming long-term intimate relationships with undercover police officers?

Ethics Panel

Question No: 2014/2371

[Jenny Jones](#)

Some communities disproportionately experience policing which demonstrates poor ethical standards. Are you concerned that your Ethics Panel contains little or no representation from those communities?

Spying on the family of Stephen Lawrence

Question No: 2014/2372

[Jenny Jones](#)

Do you agree that any police officer who spied on the Lawrence family, or who gave approval for that to happen, should no longer be allowed to serve in the police service?

Blacklisting of construction workers

Question No: 2014/2373

[Jenny Jones](#)

It has been alleged that police officers provided confidential information for cash to people involved with running blacklists of construction workers. Are you investigating any such claims?

Access to Metropolitan Police databases

Question No: 2014/2374

[Jenny Jones](#)

How many databases run by the Met Police can be accessed by people not employed by the police, or the security services? Can you provide a list of such databases and a brief summary of why access is allowed? Are there any Met Police databases which people outside of the police, or security services are allowed to amend, or enter data on?

Ugly Mugs Funding

Question No: 2014/2375

[Andrew Boff](#)

National Ugly Mugs (NUM) have had at least 7 criminal justice outcomes in London in the past year which has saved the Met in the region of £200,000. In a recent case the victim was initially adamant she didn't want police contact but agreed to let NUM share the intelligence anonymously with police. This intelligence finally led to the conviction of a rapist which, if not for NUM, would have never been passed to police in the first place. Around 50% of Ugly Mug activity is with the Met Police and they receive calls almost every day from the Met. Is it time for the MPS to join many other forces across the England and Wales and help fund this crucial scheme?

Police Actions on the Death of Marc Blanco

Question No: 2014/2376

[Andrew Boff](#)

What are the reasons for rejecting the use of "calibrated reverse projection analysis" to investigate the death of Marc Blanco case further?

Tall Buildings

Question No: 2014/2378

[Andrew Boff](#)

Could you please provide figures on how many families live in tall buildings in London, and how many of these are social tenants?

Housing Zones

Question No: 2014/2379

[Andrew Boff](#)

What will be the main benefits of the new Housing Zones that you have recently announced?

London Development Panel (1)

Question No: 2014/2380

[Andrew Boff](#)

How many sites in London have used the London Development Panel process, in which localities and what have been the outcomes?

London Development Panel (2)

Question No: 2014/2381

[Andrew Boff](#)

Have you made an assessment of the LDP's effectiveness compared to selling on the open market? What advantages and speed-ups have been obtained in practice? Have there been any disadvantages?

London Development Panel (3)

Question No: 2014/2382

[Andrew Boff](#)

Have you assessed whether the use of only large property companies and organisations in the LLP process might reduce the possibility of innovation and new market entrants, particularly those that might offer new, sustainable construction solutions?

Capital Clean-Up

Question No: 2014/2384

[James Cleverly](#)

How will you be building on the success of last year's Capital Clean-Up programme in this year's scheme?

Wandsworth prison

Question No: 2014/2386

[Richard Tracey](#)

Wandsworth prison is apparently operating at 169% capacity. Do you think this is acceptable and, if not, what can be done to rectify this?

Crossrail 2 (2)

Question No: 2014/2388

[Steve O'Connell](#)

How soon would the Government need to approve Crossrail 2 in order for it to be completed by 2029?

Bus collisions

Question No: 2014/2389

[Richard Tracey](#)

What steps will TfL take to ensure that the recently released data on bus collisions marks the high-point of a steep downward trend?

Northern Line upgrade

Question No: 2014/2390

[Richard Tracey](#)

Will you update the Assembly on the timetable for the completion of the Northern Line upgrade?

Airport Noise Ombudsman

Question No: 2014/2391

[Richard Tracey](#)

Do you agree that one of the advantages of an effective airport noise ombudsman is that this would help make clear that Heathrow already inflicts unacceptable noise levels on vast numbers of Londoners?

HS2

Question No: 2014/2392

[Richard Tracey](#)

Would you agree that it makes little sense to finalise a route for HS2 until a decision is taken on the shape that London's aviation expansion should take?

"War-zones" in London

Question No: 2014/2394

[Roger Evans](#)

In light of the recent global summit in London on rape in conflict, experts have said that rape in the UK gangs mirrors the violence in war zones and deserves more attention. Will you consider working with the Children's Commissioner's recommendation around this problem after they published a report describing the continuous and expected gang rapes that many girls grow up with as the norm?

Time-wasting

Question No: 2014/2395

[Roger Evans](#)

Sir Huge Orde has said that police are having to treat cases - such as three eight-year-olds caught baring their bottoms at passing motorists by - as recorded crimes. Can you reassure me that the Met have not recorded any similar crimes in the past year?

Forced marriage

Question No: 2014/2396

[Roger Evans](#)

What has the Met done to respond to the changes in law around forced marriage?

Crossrail Step-Free Access

Question No: 2014/2397

[Roger Evans](#)

In the light of the very welcome news that all Crossrail stations will have step-free access, when will a timetable be published detailing precisely when this work will be completed?

UBER (1)

Question No: 2014/2398

[Roger Evans](#)

Can you provide an update on TfL's legal response to Uber's new technology and the regulatory challenges that it creates?

UBER (2)

Question No: 2014/2399

[Roger Evans](#)

How does TfL plan to ensure that private hire drivers and vehicles using Uber technology are vetted, monitored and licensed?

predictive crime mapping

Question No: 2014/2400

[Roger Evans](#)

What lessons can be taken from the fact that Havering has seen a 17 per cent reduction in burglaries since the introduction of predictive crime mapping?

Coulsdon Housing Plans

Question No: 2014/2401

[Steve O'Connell](#)

What will be the main benefits of your new housing plans on GLA land at the former Cane Hill Hospital site in Coulsdon?

Westfield Expansion

Question No: 2014/2402

[Steve O'Connell](#)

What will be the main benefits of the expansion of Westfield in Shepherd's Bush, which you have recently approved?

