

AGENDA

Meeting	London Assembly (Mayor's Question Time)
Date	Wednesday 13 June 2012
Time	10.00 am
Place	Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA

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Jennette Arnold OBE AM
Chair of the London Assembly

Darren Johnson AM
Deputy Chair
Friday 1 June 2012

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Agenda
London Assembly (Mayor's Question Time)
Wednesday 13 June 2012

1. Apologies for Absence and Chair's Announcements

To receive any apologies for absence and any announcements from the Chair.

2. Declarations of Interests (Pages 1 - 2)

The Assembly is recommended to:

- (a) Note the list of memberships of functional bodies and London Borough Councils, as set out in the table at Item 2;**
- (b) Note gifts and hospitality received by Members, as set out on the Authority's gifts and hospitality register; and**
- (c) Declare any other personal or personal prejudicial interests in specific items listed on the agenda over and above those items listed in the table above and including any interests arising from gifts or hospitality received within the previous three years or from the date of election to the London Assembly, whichever is the later, which are not at the time of this meeting reflected on the Authority's register of gifts and hospitality.**

3. Minutes (Pages 3 - 224)

The Assembly is recommended to confirm the minutes of the London Assembly meetings held on 11 May 2012 (Annual Meeting) and 23 May 2012 (Mayor's Question Time) to be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

The appendices to the minutes of the 11 May 2012 and 23 May 2012 meetings (including the transcript of the question and answer session held at 23 May 2012 meeting) have been circulated to Assembly Members separately. Transcripts and written answers for past meetings can be downloaded from <http://www.london.gov.uk/who-runs-london/the-london-assembly/whole-assembly>

4. Mayor's Report (Pages 225 - 264)

The Assembly is recommended to note the Mayor's Report covering the period from 10 May 2012 to 30 May 2012.

A list of all the decisions taken during the same period is attached, for Members only, on pages 37 to 58, as a background complementary paper to the Mayor's Report (and as previously published). This document can also be downloaded at: <http://www.london.gov.uk/who-runs-london/the-london-assembly/whole-assembly>

5. Questions to the Mayor (Pages 265 - 322)

(To be circulated separately)

Part A:

The Assembly will put questions to the Mayor.

Part B:

Motion submitted in the name of the Chair:

“That the Assembly notes the answers to the questions asked.”

(The list of questions to be put to the Mayor can also be downloaded at:

<http://www.london.gov.uk/who-runs-london/the-london-assembly/whole-assembly>)

6. Date of Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the London Assembly will be the Plenary meeting which will take place at 10.00am on Wednesday 20 June 2012 in the Chamber, City Hall.

7. Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent

London Assembly

Membership of Functional Bodies and London Borough Councils

Member	(Personal) Interest
Tony Arbour	Member, LFEPA; Member, LB Richmond
Jennette Arnold	
Gareth Bacon	Member, LFEPA; Member, LB Bexley
John Biggs	
Andrew Boff	
Victoria Borwick	Member, Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea, Statutory Deputy Mayor
James Cleverly	
Tom Copley	
Andrew Dismore	
Len Duvall	
Roger Evans	Member, LB Havering
Nicky Gavron	
Darren Johnson	Member, LFEPA; Member, LB Lewisham
Jenny Jones	
Stephen Knight	Member, LB Richmond
Kit Malthouse	
Joanne McCartney	
Steve O'Connell	Member, LB Croydon
Caroline Pidgeon	
Murad Qureshi	Member, LFEPA
Onkar Sahota	
Navin Shah	Member, LB Harrow; Member, LFEPA
Valerie Shawcross	
Richard Tracey	Member, LFEPA
Fiona Twycross	

[Note: LB - London Borough; LFEPA - London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority]

Recommendations:

- (i) That the list of memberships of functional bodies and London Borough Councils, as set out in the table above, be noted;**
- (ii) That gifts and hospitality received by Members, as set out on the Authority's gifts and hospitality register, be noted; and**
- (iii) That all Members declare any other personal or personal prejudicial interests in specific items listed on the agenda over and above those items listed in the table above and including any interests arising from gifts or hospitality received within the previous three years or from the date of election to the London Assembly, whichever is the later, which are not at the time of this meeting reflected on the Authority's register of gifts and hospitality.**

The above memberships of the GLA's Functional Bodies and London Borough Councils are listed for the purposes of public transparency. However, Members should note that in accordance with the GLA's Code of Conduct, they must declare any other **personal interests** (except interests arising from gifts and hospitality that appear on the gifts and hospitality register at the time of the

meeting) they have in any item on the agenda or as they arise during the course of the meeting. Members must say to which item their interest relates. If they have a personal interest Members must also consider whether or not that interest is a **prejudicial personal interest** and take the necessary action. When considering whether or not they have a declarable interest, Members should consult paragraphs 8-12 of the Code.

A **personal interest** is, generally, one that would affect a Member (either directly or through a connection with a relevant person or organisation) more than other people in London, in respect of the item of business under consideration at the meeting.

If a member of the public, knowing all the relevant facts, would view a Member's personal interest in the item under consideration as so substantial that it would appear likely to prejudice the Member's judgment of the public interest, then the Member has a **prejudicial personal interest**.

The Code of Conduct also specifically requires Members, where considering a matter which relates to or is likely to affect a person from whom they have received a gift or hospitality with an estimated value of at least £25 within the previous three years or from the date of election to the London Assembly, whichever is the later, to disclose the existence and nature of that interest at any meeting of the Authority which they attend at which that business is considered.

The obligation to declare any gift or hospitality at a meeting as a personal interest is discharged, subject to the proviso set out below, by registering gifts and hospitality received on the Authority's on-line database. The on-line database may be viewed here: <http://www.london.gov.uk/gifts-and-hospitality-register>. At Assembly meetings, under the declarations of interest agenda item, Members are then asked to note that gifts and hospitality received by Members are set out on the Authority's register.

If any gift or hospitality received by a Member is not set out on the on-line database at the time of the meeting, and under consideration is a matter which relates to or is likely to affect a person from whom a Member has received a gift or hospitality with an estimated value of at least £25, Members are required to disclose these at the meeting, either at agenda Item 2 or when the interest becomes apparent.

It is for Members to decide, in light of the particular circumstances, whether an interest arising from the receipt of a gift or hospitality is also a prejudicial personal interest. Where receipt of a gift or hospitality does give rise to a prejudicial interest the Member must withdraw from the room and not seek to improperly influence any relevant decision.