Illegal raves

Question No: 2014/2403

[Steve O'Connell](#)

How many reports of 'illegal raves' has the Met received each month in the last measurable year?

TSGN Franchise (1)

Question No: 2014/2404

[Steve O'Connell](#)

What benefits for London do you anticipate with the launch of the new TSGN franchise?

TSGN Franchise (2)

Question No: 2014/2405

[Steve O'Connell](#)

Will you be lobbying Govia for improvements on the new TSGN franchise and, if so, what will be your priorities?

IDVAs

Question No: 2014/2407

[Tony Arbour](#)

Refuge in Richmond recently received a Police commendation for their work involving three Independent Domestic Violence Advocates (IDVAs). This is funded by Richmond Council but IDVAs have been found to be a critical way to support victims through the justice system. Is MOPAC considering making this service more consistent across London?

A316 Crossing in St Margaret's (1)

Question No: 2014/2408

[Tony Arbour](#)

TfL are consulting on proposed changes that would mean the removal of the footbridge and the introduction of a toucan crossing on the A316 in St Margaret's in my constituency. How much would these changes cost?

A316 Crossing in St Margaret's (2)

Question No: 2014/2409

[Tony Arbour](#)

What assessment has been done on the effect that these changes would have on traffic flow?

A316 Crossing in St Margaret's (3)

Question No: 2014/2410

[Tony Arbour](#)

Please outline the steps that were taken that led to TfL making this proposal.

Racism and the Met's response

Question No: 2014/2411

[Victoria Borwick](#)

It was revealed that only 77 allegations of racism, from a total of 7,963 over an eight-year period, were upheld, and of these only three led to an officer dismissal. In most organisations this would be deemed a far more serious offence - what will you do to reassure Londoners that this issue is being dealt with effectively?

Children in prison

Question No: 2014/2412

[Victoria Borwick](#)

Over 300 children between the ages of 15-17 are in prison in London. Over a sixth are in for non-violent offences. Would you consider reviewing what other options there are for these often highly vulnerable children in these specific cases?

Accessible vehicles

Question No: 2014/2414

[Victoria Borwick](#)

Do you believe that London's taxi fleet should continue to have disabled accessible vehicles which also help tourists with cases, and families with prams?

Food Economy Programme Expenditure

Question No: 2014/2421

[Jennette Arnold](#)

Could I have a break down by Borough of the expenditure to date for the Food Economy Programmes?

Bus Countdown Signs Expenditure

Question No: 2014/2422

[Jennette Arnold](#)

What is the cost of installing a new countdown screen at a bus shelter? And what is TfL's total expenditure on a) installing and b) maintaining the screens over the past 4 years?

Increasing Diversity in the workforce at the GLA

Question No: 2014/2423

[Jennette Arnold](#)

What initiatives has the GLA implemented to encourage applicants from the following protected groups to apply for roles within the organisation?

- i) Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME);
- ii) Under 25s;
- iii) People who identify as having a disability;
- iv) Women; and
- v) LGBT.

London Rental Standard - Equality Impact Assessment

Question No: 2014/2424

[Jennette Arnold](#)

Was an Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) carried out when you wrote the London Rental Standard? If yes, please can I have oversight of it?

GLA grievance statistics

Question No: 2014/2425

[Jennette Arnold](#)

Please can I have a breakdown (May 2008 to present) of the number of grievances that have been taken out against the GLA on grounds of the following:

- i) Race discrimination;
- ii) Age discrimination;
- iii) Discrimination on the basis of a person's disability;
- iv) Sex discrimination; and
- v) Homophobia/Transphobia.

National Minimum Wage and Apprentices and the Under 18s

Question No: 2014/2426

[John Biggs](#)

A recent report by the Institute of Economic Affairs has called for the NMW to be abolished for apprentices and the Under 18s. Would you support such a measure in London?

World Cup Workers

Question No: 2014/2427

[John Biggs](#)

UCCAT have carried out extensive research into the pay and conditions of migrant workers employed in the construction of facilities for the 2022 World Cup in Qatar. Following your Mayoral visit to Qatar in April 2013, at which you stated "we are here for a real alliance building with Qatar", have you used your position to either lobby the Qatari government on the matter or call upon FIFA to strip Qatar of its right to hold the tournament?

Peabody & Crown Estate Properties

Question No: 2014/2428

[John Biggs](#)

Do you share my anxiety that the former crown estate properties transferred to Peabody are becoming, under a rent policy linked to market prices which did not anticipate recent market rent rises in London, unaffordable to those for whom they are intended? What, if any, review mechanism do you think should be instituted?

Party Free Zone

Question No: 2014/2429

[John Biggs](#)

You will have noted the recent election of a party candidate to the City of London Corporation's Common Council. Do you welcome this development or feel that it will have a detrimental impact on GLA/City Corporation relations?

Thames Tideway Tunnel

Question No: 2014/2430

[John Biggs](#)

Do you remain supportive of the Thames Tideway Tunnel?

Re-zoning

Question No: 2014/2431

[John Biggs](#)

Please describe the process by which a Tube station can be 'rezoned'.

20mph TLRN

Question No: 2014/2432

[John Biggs](#)

On which stretches of the TLRN does a 20mph speed limit operate?

A13 Variable speed camera penalties

Question No: 2014/2433

[John Biggs](#)

Can you provide, by month for the past year, a schedule of penalty notices issued by the Variable Speed Camera system on the A13?

Variable Speed Cameras

Question No: 2014/2434

[John Biggs](#)

Where, other than on the A13, do variable speed camera systems operate in London?

Movers Lane/Renwick Road

Question No: 2014/2435

[John Biggs](#)

When do you see there being a prospect for the Movers Lane/Renwick Road Junctions on the A13 being improved?

ELT a Success?

Question No: 2014/2436

[John Biggs](#)

Has the ELT service been a success and in what ways is its performance better than that of a 'traditional' bus service? What lessons, if any, have been learnt from this initiative and are any further extensions planned?

Barking Congestion Relief

Question No: 2014/2437

[John Biggs](#)

Will you update me on plans to secure priority and funding for congestion relief and access improvements at Barking Station?

House prices (1)

Question No: 2014/2438

[Tom Copley](#)

In June you told Bloomberg Television that high property prices are "the right problem to have". Do you think that low- to middle-income households that have been locked out of home ownership because of the cost of housing would agree?

House prices (2)

Question No: 2014/2439

[Tom Copley](#)

With regards to your response to question 2014/1941, clearly I do not believe you set house prices in London, but surely you have an opinion on whether house prices are currently too high?

House prices (3)

Question No: 2014/2440

[Tom Copley](#)

With regards to your response to question 2014/1942, when is the LEP's economic development plan due to be published?

Private rented sector

Question No: 2014/2441

[Tom Copley](#)

With regards to your response to question 2014/1944, would you not agree that the fear of retaliatory eviction needs to be tackled through empowering tenants?

Private rented sector (2)

Question No: 2014/2442

[Tom Copley](#)

With regards to your response to question 2014/1946, if you support the DCLG's 'How to Rent' guide, why did you not set up a similar scheme when we proposed it in our budget amendment for the financial years' 2013/14 and 2014/15 and when the Housing and Regeneration Committee proposed it in June 2013?

Private rented sector (3)

Question No: 2014/2443

[Tom Copley](#)

With regards to your response to question 2014/1948, do you believe that Londoners on low-incomes, who struggle to afford to live in the capital, will appreciate your, in my opinion, dispassionate view on the cost of housing and rents?

Private rented sector (4)

Question No: 2014/2444

[Tom Copley](#)

With regards to your response to question 2014/1949, can I interpret this to mean you do not believe that the high cost of private sector rent prevents many London's from saving enough money for a deposit?

Private rented sector (5)

Question No: 2014/2445

[Tom Copley](#)

Please provide the data for New York, Berlin and London that you reference in response to question 2014/1950.

Private rented sector (6)

Question No: 2014/2446

[Tom Copley](#)

With regards to your response to question 2014/1952, what elements of regulation do you believe could be more efficiently applied and how?

Private rented sector (7)

Question No: 2014/2447

[Tom Copley](#)

Why did you reject the proposals in the Labour Group's Budget Amendment for the financial year 2014/15 to part-fund additional private rented sector enforcement officers and private tenants representative groups in each London borough?

Private rented sector (8)

Question No: 2014/2448

[Tom Copley](#)

Do you agree with the research commissioned by the Residential Landlords Association that "landlord registration schemes are costly and ineffective" because "the worst landlords avoid the schemes- with better landlords picking up the costs"? If so, is this an excuse for abandoning the principles of landlord registration schemes or for making these principles statutory?

Public land release

Question No: 2014/2449

[Tom Copley](#)

How much of the money generated through GLA land sales has been spent on building new housing? Please provide a breakdown of spending by project.

Public land release (2)

Question No: 2014/2450

[Tom Copley](#)

Why does the GLA not always retain the freehold of land it sells through the London Development Panel? Why does this practice differ from those of Transport for London, which is increasingly retaining the freehold of land and joining into joint ventures with developers?

Public land release (3)

Question No: 2014/2451

[Tom Copley](#)

Please state which GLA-owned sites have been released through the London Development Panel to date and on which (if any) of these sites the GLA has retained the freehold.

Public land release (4)

Question No: 2014/2452

[Tom Copley](#)

Please state which Transport for London owned sites have been sold since 2008 and on which (if any) of these sites Transport for London has retained the freehold.

Gypsy and traveller sites

Question No: 2014/2453

[Tom Copley](#)

With regards to your response to question 2014/1963, do you appreciate that the lack of sites being brought forward by boroughs is not because of the lack of funds but because of the disinterest from the boroughs and lack of obligation through the planning system?

Social rent

Question No: 2014/2454

[Tom Copley](#)

With regards to your response to question 2014/1964, can I interpret your answer to mean that you have never told the government that, in London, Affordable Rent is a less satisfactory tenure than social rent?

Energy efficiency in the private rented sector

Question No: 2014/2455

[Tom Copley](#)

With regards to your response to question 2014/1966, you haven't actually answered the question of whether you support this campaign. Can you please provide an answer?

55 Broadway

Question No: 2014/2456

[Tom Copley](#)

With regards to your response to question 2014/1970, will Transport for London be retaining the freehold of this site?

Mortgages

Question No: 2014/2457

[Tom Copley](#)

What is your view on the government's decision to allow the Bank of England to limit the size of mortgages? What do you believe are the implications of this for London?

London housing market

Question No: 2014/2458

[Tom Copley](#)

Do you agree with the European Commission's assessment, previously mirrored by the Bank of England, that the strength of London's housing market is increasingly threatening the stability of the UK economy? Please explain your response?

Welfare reform

Question No: 2014/2459

[Tom Copley](#)

Should Local Housing Allowance reflect the cost of housing in the local area?

London Pride

Question No: 2014/2460

[Tom Copley](#)

Will you be attending London Pride this year, and how many times have you attended London Pride as Mayor?

Business Rents

Question No: 2014/2461

[Tom Copley](#)

What are you doing as Mayor to ensure businesses rents in London are affordable, in the light of the recent high profile closure of the Foyles branch in St Pancras station after six years which despite increasing its profits could not afford a hike in rent?

Water ways (1)

Question No: 2014/2462

[Tom Copley](#)

The outcome of the legal battle over Hampstead Heath ponds dam project has been described as being of 'national importance' following reports the Heath and Hampstead Society is set to challenge the £15million scheme by the City of London Corporation. What is your view on this scheme and have you had any meetings to try and resolve a lengthy legal battle on this case?

Water ways (2)

Question No: 2014/2463

[Tom Copley](#)

Considering their importance as a tourist site and to London's environment have you or your officers lobbied for a solution that ensures Hampstead Ponds can be protected from flood risk without unsightly additions to the public realm?