Consequences: If a Member has a **personal interest**: they must declare the interest but can stay, speak and vote. If the Member has **prejudicial personal interest**: they declare the interest, cannot speak or vote on the item and must leave the room.

MINUTES

**Meeting: London Assembly
(Annual Meeting)**
Date: Friday 11 May 2012
Time: 10.00 am
**Place: Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's
Walk, London, SE1 2AA**

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Present:

Jennette Arnold OBE (Chair)	Jenny Jones
Darren Johnson (Deputy Chair)	Stephen Knight
Tony Arbour	Kit Malthouse
Gareth Bacon	Joanne McCartney
John Biggs	Steve O'Connell
Andrew Boff	Caroline Pidgeon
Victoria Borwick	Murad Qureshi
James Cleverly	Onkar Sahota
Tom Copley	Navin Shah
Andrew Dismore	Valerie Shawcross CBE
Len Duvall	Richard Tracey
Roger Evans	Fiona Twycross
Nicky Gavron	

1. Election of Chair & Deputy Chair of the London Assembly (Item 1)

- 1.1 The Head of Paid Service presided over the election for the position of Chair of the London Assembly for the 2012/13 year.
- 1.2 Andrew Boff AM referred to the recent agreement between the Assembly's Labour, Liberal Democrat and Green Groups regarding the operation of the Assembly's business in the coming four year term and requested that it be read onto the record as it was relevant to the business before the meeting. Len Duvall AM and Jenny Jones AM, as Leaders of the Labour and Green Groups, confirmed that the agreement had been circulated to the Conservative Group and would, as in with previous such agreements, be published.
- 1.3 It was proposed by John Biggs AM and seconded by Caroline Pidgeon AM that Jennette Arnold AM be appointed Chair of the London Assembly for the 2012/13 year.
- 1.4 It was proposed by Tony Arbour AM and seconded by Kit Malthouse AM that Jenny Jones AM be appointed Chair of the London Assembly for the 2012/13 year.
- 1.5 Jenny Jones AM declined the nomination moved by Tony Arbour AM. No further nominations were put forward. There being one nomination before the Assembly, it was:
- 1.6 **Resolved:**

That Jennette Arnold AM be appointed Chair of the London Assembly until the next Annual Meeting of the Assembly.

[Jennette Arnold AM in the Chair.]

- 1.7 The Chair addressed the Assembly. She referred to her priorities for the coming year and emphasised in particular the important role of the Assembly in London governance and the importance of engaging with young Londoners. The Chair also welcomed in turn each of those Assembly Members who had been elected to the London Assembly for the first time in the 2012 GLA elections.
- 1.8 The Chair then presided over the election for the office of Deputy Chair of the London Assembly.
- 1.9 It was proposed by John Biggs AM and seconded by Caroline Pidgeon AM that Darren Johnson AM be appointed Deputy Chair of the London Assembly for the 2012/13 year.
- 1.10 It was proposed by Andrew Boff AM and seconded by Kit Malthouse AM that James Cleverly AM be appointed Deputy Chair of the London Assembly for the 2012/13 year.

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London Assembly (Plenary)
Friday 11 May 2012**

1.11 Upon being put to the vote, 16 votes were cast in favour of Darren Johnson AM and 9 votes were cast in favour of James Cleverly AM. Accordingly it was:

1.12 **Resolved:**

That Darren Johnson AM be appointed Deputy Chair of the London Assembly until the next Annual Meeting of the Assembly.

1.13 Kit Malthouse AM, on a point of order, queried whether Members of the Assembly's Labour, Liberal Democrat and Green Groups should have declared a pecuniary interest in the proceedings of the Annual Meeting given that the agreement between those Groups included a financial element, namely that the Labour Group would support resources being allocated to the smaller groups.

1.14 The Chair explained that the allocation of resources to Groups did not form part of the agenda for the meeting and would be considered by the Assembly's business management committee at its meeting later that month.

2. Apologies for Absence and Chair's Announcements (Item 2)

2.1 There were no apologies for absence.

2.2 The Chair informed the Assembly of the recent deaths of Sir John Quinton, who had been the Home Secretary's representative on the MPA from July 2000 to June 2004, and Neville Beale, who had been Greater London Council Member for Finchley from 1981 until 1986 and indicated that she would send letters of condolence to their families on behalf of the Assembly.

2.3 The Chair additionally informed the Assembly that she had agreed, in accordance with Section 100(B) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), to accept the following items as urgent business, and that these had been circulated under cover of a Supplementary Agenda for the meeting:

- Item 3 – Declarations of Interest;
- Item 4 - Results of 2012 GLA Elections;
- Item 5 – London Assembly Party Groups and Members;
- Item 7 - Establishment of Assembly Committees and Bodies for 2012/13; and
- Item 12 – GLA Corporate Governance Framework: Additional Information.

3. Declarations of Interests (Item 3)

3.1 Resolved:

- (a) That the relevant Assembly Members' membership of Functional Bodies and London Borough Councils, as set out at Item 3 of the agenda, be noted and recorded as personal interests; and**
- (b) That gifts and hospitality received by Members, as set out on the Authority's gifts and hospitality register, be noted.**

4. Results of 2012 Greater London Authority Elections (Item 4)

4.1 The Assembly received the report of the Head of Paid Service.

4.2 The Chair and the Leaders of Assembly party Groups paid tribute to the service given to the Authority and the contribution made to London government of former Assembly Members Richard Barnes and Brian Coleman, who had not been re-elected at the recent GLA elections.

4.3 Resolved:

That the results of the Greater London Authority elections held on 3 May 2012 be noted.

5. London Assembly Party Groups and Members (Item 5)

5.1 The Assembly received the report of the Head of Paid Service.

5.2 Resolved:

That the establishment of four party Groups from within the overall membership of the London Assembly, as set out in the report, be noted.

6. Appointments made by the Mayor of London (Item 6)

6.1 The Chair provided an oral update in relation to appointments or proposed appointments to offices within the GLA Group which had been announced by the Mayor.

6.2 The Chair noted that some of the appointments would be subject to Assembly confirmation hearings. The confirmation hearings process would be triggered once formal notice of the relevant proposed appointments had been provided by the Mayor to the Assembly.