Tufnell Park Tube

Question No: 2014/2464

[Tom Copley](#)

Can you confirm what stage plans have reached to replace the escalators at Tufnell Park Tube, and whether the station will have to close during these works?

Gallows Corner

Question No: 2014/2465

[Tom Copley](#)

There have recently been three accidents over a two day period during June at Gallows Corner. Can you provide an update on the exploratory work TfL was carrying out which you referred to in your answer to my previous question (2013/0236).

Air Pollution in London

Question No: 2014/2466

[Tom Copley](#)

Why did you resist calls to appear before the Parliamentary Environment Audit Committee enquiry on air pollution, and why have you now bowed to pressure to attend?

cameras on buses

Question No: 2014/2467

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Do you agree with the suggestion from my constituent, that it would be helpful to have more cameras on buses, specifically he states:

(1) For incidents concerning buses which do not stop at bus stops when they should, , a camera on the dashboard recording the road ahead would provide evidence of what happened. Aside from helping to resolve claims raised, it could also help with driver training. Such cameras could also be important in cases where buses are involved in accidents, or allegations of dangerous driving are made against bus drivers.

(2) Other cameras could also be useful in other circumstances. For example, he was boarding a bus in central London, which closed its doors and started to move off while he was boarding.

high speed broadband

Question No: 2014/2468

[Andrew Dismore](#)

In High Barnet there are industrial units and lots of people working from home. A constituent tells me her son who is a film maker would not consider moving to her area as he could not carry on his business with standard internet. She claims to have suffered endless promises from BT over at least the last 4 years, if not longer, that she would imminently going to be able to get Infinity. In her opinion, her dealings with BT have also been dismissive and indifferent. Given your responsibility for economic development and regeneration, is there anything you can do to pursue BT to get on with the provision of high speed broadband in this area?

Edgware bus station doors

Question No: 2014/2469

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Further to your answer to Question 2014/1498 in March, you made a commitment that TfL would repair the automatic doors at Edgware Station as a matter of urgency. These repairs have not occurred. When will you honour your commitment?

Stirling Corner

Question No: 2014/2470

[Andrew Dismore](#)

What is the present position re Stirling Corner, as to keeping the 24/7 traffic lights; reducing the speed limit; and providing better pedestrian and cyclist crossing facilities ?

Aerodrome road bus stop

Question No: 2014/2471

[Andrew Dismore](#)

On Aerodrome Road Colindale, there are bus stops for the eastbound carriageway in the middle of the road's length, but none in the middle opposite the central area of Beaufort Park on the westbound carriageway. People have far too far to walk when travelling westbound, between stops. Why? And will you now provide stops for westbound travellers?

Aerodrome Road pedestrian crossing

Question No: 2014/2472

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Why is it taking so long to install the Aerodrome Road pedestrian crossing?

Barnet College site, Grahame Park

Question No: 2014/2473

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Why did your officers insist on an extra 90 homes on the proposed development for the Barnet College site, Grahame Park, which was viable at the originally planned 330 lower rise and less dense properties and in doing so also did not require more affordable homes, meaning that for the now planned 420 homes only 20 will be affordable?

Mount Pleasant

Question No: 2014/2474

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Are you satisfied that your consultation on the Mount Pleasant proposed development has fairly involved council and other housing association tenants, bearing in mind that none of the site's neighbours who are Council tenants or Housing Association tenants have received your consultation letter of notification. Why have you only sent consultation notifications to leaseholders and freeholders? Should not all residents (regardless of tenure status) be consulted? Many residents will be disfranchised from this consultation process. As the consultation period is short, will you extend the consultation period to ensure all those who should be consulted are consulted?

Fire on a route 142 bus

Question No: 2014/2475

[Andrew Dismore](#)

What is the outcome of the full investigation is currently being undertaken into the serious fire on a route 142 bus as it arrived at Edgware Bus Station on May 27? What was the cause and what lessons are to be learnt for similar buses in the fleet?

Cash free buses

Question No: 2014/2476

[Andrew Dismore](#)

My constituent makes the following points concerning cash free buses:

"Imagine you are in outer London, possibly late at night, beyond walking distance (which for some people is only a couple of hundred yards) from a shop which is open to sell you a bus pass, and, for example, you lose your wallet with all your cards, or you aren't carrying your cards because someone was due to drive you home and has broken down, or you have just come to London and do not know the system and your foreign card does not have contactless technology: you might borrow three pounds from a friend, but they are not going to lend you their cards or accompany you on the bus. How do you get home? If bus drivers have discretion to make allowances for people in distress, those who can tell a good story will abuse the system regularly, while some deserving cases will fail to convince and be stranded".

How do you respond to her?

Volunteering

Question No: 2014/2477

[Len Duvall](#)

Did you see an increase in volunteering with Team London following Volunteering Week?

Volunteering Funding

Question No: 2014/2478

[Len Duvall](#)

Can you outline the total funding for volunteering since 2012, and provide details of which projects the funding is being directed to?

Volunteering numbers

Question No: 2014/2479

[Len Duvall](#)

Can you provide me an update of the current number of volunteers in Team London and whether you are on track to reach your target of 100,000 by 2016?

Head Start London

Question No: 2014/2480

[Len Duvall](#)

Can you provide details of how you expect to achieve a decrease in youth unemployment as a result of the launch of Head Start London and what targets you have set? Will there also be an evaluation to measure this?

Volunteering and youth unemployment

Question No: 2014/2481

[Len Duvall](#)

You mentioned during Volunteering Week that you intend to help young people become 'work ready' by introducing Head Start London and 'speed-volunteering'. Are you currently measuring whether volunteering has a correlation on youth unemployment? If so, how and could you provide me with a copy of this?

Tall buildings 1

Question No: 2014/2482

[Nicky Gavron](#)

In your 04 April 2014 article in the Evening Standard, you write that "62 per cent of those proposals [for tall buildings] that have come to me have been rejected." Can you please explain what you mean by "rejected"?