6.3 **Resolved:**

(a) That the following appointments or proposed appointments to offices within the GLA Group which have been announced by the Mayor be noted:

- **Councillor Stephen Greenhalgh as proposed Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime;**
- **Victoria Borwick AM as statutory Deputy Mayor;**
- **Kit Malthouse AM as Deputy Mayor for Business and Enterprise;**
- **Richard Blakeway as Deputy Mayor for Housing, Land and Property and the Chair of Homes for London;**
- **Munira Mirza as Deputy Mayor for Education and Culture;**
- **Isabel Dedring as Deputy Mayor for Transport and proposed Deputy Chair of Transport for London;**
- **Councillor Daniel Moylan as proposed Chair of the London Legacy Development Corporation; and**
- **James Cleverly AM as Chair of the London Regional Resilience Forum and proposed Chair of the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority.**

(b) That the reappointment by the Mayor of the following persons be noted:

- **Sir Edward Lister as Chief of Staff and Deputy Mayor for Planning; and**
- **Daniel Ritterband as Director of Marketing and 2012 Communications.**

7. Establishment of Assembly Committees and Bodies for 2012/13 (Item 7)

7.1 The Assembly received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat. In addition, a proposed structure of and terms of reference for Assembly committees and panels for the 2012/13 Assembly Year put forward following informal discussions between the Assembly's party Groups, and nominations from Groups to those bodies was tabled..

7.2 The Chair formally moved each of the recommendations set out in the report in turn. John Biggs AM indicated that he would not support a proposal to disapply the proportionality requirements in the establishment of the Assembly's committees. Given that any proposal to disapply proportionality required unanimity, the Assembly was therefore required strictly to apply proportionality requirements to any committees established. It was noted that the proposed allocation of seats to the committees and panels set out in the tabled proposals was therefore in proper accordance with the political balance requirements of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990.

7.3 The Assembly agreed to establish each of the bodies listed in the tabled paper (as set out at **Appendix 1** to these minutes) with the terms of reference indicated.

7.4 **Resolved:**

- (a) That it be agreed to establish the committees and panels listed at **Appendix 1** as ordinary committees and for the period until the next Annual Meeting of the Assembly in May 2013, and that the size, constitution and terms of reference of each of those bodies be approved;
- (b) That the existing standing delegation to the Assembly Chair in respect of powers to decide to hold a confirmation hearing and to decide whether to request the candidate to produce any documents be reconfirmed;
- (c) That approval be given for the Budget and Performance Committee to re-establish the Budget Monitoring Sub-Committee; and
- (d) That the previous decisions of the then Business Management and Appointments Committee in respect of committee meetings and work programmes, as set out at paragraphs 4.39 and 4.40 of the report, be reconfirmed, namely.

8. Future GLA Standards Regime (Item 8)

8.1 The Assembly received the report of the Monitoring Officer.

8.2 **Resolved:**

- (a) That it be agreed to re-establish, noting that this is a matter for joint decision with the Mayor, and as currently required by law, the Authority's Standards Committee on the same basis that it is currently constituted, namely with 5 Assembly Members, the Mayor or statutory Deputy Mayor and 6 Independent Members, for the period up until the current Standards regime is abolished, expected to be 30 June 2012;
- (b) That it be agreed to appoint Assembly Members to the Committee on a broadly proportional basis (and as set out at **Appendix 2** to these minutes), noting that, irrespective of the decision in relation to the strict application of proportionality rules made under Agenda Item, political proportionality rules may not be formally applied to this Committee;
- (c) That the Standards Committee's proposed terms of reference, as set out at **Appendix B** to the report; be noted

- (d) That it be agreed, noting that this is a matter for joint decision with the Mayor, to adopt a new Code of Conduct for elected and co-opted Members of the Greater London Authority (as attached at Appendix C to the report) and associated complaints guidance (as attached at Appendix C1 to the report) to take effect from when relevant provisions of the Localism Act 2011 come into effect, expected to be 1 July 2012;
- (e) That the following documents, which are appended to the new Code of Conduct for elected and co-opted Members of the Greater London Authority, be noted:
- Guidance from the Monitoring Officer regarding expected conduct by Assembly Members appointed to relevant positions by the Mayor of London (as set out at Appendix C2 to the report);
 - The Authority's Planning Code of Conduct and Protocols (as set out at Appendix C3 to the report and as agreed by the Assembly and Head of Paid Service in March and April 2012 respectively, and currently awaiting formal approval by the Mayor); and
 - The procedure for complaints made against the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (as set out at Appendix C4 to the report and as formally agreed by the Assembly's Police and Crime Committee in January 2012);
- (f) That, noting that this is a matter for joint decision with the Mayor, the proposed criteria, as set out at Appendix C5 to the report and appended to the new Code of Conduct for elected and co-opted Members of the Greater London Authority, in relation to granting dispensations to GLA Members who have a disclosable pecuniary interest in any business of the Authority be agreed and it be further agreed that once the relevant regulations have been issued by the Government, that that Appendix be amended to include the prescribed categories for disclosable pecuniary interests;
- (g) That it be agreed, noting that this is a matter for joint decision with the Mayor, that, with effect from when the relevant provisions of the Localism Act 2011 come into effect, expected to be 1 July 2012, the operation of the Code of Conduct for elected Members be the responsibility of the Authority's Monitoring Officer, who will exercise this function in accordance with the associated complaints guidance (as attached at Appendix C1) and will seek advice from the Independent Person(s) appointed in accordance with Section 28(7) of the Localism Act as necessary;
- (h) That it be approved, noting that this is a matter for joint decision with the Mayor, a process for the recruitment of the Independent Person(s) charged under Section 28(7) of the Localism Act with assisting in the

discharge of complaints-handling procedures under the new Standards regime, as set out at paragraphs 4.25 – 4.29 of the report;

- (i) That it be agreed, noting that this is a matter for joint decision with the Mayor, that Independent Person(s) be paid an allowance of £125 for attendance at any formal meeting and/or on each occasion on which they are asked to provide written views to the Monitoring Officer in relation to a formal complaint under investigation;**
- (j) That it be agreed, noting that this is a matter for joint decision with the Mayor, that the Authority's Expenses and Benefits framework be applied to the Independent Person(s) (so that they can claim incidental expenses as necessary and noting that it is proposed that the Expenses and Benefits Framework be revised to delegate the ability to approve individual expenses claims under that policy to the Monitoring Officer).**

9. Appointment of Members to Committees (Item 9)

9.1 The Assembly received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat in respect of the appointment of Members to committees and panels.

9.2 The Assembly agreed to appoint the Members and substitute Members set out in the tabled paper (as set out in **Appendices 1 and 2** to these minutes) to the relevant bodies.