Tall buildings 2

Question No: 2014/2483

[Nicky Gavron](#)

In your 04 April 2014 article in the Evening Standard, you write that "62 per cent of those proposals [for tall buildings] that have come to me have been rejected." How many of these were "rejected" at Stage I? Of those, how many were submitted with alterations?

Tall buildings 3

Question No: 2014/2484

[Nicky Gavron](#)

In your 04 April 2014 article in the Evening Standard, you write that "62 per cent of those proposals [for tall buildings] that have come to me have been rejected." How many of these were "rejected" at Stage II?

Tall buildings 4

Question No: 2014/2485

[Nicky Gavron](#)

In response to written question 2014/2077, you wrote that you "have considered 329 applications for buildings over 30m in height." However, a presentation given by your officer notes that there have been "nearly 600 tall buildings proposed" and that 1/3 of these have been approved. Can you please explain where these different figures - 329 versus nearly 600 - come from?

Housing Zones

Question No: 2014/2486

[Nicky Gavron](#)

How did you pick the five areas which you announced on 13 June as suitable for Housing Zones?

Brownfield land development orders

Question No: 2014/2487

[Nicky Gavron](#)

I am pleased that you and the Government are moving forward with the development of

brownfield land across the capital, as outlined in the Chancellor's Mansion House speech. Can you confirm that all local development orders (LDO) on these sites will be drafted by local authorities, and not the GLA?

GLA Working Group on Strategic Spatial Planning Co-ordination 1

Question No: 2014/2488

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Which local authorities participate in the GLA Working Group on Strategic Spatial Planning Co-ordination?

GLA Working Group on Strategic Spatial Planning Co-ordination 2

Question No: 2014/2489

[Nicky Gavron](#)

What issues were discussed at the most recent meeting of the GLA Working Group on Strategic Spatial Planning Co-ordination?

Information sharing between London hospitals A&E departments and MPS

Question No: 2014/2490

[Joanne McCartney](#)

How many London hospitals A&E departments share anonymous information about violent incidences with the MPS? Can you list them please?

Young Leaders Programme Funding

Question No: 2014/2491

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Can you outline how you are assisting organisations that work with young people to find funding for projects such as Voyage's Young Leaders Programme given that funding has come to an end?

Funding for Young People in London

Question No: 2014/2492

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Can you outline the total amount of funding provided for young people since 2012 to now, by year? Can you also break this data down by programme?

Girls and Youth Violence

Question No: 2014/2493

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Your new Anti-gangs strategy announced June 2014 stated that more needs to be done on girls involved in gangs. Please can you outline what steps you are going to take to achieve this?

Conductors on London Overground Trains

Question No: 2014/2494

[Joanne McCartney](#)

The Barking to Gospel Oak User Group (BGORUG) have raised concerns regarding the proposal to remove of conductors on the London Overground trains. Can you outline the reasons behind TfL's decision to do this and explain how you will ensure passenger safety at all times, especially for those who may be mobility impaired? Will you please review this decision which will result in reduced customer service on this line?

MOPAC Ethics Panel (1)

Question No: 2014/2495

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Will you give a commitment to publish on MOPAC's website, in a timely manner, the Ethics Panel's forward work plan, terms of reference for each investigation, method of working and final reports?

MOPAC Ethics Panel (2)

Question No: 2014/2496

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Can you please provide me with any job description, contract and payment details/expenses arrangements regarding all members of the Ethics Panel?

Stonewall Index - MPS

Question No: 2014/2497

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Will the Met be participating in Stonewall's Workplace Equality Index? If not, please specify why?

Rollout of talking buses

Question No: 2014/2498

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Can you please give an update on the rollout of talking buses in London? What targets have been set and are they being achieved?

MPS and NPAS

Question No: 2014/2499

[Joanne McCartney](#)

There is great concern that once the MPS's helicopter resources are rolled into the National Police Air Service later this year the air support service available to London will be greatly reduced. Do you share these concerns? What representations has your office, MOPAC and the Metropolitan Police Service made to government about this issue?

MPS Ambassadors

Question No: 2014/2500

[Joanne McCartney](#)

The MPS is introducing an Ambassador scheme to help promote policing as a career choice for London's diverse communities. Which boroughs have appointed an Ambassador to date? Will the time needed to fulfil an Ambassador's role take place during working hours, rather than expecting the post holder to give up their free time?

Crossrail 2

Question No: 2014/2501

[Joanne McCartney](#)

What steps will your office and TfL take to ensure my constituents in Enfield & Haringey have full details of the proposed Crossrail 2 proposals and have the opportunity to participate in future consultations?

Domestic Violence

Question No: 2014/2502

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Please provide a breakdown by Borough of all Domestic Violence offences for the past twelve quarters.

Safe and Secure

Question No: 2014/2503

[Joanne McCartney](#)

How many London individuals/families have been relocated under the safe & secure programme? Please give breakdown by borough and indicate nature of reason for relocation if possible.

Lost Property

Question No: 2014/2504

[Joanne McCartney](#)

When will the results of the consultation regarding Lost Property be published? How will the new guidelines be published?

Bodyworn Cameras

Question No: 2014/2505

[Joanne McCartney](#)

In reference to my question 2014/2112, can you please share the guidance document that covers the use of cameras in this pilot programme?

Tasers on Boroughs

Question No: 2014/2506

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Are you concerned that the MPS can neither tell us how many Taser trained officers are currently on each borough (2014/2111) nor tell us how many times Taser has been deployed in the past year per borough (2014/2116)?

Local Policing

Question No: 2014/2507

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Can you please provide a list of PC and Sergeant vacancies per Borough and per Neighbourhood Team for May 2014?

Smart Parking Meters

Question No: 2014/2508

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Is the Mayor considering working with local authorities in London to establish "smart" parking meters that add a surcharge for the most polluting vehicles as has been recently introduced in Madrid?

London Sustainable Industries Park

Question No: 2014/2509

[Murad Qureshi](#)

How many environmentally focused firms operate in the Park and what percentage of the site is currently occupied and in use?