9.3 **Resolved:**

- (a) That it be agreed to appoint Members to each of the established committees and panels, as set out at Appendices 1 and 2;**
- (b) That it be agreed to appoint all other Members of each political Group as substitute Member(s) for their relevant party Group Committee Members on each committee; and**
- (c) That the continuing membership of Pradeep Agrawal, Lucy Dennett, Claer Lloyd-Jones, Diane Mark and Sam Younger as Standards Committee Independent Members be ratified, noting that their terms of office will come to an end upon the abolition of the current Standards regime.**

10. Election of Committee Chairs & Deputy Chairs (Item 10)

10.1 The Assembly received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat.

10.2 Len Duvall AM moved and Darren Johnson AM seconded that the recommendation set out in the report be amended to read as follows:

“The Assembly is recommended to appoint Chairs and Deputy Chairs for the 2012/13 Assembly Year, including the appointment of two Deputy Chairs for the Police and Crime Committee, from the Members appointed to Committees under Item 9 to all committees and panels established under Item 7.”

10.3 This amendment was agreed unanimously.

10.4 The Chair called for nominations to the offices of Chair and Deputy Chair for each of the committees and panels established by the Assembly in turn (with the exception of the Authority’s Standards Committee).

10.5 The outcome of the election for each of those offices is set out in **Appendix 1** to these minutes.

10.6 **Resolved:**

That, following elections for each position, the Chairs and Deputy Chairs for each of the established committees/ bodies be as set out at Appendices 1 and 2 to these minutes.

11. Dates of Assembly and Committee Meetings 2012/13 (Item 11)

11.1 The Assembly received the tabled report of the Executive Director of Secretariat.

11.2 **Resolved:**

That it be agreed to confirm the programme of Assembly and committee meetings for the 2012/13 Assembly Year, as set out in the tabled report (and set out at Appendix 3 to these minutes).

12. GLA Corporate Governance Framework (Item 12)

12.1 The Assembly received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat.

12.2 **Resolved:**

That

- (a) That it be agreed to approve and adopt the GLA's Standing Orders, as set out at Appendix 1 to the report, to come into effect at the close of the meeting;**
- (b) That the Scheme of Delegation of Mayoral Functions of the Greater London Authority set out at Appendix 2 to the report be noted;**
- (c) That the following documents be agreed:**
 - The Scheme of Delegation of Functions of the London Assembly as set out at Appendix 3 to the report; and**
 - The London Assembly Decision-Making Framework, as set out at Appendix 4;**

all of which form part of the Authority's corporate governance framework; and

- (d) That it be agreed to delegate authority to the Executive Director of Secretariat to make minor and consequential changes to the Scheme of Delegation of Functions of the London Assembly and the Assembly's Decision Making Framework.**

13. Appointments to Outside Bodies (Item 13)

13.1 The Assembly received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat.

13.2 The Chair called for nominations for an Assembly member to serve on the Heathrow Airport Consultative Committee for the period up until the date of the next ordinary GLA elections.

13.3 Len Duvall AM proposed and Jenny Jones AM seconded the nomination of Onkar Sahota AM.

13.4 Andrew Boff AM proposed and Victoria Borwick AM seconded the nomination of Kit Malthouse AM.

13.5 Upon being put to the vote, 16 votes were cast in favour of Onkar Sahota AM and 9 votes were cast in favour of Kit Malthouse AM. Accordingly it was:

13.6 **Resolved:**

That Onkar Sahota AM be nominated to serve on the Heathrow Airport Consultative Committee for the period up until the next ordinary GLA elections.

14. Minutes (Item 14)

14.1 **Resolved:**

That the minutes of the following meetings, which are outstanding from the Assembly's previous term, be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record:

- **Time for Action Panel – 23 January 2012;**
- **London Assembly (Mayor's Question Time) – 22 February 2012;**
- **Budget and Performance Committee - 28 February 2012;**
- **Environment Committee – 1 March 2012;**
- **Economy, Culture and Sport Committee – 6 March 2012;**
- **London Assembly (Plenary) – 7 March 2012;**
- **Health and Public Services Committee – 8 March 2012;**
- **Audit Panel – 13 March 2012;**
- **Planning and Housing Committee – 13 March 2012;**
- **Transport Committee – 13 March 2012;**
- **Budget Monitoring Sub-Committee – 14 March 2012;**
- **London Assembly (Mayor's Question Time) – 14 March 2012; and**
- **Business Management and Administration Committee – 15 March 2012.**

15. Date of Next Meeting (Item 15)

15.1 It was noted that the next meeting of the London assembly would be the Mayor's Question Time meeting which would take place at 10.00am on Wednesday 23 May 2012 in the Chamber at City Hall.

16. Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 16)

16.1 There was no urgent business requiring consideration.

17. Close of Meeting

17.1 The meeting closed at 11.31am.

**Greater London Authority
London Assembly (Plenary)
Friday 11 May 2012**

Chair	Date
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MINUTES

**Meeting: London Assembly
(Mayor's Question Time)**
Date: Wednesday 23 May 2012
Time: 10.00 am
**Place: Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's
Walk, London, SE1 2AA**

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Present:

Jennette Arnold OBE (Chair)	Jenny Jones
Darren Johnson (Deputy Chair)	Stephen Knight
Tony Arbour	Joanne McCartney
Gareth Bacon	Steve O'Connell
John Biggs	Caroline Pidgeon
Andrew Boff	Murad Qureshi
James Cleverly	Onkar Sahota
Tom Copley	Navin Shah
Andrew Dismore	Valerie Shawcross CBE
Len Duvall	Richard Tracey
Roger Evans	Fiona Twycross
Nicky Gavron	

1. Apologies for Absence and Chair's Announcements (Item 1)

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Kit Malthouse AM and Victoria Borwick AM
- 1.2 The Chair advised the London Assembly that she and the statutory Deputy Mayor, Victoria Borwick AM, had just returned from a trip to Oslo, Norway, where they had taken part in an event to commemorate victims of the 2011 Utøya attacks, which had involved the planting of a tree sent by the GLA on behalf of the people of London.