£20,000 Energy Contest

Question No: 2014/2510

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Following your announcement of a competition to develop creative solutions to reduce electricity use at peak times, what steps are you taking to reduce energy consumption across the GLA group as a whole?

Water Cannon (1)

Question No: 2014/2511

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Why are the Metropolitan police the only UK mainland police force to acquire Water Cannon?

Water Cannon (2)

Question No: 2014/2512

[Murad Qureshi](#)

If the Home Secretary refuses to licence the use of Water Cannon, how much money will you have wasted in acquiring this equipment?

Community Tensions in London

Question No: 2014/2513

[Murad Qureshi](#)

What work are the Metropolitan Police doing with Londoners to reduce the risk of any potential tensions between Shia and Sunni Muslims resulting from the situation in Syria and Iraq?

Old Oak Common Public Involvement

Question No: 2014/2514

[Onkar Sahota](#)

A constituent has asked me to submit the following question:

There is increasing mention in the media of your desire to set up a Mayoral Development Corporation at Old Oak Common, taking away planning responsibilities from Ealing, Brent, Hammersmith & Fulham, and presumably Kensington & Chelsea.

Will you publish documentation that attempts to justify your reasoning to a sceptical public? If it were to happen, what borough and community representation do you envisage in its governance?

Is your aim only to offer construction land to the usual suspects, major developers and architects? Would this not be an opportunity for smaller companies to develop projects there, even down to freehold self-build groups in some secondary locations?

Creating Healthy Places

Question No: 2014/2515

[Onkar Sahota](#)

Can the Mayor outline what activities have been undertaken during the last year under the 'Creating Healthy Places' work stream?

London Healthy Workplace Charter (1)

Question No: 2014/2516

[Onkar Sahota](#)

Can the Mayor outline how many organisations have been awarded Healthy Workplace status under the Workplace Charter scheme in each financial year since it has been established?

London Healthy Workplace Charter (2)

Question No: 2014/2517

[Onkar Sahota](#)

Can the Mayor outline what independent verification process is in place as part of the scheme in order to ensure that the entirely self-assessed nature of the scheme is not open to abuse?

London Healthy Workplace Charter (3)

Question No: 2014/2518

[Onkar Sahota](#)

How many organisations have submitted applications to date under the scheme and have yet to be verified?

Healthy Schools London

Question No: 2014/2519

[Onkar Sahota](#)

Can the Mayor outline how many schools have received an award as part of his Healthy Schools London programme as a proportion of schools in each London Borough?

Horn Lane Air Quality

Question No: 2014/2520

[Onkar Sahota](#)

How does the Mayor intend to go about ensuring that land currently occupied by Gowing & Pursey on Horn Lane is re-designated, given that your Chief of Staff has recently suggested that it ought to be?

Industrial Land & Acton Mainline Crossrail

Question No: 2014/2521

[Onkar Sahota](#)

The Mayor's Chief of Staff recently issued a letter in which it suggested industrial employment land may be repurposed upon the arrival of Crossrail at Acton. Can the Mayor give assurance that vital employment land at Park Royal will be protected, given the jobs and prosperity it generates for the local community?

West Ealing Station

Question No: 2014/2522

[Onkar Sahota](#)

Can the Mayor outline what consultation has taken place with the public regarding the future station design and layout for West Ealing Station?

Bicycles on Crossrail

Question No: 2014/2523

[Onkar Sahota](#)

Can the Mayor confirm his commitment that he will ensure Crossrail allows for bicycles to be carried onto trains on the western section of Crossrail into Paddington?

Traveller Pitches

Question No: 2014/2524

[Onkar Sahota](#)

Has the Mayor undertaken any work to increase the supply of traveller pitches in London, including working with Boroughs to identify suitable land, in order to prevent the kind of problem residents in South Ealing have experienced with an illegal encampment at Blondin Park, and the subsequent operation to clear the site of debris?

Terminal 2 Royal Celebration Event

Question No: 2014/2525

[Onkar Sahota](#)

Does the Mayor intend to attend the Heathrow Terminal 2 Royal Celebration Event, and if so, how does he satisfy himself that his attendance would not be perceived as highly hypocritical, given he is advocating for an Estuary Airport that would, as the Davies Commission interim report says, necessitate the closure of Heathrow?

Cashless buses

Question No: 2014/2526

[Navin Shah](#)

A Harrow constituent has raised the following concerns about the plans for cashless buses, which I would appreciate a response to:

1. Bus users are being given just 4 weeks' notice. This is not adequate at all.
2. At the best of times it is easy for one to forget their oyster card, misplace it or for it to drop out. What will happen when such a situation arises?
3. It's going to mean numerous people being thrown off buses. These will undoubtedly include the elderly, frail and people with disabilities as it's very easy to forget your oyster card one day or lose it. Do you think this is acceptable?
4. This means throwing vulnerable people off buses in atrocious weather or late at night subjecting people to unsafe conditions. How will the elderly get home if they lose card in the middle of nowhere?
5. It means people travelling to work will be even more at risk of being late on top of problems that exist through traffic congestions already.
6. Is it fair to force people to carry cards rather than have a choice of how you pay your bus fares?

Free or Discounted travel for carers

Question No: 2014/2527

[Navin Shah](#)

What discussions has TfL had on the possibility of providing free or discounted travel for carers in London?

Safety of children

Question No: 2014/2528

[Navin Shah](#)

Will you issue guidance on the safe use of bicycle trailers to provide a minimum level of safety for children being towed by bicycles on the roads?

Encouraging children to do exercise

Question No: 2014/2529

[Navin Shah](#)

Have you taken any steps to encourage school children to become active and involved in local sports organisations?

Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) - Brent

Question No: 2014/2530

[Navin Shah](#)

As of 1 June 2014, how many Penalty Charge Notices have been issued in Brent from TfL? What were the comparable figures for 1 May 2010; 1 May 2011; 1 May 2012; 1 May 2013 and 1 May 2014?

Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) - Harrow

Question No: 2014/2531

[Navin Shah](#)

As of 1 June 2014, how many Penalty Charge Notices have been issued in Harrow from TfL? What were the comparable figures for 1 May 2010; 1 May 2011; 1 May 2012; 1 May 2013 and 1 May 2014?

Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) - Brent (1)

Question No: 2014/2532

[Navin Shah](#)

As of 1 June 2014, how many Penalty Charge Notices have been issued incorrectly in Brent from TfL? What were the comparable figures for 1 May 2010; 1 May 2011; 1 May 2012; 1 May 2013 and 1 May 2014?

Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) - Harrow (1)

Question No: 2014/2533

[Navin Shah](#)

As of 1 June 2014, how many Penalty Charge Notices have been issued incorrectly in Harrow from TfL? What were the comparable figures for 1 May 2010; 1 May 2011; 1 May 2012; 1 May 2013 and 1 May 2014?

London Gangs Summit

Question No: 2014/2534

[Navin Shah](#)

I understand the London Gangs Summit cost £41,500? How much sponsorship money did you receive to cover the costs?

Zero contract hours

Question No: 2014/2535

[Navin Shah](#)

Does you agree that the use of zero-hours contracts sometimes hides a problem that exists for young people getting on to the work ladder?

Training to use ramps

Question No: 2014/2536

[Navin Shah](#)

I have received complaints from some disabled campaigners, who have stated that they have experienced problems using public transport with regards to tube staff not knowing how to use the ramps properly. What training is provided to staff?

Rough Sleepers

Question No: 2014/2537

[Navin Shah](#)

What work have you done with the councils and the government to tackle rough sleepers?

Foodbanks

Question No: 2014/2538

[Navin Shah](#)

Do you acknowledge the amount of work foodbanks have done in London to help reduce food poverty and to contribute to public health and nutrition of vulnerable Londoners?

Albert Embankment Fire Station (1)

Question No: 2014/2539

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Following the recent Mayoral Direction asking LFEPA to carry out soft market testing through the London Development Panel, can you confirm that a fire station will remain on the site following any sale?

Albert Embankment Fire Station (2)

Question No: 2014/2540

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Please provide copies of the information you will be sharing with the London Development Panel so we can see what LFEPA is hoping to see on the site?

Albert Embankment Fire Station (3)

Question No: 2014/2541

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Will you be having discussions with Lambeth Council to ensure that any sale will comply with the planning policy situation, unlike the previous planning application?

Albert Embankment Fire Station (4)

Question No: 2014/2542

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Given the lack of community support for the previous planning application what work will LFEPA be undertaking to ensure that local residents and Councillors will be fully involved in bringing new planning application to fruition?

Congestion Control Emergency Plan (1)

Question No: 2014/2543

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Can you explain whether Senior Operating Officials on London Underground have the power to keep a station open, even if the number of staff on the station is below that required by the stations Congestion Control Emergency Plan?

Congestion Control Emergency Plan (2)

Question No: 2014/2544

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

In 2014 has the number of staff, for any station on the network, fallen below the minimum described in the Congestion Control Emergency Plan? If so, please list date, time & station name when such an occurrence happened?

Congestion Control Emergency Plan (3)

Question No: 2014/2545

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

In 2013 has the number of staff, for any station on the network, fallen below the minimum described in the Congestion Control Emergency Plan? If so, please list date, time & station name when such an occurrence happened?

Congestion Control Emergency Plan (4)

Question No: 2014/2546

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

I understand that at 19.15 on 5th February 2014, at Victoria London Underground Station, the Senior Operating Official decided to keep the station open, even though the number of staff on duty was 1 below the minimum required under the Congestion Control Emergency Plan. Is this correct? Can you explain why this decision was made?

Fares Decision

Question No: 2014/2547

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

What is your current timetable for publishing your fares decision given the previous announcements since you became Mayor have been on 4th September, 15th October, 20th October, 14th September, 7th November & 3rd December?

£878m Surplus

Question No: 2014/2548

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Following the announcement that TfL expect to have around £878m more balances than they expected (Operational and Financial Performance Report -Fourth Quarter 2013/14) can you explain a) how this has arisen and b) how you expect to spend it?

Dangerous Junctions

Question No: 2014/2549

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

When do you expect the work on each of the 33 dangerous junctions scheduled for works under the 'Better Junctions' Programme and TfL Cycling Action Plan to be completed? Please list the junctions, give dates on which the work commenced, or is expected to, and the dates of expected completion for each project.

Open Streets event in Southwark

Question No: 2014/2550

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Please can you provide an explanation as to why TfL have withdrawn support for this event, due to take place on 30th August, which has now had to be postponed?

Elephant and Castle safety

Question No: 2014/2551

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Following a further cyclist death at Elephant and Castle, are there any shorter term measures that TfL would consider implementing to help cyclists in advance of the major works due to take place from 2015?

Bus Countdown in Streatham

Question No: 2014/2552

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Local councillors in Streatham feel that there is a need for additional bus Countdown signage along Greyhound Lane and Streatham Vale especially since passengers from busy Streatham Common station often continue their journey by bus. Will you ask TfL to consider this?

Fare evasion

Question No: 2014/2553

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

I was recently asked by a member of the public to put the following question to you:

"In a response to a question on 9 September 2009, you stated:

"I am sure that, given what Val has said, we will be looking at the impact on fare evasion of the replacement buses [to the bendy buses] and I will make sure that you and the Assembly have whatever data we accumulate as soon as we get it".

"In view of the fact that from casual observation, it would appear that only about 1 in 3 passengers boarding the 521 bus through the middle doors makes any attempt to present a payment card to the readers and that Revenue Protection Inspectors on that route are conspicuous by their absence, can we conclude that you have no data and are trying your best not to acquire any?"

Fire in Hackney

Question No: 2014/2554

[Fiona Twycross](#)

Following a serious house fire on Malpas Road in Hackney on Thursday 12th June, what questions you have raised with the Commissioner about the contingency arrangements following this incident?

Removed Fire Appliance

Question No: 2014/2555

[Fiona Twycross](#)

Are you aware that an additional appliance in Wimbledon has been removed in relation to the industrial relations contingency plans, will you raise this with the Commissioner and confirm whether this has now been returned?

Holiday Inn

Question No: 2014/2556

[Fiona Twycross](#)

What progress have you made in ensuring Holiday Inn, owned by the Intercontinental Hotel Group, delivers the pledge it made as an Olympic contractor to phase in the London Living Wage for all staff in their London hotels?

Picturehouse (1)

Question No: 2014/2557

[Fiona Twycross](#)

What progress have you made in encouraging Picturehouse cinemas to pay its staff the London Living Wage?

Picturehouse (2)

Question No: 2014/2558

[Fiona Twycross](#)

Have you spoken to the management of Picturehouse about the benefits of paying the London Living Wage?

Picturehouse (3)

Question No: 2014/2559

[Fiona Twycross](#)

Have you met with representatives of striking staff from the Ritzy Picturehouse in Brixton?

Economic Inactivity and Equality (1)

Question No: 2014/2560

[Fiona Twycross](#)

How do you explain the disparity between the large numbers of economically inactive women compared to men in London?

Economic Inactivity and Equality (2)

Question No: 2014/2561

[Fiona Twycross](#)

Given you are previously on record as having said that "some measure of inequality is essential for the spirit of envy" is an inequality between the sexes in economic activity in London something that concerns you?

Economic Inactivity and Equality (3)

Question No: 2014/2562

[Fiona Twycross](#)

What steps are you taking to reduce gender inequality in economic activity in London?

Croydon Tech City (1)

Question No: 2014/2563

[Fiona Twycross](#)

What steps are you taking to identify and make available, more affordable workspace for technology start-ups in Croydon?

Croydon Tech City (2)

Question No: 2014/2564

[Fiona Twycross](#)

Have you taken any steps to support Croydon technology firms towards flotation on the London Stock Exchange?

Croydon Tech City (3)

Question No: 2014/2565

[Fiona Twycross](#)

What financial support have you made available, and are planning to make available to support the Croydon Tech City project?

Croydon Tech City (4)

Question No: 2014/2566

[Fiona Twycross](#)

What work are you undertaking to support more collaboration between London's technology clusters such as in Croydon and Shoreditch?

Apprenticeship starts

Question No: 2014/2567

[Fiona Twycross](#)

Can you provide me with the latest apprenticeships starts data as the London Datastore currently only goes up to November 2013. Can you also tell me what analysis you have drawn from these figures?

Apprenticeship campaign

Question No: 2014/2568

[Fiona Twycross](#)

Following MQ 2014/1654, can you provide me with an update on the marketing campaign planned for Spring 2014, including cost and analysis taken of the impact on the number of apprenticeships?

Apprenticeship target

Question No: 2014/2569

[Fiona Twycross](#)

It is likely for apprenticeship numbers to decrease as more action is taken to ensure apprenticeships are of a good quality, thereby eradicating ones of poor quality. What impact do you think this will have on your target to meet 250,000 apprenticeship starts by 2016? How do you intend to ensure you meet the target whilst ensuring the apprenticeships are good quality and go towards tackling youth unemployment in London?

Water Cannon (1)

Question No: 2014/2570

[Fiona Twycross](#)

A constituent has asked how did you come to the decision to buy water cannons without a public consultation?

Water Cannon (2)

Question No: 2014/2571

[Fiona Twycross](#)

A constituent has asked whether you considered that the water cannons are dangerous?

Water Cannon (3)

Question No: 2014/2572

[Fiona Twycross](#)

If Theresa May declines permission to use the water cannon, what will you do with the ones you have purchased?

Water Cannon (4)

Question No: 2014/2573

[Fiona Twycross](#)

A constituent has asked me to ask you - why did the German authorities want to sell their water cannons to you?

South West London Collaborative Commissioning Group

Question No: 2014/2574

[Fiona Twycross](#)

Are you concerned that the draft strategy published by the South West London Collaborative Commissioning Group which predicts a budget shortfall of £210m over the next five years will result in health inequalities for that part of London, including reduced access to services for vulnerable people?

Traveller Sites in London

Question No: 2014/2575

[Fiona Twycross](#)

Travellers in Sutton Park, Tooting Common and Gunnersbury Park were recently served notice. The GLA Gypsy and Traveller fund has underspent its budget, can you use this fund so that travellers are not just being moved between London Boroughs?

Tram Extension to Sutton

Question No: 2014/2576

[Fiona Twycross](#)

Can you provide an update about TfL's consideration of extending tram services to Sutton?

Tube Advertising

Question No: 2014/2577

[Fiona Twycross](#)

Can you confirm that you have a policy which does not allow political advertisements on the Underground. If so why have the adverts for your LBC debate hosted by Nick Ferrari been heavily promoted?

Congestion Charge - Alternative Fuel Exemption

Question No: 2014/2578

[Fiona Twycross](#)

I have been contacted by a constituent who converted their fleet of vehicles to run on liquefied petroleum gas to qualify for the Alternative Fuel Exemption. Six months ago they lost this discount as the scheme was phased out, and they are now faced with the increase in the congestion zone charge. What steps have you taken/will you take to ensure this measure doesn't have a disproportionate effect on small businesses who are still recovering from the economic downturn?

Firefighters Industrial Dispute

Question No: 2014/2579

[Fiona Twycross](#)

What conversations have you or your office had with the Fire Minister regarding the ongoing industrial dispute with the FBU?

Stafford Road, Croydon

Question No: 2014/2580

[Fiona Twycross](#)

What is the frequency of traffic enforcement in the residential crescent side road in Stafford Road (A232 red route) Croydon?

Fiveways, Croydon

Question No: 2014/2581

[Fiona Twycross](#)

What progress is being made in planning to improve the A23/A232 and the A23/B271/B275 (otherwise known as 'Fiveways') junctions so as to improve the pedestrian experience and the local environment whilst also coping with the expected increased traffic flows arising from the proposed Croydon Westfield development?

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