2. Declarations of Interests (Item 2)

- 2.1 **Resolved:**
- (a) **That the relevant Assembly Members' membership of Functional Bodies and London Borough Councils, as set out in Item 2 on the agenda, be noted and recorded as personal interests; and**
- (b) **That gifts and hospitality received by Members, as set out in the Authority's gifts and hospitality register, be noted.**

3. Mayor's Report (Item 3)

- 3.1 The Assembly noted the Mayor's Report covering the period from 1 March to 9 May 2012.
- 3.2 In accordance with Standing Order 5.4A, the Chair had agreed to allow the Mayor to give an oral update on matters occurring since the publication of his report. The record of the oral update is set out at **Appendix 1**.

4. Questions to the Mayor (Item 4)

- 4.1 The record of the discussion with the Mayor, including oral answers given by the Mayor to Members' questions, is attached at **Appendix 2**.
- 4.2 The written answers to those questions not asked or answered during the meeting are attached at **Appendix 3**.
- 4.3 During the course of the question and answer session, at 12.30pm, the Chair proposed and it was agreed that Standing Order 2.9B be suspended to extend the meeting in order to allow the remaining questions on the priority order paper to be put to the Mayor and for the

remaining items of business on the agenda to be considered.

- 4.4 The Deputy Chair, Darren Johnson AM, assumed the Chair for questions 1133, 1313 and 1314 in order that the Chair, Jennette Arnold AM, could put questions to the Mayor.
- 4.5 At the conclusion of the question and answer session, the Chair formally moved the motion set out on the agenda, namely:

“That the Assembly notes the answers to the questions asked.”

5. Future Plenary Meetings (Item 5)

- 5.1 The Assembly considered proposals to hold a Functional Body Question Time with Transport for London at the 20 June 2012 Assembly Plenary meeting.

5.2 Resolved:

That it be agreed that the Assembly, under section 61 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999, require the attendance of the Mayor, Boris Johnson (in his capacity as Chair of Transport for London) and Peter Hendy (Commissioner, Transport for London) at the 20 June 2012 London Assembly (Plenary) meeting, for which notice will be given in accordance with section 62 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 in due course, to answer questions in relation to the policies and work of Transport for London.

6. Date of Next Meeting (Item 6)

- 6.1 It was noted that the next meeting of the Assembly would be a Mayor's Question Time meeting which would take place at 10.00am on Wednesday 13 June 2012 in the Chamber, City Hall.

7. Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 7)

- 7.1 There was no urgent business requiring consideration.

8. Close of Meeting

- 8.1 The meeting closed at 12.59pm.

**Greater London Authority
London Assembly (Mayor's Question Time)
Wednesday 23 May 2012**

Chair

Date

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London Assembly – Membership of Committees / Bodies and Terms of Reference 2012/13

Audit Panel		
	Membership	
<i>Proportionality</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Name</i>
2 Lab	(Lab)	John Biggs (Chair)
2 Cons	(Lab)	Murad Qureshi
	(Cons)	Gareth Bacon
	(Cons)	Roger Evans (Deputy Chair)
Substitutes:		
For Conservative Group – Tony Arbour, Andrew Boff, Victoria Borwick, James Cleverly, Kit Malthouse, Steve O’Connell and Richard Tracey.		
For Labour Group – Jennette Arnold, Len Duvall, Tom Copley, Andrew Dismore, Nicky Gavron, Joanne McCartney, Onkar Sahota, Navin Shah, Valerie Shawcross and Fiona Twycross.		
Terms of Reference		
1.	The Audit Panel will be concerned with ensuring the security of and monitoring of financial systems, ensuring that there is an anti-fraud culture, and promoting probity and good practice within the core GLA.	
2.	To liaise with the external auditors over their annual programme and, with the Mayor as appropriate, to approve the annual internal audit programme.	
3.	To deal as appropriate with matters raised by the external auditors’ management letters and reports and, where a report is made in respect of the GLA, to make recommendations to the Assembly at the meeting at which the report is to be formally considered in the presence of the Mayor in accordance with Schedule 8 in the 1999 Act.	
4.	To deal as appropriate with matters arising from the internal auditors’ reports and to comment to the Mayor on matters relevant to his/her responsibilities.	
5.	To review the GLA’s Risk Management Policy and comment to the Mayor as appropriate.	

Budget and Performance Committee

Membership		
<i>Proportionality</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Name</i>
4 Lab	(Lab)	John Biggs (Chair)
3 Cons	(Lab)	Valerie Shawcross
1 Green	(Lab)	Andrew Dismore
1 Lib Dem	(Lab)	Joanne McCartney
	(Cons)	Gareth Bacon
	(Cons)	Roger Evans
	(Cons)	Richard Tracey
	(Green)	Darren Johnson
	(Lib Dem)	Stephen Knight (Deputy Chair)

Substitutes:

For Conservative Group – Tony Arbour, Andrew Boff, Victoria Borwick, James Cleverly, Kit Malthouse, Steve O’Connell.

For Green Group – Jenny Jones

For Labour Group – Jennette Arnold, Tom Copley, Len Duvall, Nicky Gavron, Murad Qureshi, Onkar Sahota, Navin Shah and Fiona Twycross.

For Liberal Democrat Group – Caroline Pidgeon

Terms of Reference

1. To examine at each stage of the consultation process the Mayor’s budget proposals for the next financial year and to report to the Assembly thereon as necessary.
2. To report to the Assembly on the Mayor’s consultation budget at the conclusion of the consultation process.
3. To undertake the duties of the Assembly referred to in paragraph 2(2) and paragraph 3(2)(b) of Schedule 6 to the GLA Act 1999; namely, to receive and consider the Mayor’s consultation prior to the determination of the draft component budget for the Authority and to receive and consider the Mayor’s consultation prior to the final determination of the draft consolidated GLA budget.
4. To examine, monitor and report to the Assembly from time to time on matters relating to the budgets and performance of the Greater London Authority and the Functional Bodies.
5. To consider budgetary and performance matters on request from another standing committee and report its opinion to that standing committee.
6. To take into account in its deliberations the cross cutting themes of: the health of persons in Greater London; the achievement of sustainable development in the United Kingdom; climate change; and the promotion of opportunity.
7. To respond on behalf of the Assembly to consultations and similar processes when within its terms of reference.
8. To refer any issues to the Budget Monitoring Sub-Committee which fall within the Committee’s remit.

9. To examine, monitor and report to the Assembly from time to time on Mayoral directions, approvals and decisions, insofar as they relate to the budgets and performance of the GLA and the Functional Bodies.

Confirmation Hearings Committee		
	Membership	
<i>Proportionality</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Name</i>
4 Lab	(Lab)	Valerie Shawcross
3 Cons	(Lab)	Joanne McCartney
1 Green	(Lab)	Len Duvall
1 Lib Dem	(Lab)	John Biggs
	(Cons)	Richard Tracey
The Assembly has delegated the appointment of the Chair to the Committee, for election at each meeting.	(Cons)	Andrew Boff
	(Cons)	Steve O'Connell
	(Green)	Jenny Jones
	(Lib Dem)	Caroline Pidgeon
<p>Substitutes: For Conservative Group – Tony Arbour, Gareth Bacon, Victoria Borwick, James Cleverly, Roger Evans Kit Malthouse. For Green Group – Darren Johnson For Labour Group – Jennette Arnold, Tom Copley, Andrew Dismore, Nicky Gavron, Murad Qureshi, Onkar Sahota, Navin Shah and Fiona Twycross. For Liberal Democrat Group – Stephen Knight</p>		
Term of Reference		
<p>“In accordance with Section 60A and Schedule 4A of the Greater London Authority Acts 1999 and 2007, to hold confirmation hearings and, as necessary, to make recommendations to the Mayor on proposed appointments”.</p>		

Economy Committee

		Membership
<i>Proportionality</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Name</i>
4 Lab	(Lab)	Andrew Dismore (Chair)
3 Cons	(Lab)	John Biggs
1 Green	(Lab)	Tom Copley
1 Lib Dem	(Lab)	Joanne McCartney
	(Cons)	Gareth Bacon
	(Cons)	Tony Arbour
	(Cons)	Andrew Boff
	(Green)	Jenny Jones
	(Lib Dem)	Stephen Knight (Deputy Chair)

Substitutes:

For Conservative Group – Victoria Borwick, James Cleverly, Roger Evans, Kit Malthouse, Steve O’Connell and Richard Tracey.

For Green Group – Darren Johnson

For Labour Group – Jennette Arnold, Len Duvall, Nicky Gavron, Murad Qureshi, Onkar Sahota, Navin Shah, Valerie Shawcross and Fiona Twycross.

For Liberal Democrat Group – Caroline Pidgeon

Terms of Reference

1. To examine and report from time to time on –
 - matters of importance to Greater London as they relate to economic development/wealth creation, social development, culture, sport and tourism in London; and
 - the strategies, policies and actions of the Mayor and Functional Bodies where appropriate.
2. To take into account in its deliberations the cross cutting themes of: the health of persons in Greater London; the achievement of sustainable development in the United Kingdom; climate change; and the promotion of opportunity.
3. To respond on behalf of the Assembly to consultations and similar processes when within its terms of reference.
4. To be the lead Committee for monitoring and reporting on the London 2012 Olympic Games on behalf of the London Assembly.

GLA Oversight Committee		
	Membership	
<i>Proportionality</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Name</i>
4 Lab	(Lab)	Len Duvall (Chair)
3 Cons	(Lab)	Jennette Arnold (Deputy Chair)
1 Green	(Lab)	John Biggs
1 Lib Dem	(Lab)	Valerie Shawcross
	(Cons)	Tony Arbour
	(Cons)	Andrew Boff
	(Cons)	Steve O'Connell
	(Green)	Darren Johnson
	(Lib Dem)	Caroline Pidgeon
<p>Substitutes: For Conservative Group – Gareth Bacon, Victoria Borwick, James Cleverly, Roger Evans Kit Malthouse and Richard Tracey. For Green Group – Jenny Jones For Labour Group – Tom Copley, Andrew Dismore, Nicky Gavron, Joanne McCartney, Murad Qureshi Onkar Sahota, Navin Shah, Fiona Twycross. For Liberal Democrat Group – Stephen Knight</p>		
Terms of Reference		
A. Staffing		
1.	To respond on behalf of the London Assembly to formal consultation from the Head of Paid Service (HoPS) concerning staff appointments and terms and conditions for section 67 (2) employees under the GLA Acts 1999 and 2007.	
2.	To receive reports from the Head of Paid Service.	
3.	Noting that it is a joint decision with the Mayor, to make recommendations to the London Assembly on appointments to the posts of the three statutory officers (Head of Paid Service, Monitoring Officer and the Chief Finance Officer) and on the terms and conditions of employment for those posts.	
4.	Noting that it is a joint decision with the Mayor, to make recommendations to the London Assembly relating to any required disciplinary procedures against the Authority's statutory officers in accordance with relevant procedures.	
5.	In accordance with agreed protocols and at the request of the Head of Paid Service, to appoint as necessary Members to attend appointment panels as non-voting members for relevant staff posts.	
6.	To make recommendations to the London Assembly on any other matter requiring a joint decision with the Mayor.	

B.	Scrutiny
1.	To approve all scrutiny-related Assembly expenditure and proposals for use of <i>rapporteurs</i> , in conformity with the Assembly's decision making framework procedure.
2.	To scrutinise issues relating to civil contingency arrangements in London.
3.	To scrutinise issues relating to the provision of services to the public (other than those falling within the remit of other committees of the Assembly) and the performance of utilities in London.
4.	To scrutinise any actions or decisions taken by the Mayor on matters relating to education.
C.	General
1.	To oversee the programming of the Assembly's business.
2.	To provide a response from the Assembly on consultation in respect of electoral issues, arrangements for major events such as People's Question Time and the State of London debate, consultation on their behalf concerning Parliamentary bills and all forms of secondary legislation or guidance and any other issue not falling within another committee or sub-committee's subject area and terms of reference.
3.	To deal with and determine any question, issue or other matter not falling within the approved subject area and terms of reference of any other committee.
4.	To vary the approved subject area and terms of reference of the Assembly's other committees and sub-committees, so as to include for the future an issue or other matter not otherwise provided for, in order to facilitate the efficient and effective discharge of the Assembly's business.
5.	To have due regard to the decisions of the other Committees of the Assembly.
6.	To consider and approve a programme of Assembly receptions and events.
D.	Budget
1.	To recommend to the Mayor a budget proposal for the London Assembly for the following financial year.
2.	To allocate the Assembly's budget and to monitor expenditure on scrutiny throughout the year.
3.	To approve, in accordance with GLA policy, all proposed Assembly-related budget virements in excess of £25,000 (noting that virements in excess of £50,000 will be notified to the Mayor once a decision is taken) and to approve all proposed virements between staff and non-staff budgets within the overall Secretariat budget (in consultation with the Mayor for relevant proposed virements in excess of £50,000).

Health and Environment Committee		
	Membership	
<i>Proportionality</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Name</i>
4 Lab	(Lab)	Fiona Twycross
3 Cons	(Lab)	Murad Qureshi (Chair)
1 Green	(Lab)	Onkar Sahota
1 Lib Dem	(Lab)	Nicky Gavron
	(Cons)	Victoria Borwick
	(Cons)	James Cleverly
	(Cons)	Kit Malthouse
	(Green)	Jenny Jones (Deputy Chair)
	(Lib Dem)	Stephen Knight
<p>Substitutes: For Conservative Group – Tony Arbour, Gareth Bacon, Andrew Boff, Roger Evans, Steve O’Connell, Richard Tracey. For Green Group – Darren Johnson For Labour Group – Jennette Arnold, John Biggs, Tom Copley, Andrew Dismore, Len Duvall, Joanne McCartney, Navin Shah and Valerie Shawcross. For Liberal Democrat Group – Caroline Pidgeon</p>		
Terms of Reference		
1.	To examine and report from time to time on – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the strategies, policies and actions of the Mayor and the Functional Bodies • matters of importance to Greater London as they relate to the environment, sustainable development and the promotion of health in London.	
2.	To consider health and environmental matters on request from another standing committee and report its opinion to that standing committee.	
3.	To take into account in its deliberations the cross cutting themes of: the health of persons in Greater London; the achievement of sustainable development in the United Kingdom; climate change; and the promotion of opportunity.	
4.	To respond on behalf of the Assembly to consultations and similar processes when within its terms of reference.	

Housing and Regeneration Committee		
	Membership	
<i>Proportionality</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Name</i>
6 Lab	(Lab)	Len Duvall (Chair)
4 Cons	(Lab)	Tom Copley
1 Green	(Lab)	Onkar Sahota
1 Lib Dem	(Lab)	Nicky Gavron
	(Lab)	Fiona Twycross
	(Lab)	John Biggs
	(Cons)	Andrew Boff
	(Cons)	Steve O'Connell
	(Cons)	Richard Tracey
	(Cons)	Roger Evans
	(Green)	Darren Johnson (Deputy Chair)
	(Lib Dem)	Caroline Pidgeon
<p>Substitutes: For Conservative Group – Tony Arbour, Gareth Bacon, Victoria Borwick, James Cleverly and Kit Malthouse. For Green Group – Jenny Jones For Labour Group – Jennette Arnold, Andrew Dismore, Joanne McCartney, Murad Qureshi, Navin Shah and Valerie Shawcross. For Liberal Democrat Group – Stephen Knight.</p>		
Terms of Reference		
<p>1. To examine and report from time to time on –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the strategies, policies and actions of the Mayor and the Functional Bodies • matters of importance to Greater London <p>as they relate to housing and regeneration matters in London.</p>		
<p>2. To consider housing and regeneration matters on request from another standing committee and report its opinion to that standing committee.</p>		
<p>3. To take into account in its deliberations the cross cutting themes of: the health of persons in Greater London; the achievement of sustainable development in the United Kingdom; climate change; and the promotion of opportunity.</p>		
<p>4. To respond on behalf of the Assembly to consultations and similar processes when within its terms of reference.</p>		

Planning Committee		
	Membership	
<i>Proportionality</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Name</i>
5 Lab	(Lab)	Nicky Gavron (Chair)
4 Cons	(Lab)	Navin Shah
	(Lab)	Len Duvall
The Assembly agreed to delegate the appointment of Deputy Chair to the Committee.	(Lab)	Onkar Sahota
	(Lab)	Valerie Shawcross
	(Cons)	Roger Evans
	(Cons)	Tony Arbour
	(Cons)	Andrew Boff
	(Cons)	Gareth Bacon
<p>Substitutes: For Conservative Group – Victoria Borwick, James Cleverly, Kit Malthouse, Steve O’Connell and Richard Tracey, For Green Group – For Labour Group – Jennette Arnold, Tom Copley, Andrew Dismore, Joanne McCartney, Murad Qureshi, Navin Shah and Fiona Twycross.</p>		
Terms of Reference		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To examine and report from time to time on – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the strategies, policies and actions of the Mayor and the Functional Bodies • matters of importance to Greater London as they relate to spatial development and planning matters in London, in particular the Mayor’s Spatial Development Strategy (‘The London Plan’). 2. When invited by the Mayor, to contribute to his consideration of major planning applications. 3. To monitor the Mayor’s exercise of his statutory powers in regard to major planning applications referred by the local planning authorities, and to report to the Assembly with any proposal for submission to the Mayor for the improvement of the process. 4. To review Local Development Documents submitted to the Mayor by the local planning authorities for consistency with his strategies overall, to prepare a response to the Mayor for consideration by the Assembly, and to monitor the Mayor’s decisions with regard to Local Development Documents. 5. To consider planning matters on request from another standing committee and report its opinion to that standing committee. 6. To take into account in its deliberations the cross cutting themes of: the health of persons in Greater London; the achievement of sustainable development in the United Kingdom; climate change; and the promotion of opportunity. 7. To respond on behalf of the Assembly to consultations and similar processes when within its terms of reference. 8. To consider, as necessary, strategic planning matters as set out in The Town and Country Planning (Mayor of London) Order 2008 and to make recommendations as appropriate. (The Assembly has no powers in relation to any individual planning applications.) 		

Police and Crime Committee		
	Membership	
<i>Proportionality</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Name</i>
6 Lab	(Lab)	Joanne McCartney (Chair)
4 Cons	(Lab)	Murad Qureshi
1 Green	(Lab)	Jennette Arnold
1 Lib Dem	(Lab)	Fiona Twycross
	(Lab)	Navin Shah
	(Lab)	Len Duvall
	(Cons)	Steve O'Connell
	(Cons)	Tony Arbour
	(Cons)	Victoria Borwick
	(Cons)	James Cleverly
	(Green)	Jenny Jones (Deputy Chair)
	(Lib Dem)	Caroline Pidgeon (Deputy Chair)
<p>Substitutes: For Conservative Group – Gareth Bacon, Andrew Boff, Roger Evans, Kit Malthouse and Richard Tracey. For Green Group – Darren Johnson For Labour Group – Tom Copley, Andrew Dismore, Nicky Gavron, Onkar Sahota, Navin Shah and Valerie Shawcross. For Liberal Democrat Group – Stephen Knight</p>		
Terms of Reference		
1.	To review and make a report or recommendation on the draft police and crime plan, or draft variation, given to the Assembly by the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime.	
2.	To review, put questions to the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime at a public meeting, and make a report or recommendation (as necessary) on the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime's Annual Report.	
3.	To keep under review the exercise of the functions of the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime.	
4.	To investigate, and prepare reports, as necessary, about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • any actions and decisions of the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime; • any actions and decisions of the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime; • any actions and decisions of a member of staff of the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime; • matters relating to the functions of the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime; • matters in relation to which the functions of the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime are exercisable; or any other matters which the Assembly considers to be of importance to policing and crime reduction in the metropolitan police district.	
5.	To submit proposals, as necessary, to the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime.	

6. In accordance with section 60A of, and Schedule 4A to, the GLA Act 1999 (as amended) to hold a confirmation hearing in respect of the proposed candidate for Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime and to make recommendations to the Mayor and decisions as necessary on the proposed appointment.
7. To fulfil functions in relation to complaints about conduct matters, in accordance with the responsibilities accorded to the Committee by section 31 and schedule 7 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 and the Elected Local Policing Bodies (Complaints and Misconduct) Regulations 2011.

[Note: The Committee functions must be exercised with a view to supporting the effective exercise of the functions of the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime.]

Transport Committee		
	Membership	
<i>Proportionality</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Name</i>
6 Lab	(Lab)	Valerie Shawcross (Deputy Chair)
4 Cons	(Lab)	Joanne McCartney
1 Green	(Lab)	Jennette Arnold
1 Lib Dem	(Lab)	Murad Qureshi
	(Lab)	Tom Copley
	(Lab)	Andrew Dismore
	(Cons)	Richard Tracey
	(Cons)	Victoria Borwick
	(Cons)	Roger Evans
	(Cons)	Steve O'Connell
	(Green)	Darren Johnson
	(Lib Dem)	Caroline Pidgeon (Chair)
<p>Substitutes: For Conservative Group – Tony Arbour, Gareth Bacon, Andrew Boff, James Cleverly and Kit Malthouse. For Green Group – Jenny Jones For Labour Group – John Biggs, Len Duvall, Nicky Gavron, Onkar Sahota, Navin Shah and Fiona Twycross. For Liberal Democrat Group – Stephen Knight</p>		
Terms of Reference		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To examine and report from time to time on – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the strategies, policies and actions of the Mayor, Transport for London, and the other Functional Bodies where appropriate; and • matters of importance to Greater London as they relate to transport in London. 2. To examine and report to the Assembly from time to time on the Mayor's Transport Strategy, in particular its implementation and revision. 3. To take into account in its deliberations the cross cutting themes of: the health of persons in Greater London; the achievement of sustainable development in the United Kingdom; climate change; and the promotion of opportunity. 4. To oversee the work of the London Transport Users' Committee, to receive regular monitoring reports from that Committee and support its consultative programme. To negotiate with the Mayor for the annual budget for the London Transport Users' Committee and to recommend to the Assembly, through the Business Management and Administration Committee, an annual budget for the London Transport Users' Committee. 5. To discharge the responsibilities and functions of the Assembly in respect of the London Transport Users' Committee under the GLA Act 1999, in particular sections 247 – 252 and Schedules 18 and 19. 		

6. To respond on behalf of the Assembly to consultations and similar processes when within its terms of reference.

Standards Committee		
	Membership	
<i>Proportionality</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Name</i>
2 Lab	(Lab)	Len Duvall
2 Cons	(Lab)	Murad Qureshi
1 Lib Dem	(Cons)	Andrew Boff
	(Cons)	Kit Malthouse
	(Lib Dem)	Stephen Knight
In accordance with Standing Order 11.2F, the Standards Committee elects its own Chair and Deputy Chair.	Independent Members	Claer Lloyd-Jones (Chair) Pradeep Agrawal Lucy Dennett Diane Mark Sam Younger (Vacancy)
Substitutes: For Conservative Group – Richard Tracey, James Cleverly, Victoria Borwick, Tony Arbour, Steve O’Connell, Gareth Bacon, Roger Evans For Labour Group – Jennette Arnold, John Biggs, Valerie Shawcross, Joanne McCartney, Nicky Gavron, Tom Copley, Fiona Twycross, Onkar Sahota, Navin Shah, Andrew Dismore For Liberal Democrat Group – Caroline Pidgeon		
Terms of Reference – for noting As the Authority's statutory Standards Committee under s 53 of the Local Government Act 2000 (as amended) ("2000" Act"), to discharge the following functions -		
1.	Promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct by the Mayor, Assembly members, and co-opted members of the Assembly's committees and sub-committees (including advisory ones), and assisting them to observe the Authority's code of conduct, adopted under s 51 of the 2000 Act;	
2.	Promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct by members of GLA staff;	
3.	Promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct by persons who have had or have sought any other type of contractual relationship with, or grant from, the Authority in the preceding 3 years;	
4.	Advising the Mayor and Assembly on the adoption or revision of a code of conduct under s 51 of the 2000 Act;	
5.	Advising the Mayor and Assembly on the adoption or revision of protocols and/or guidance for all staff (including mayoral advisors) and for governing the relationship with persons falling within (3) above;	
6.	Monitoring the operation of the above codes of conduct and guidance;	

7. Issuing dispensations to the Mayor and Assembly members under s 81 of the 2000 Act and the Standards Committee (Further Provisions) (England) Regulations 2009/1255 (“the 2009 Regulations”);
8. Advising, training or arranging to train, any person covered by the codes and guidance;
9. Advising the Mayor and the Assembly on the appointment of the independent members of the Committee;
10. Undertaking any other action that improves, promotes, safeguards or facilitates the highest standards of probity and ethical conduct by the Authority, its Mayor, Assembly members and staff, and those with whom it has, or who seek with it, a contractual, financial or other relationship;
11. To establish sub-committees under regulation 6 of the Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008/1085 (“the 2008 Regulations”) for the discharge of functions under s 57A and 57B of the 2000 Act, and regulations 18-20 of the 2008 Regulations; and to determine, or make arrangements for determining, the composition, membership and terms of reference of such sub-committees;
12. To discharge as a full committee the functions contained regulations 18-20 of the 2008 Regulations where the full committee decides that such functions should not be discharged by a sub-committee established under (11) above;
13. To discharge as a full committee the functions contained in regulation 17 of the 2008 Regulations; and, where considered appropriate by the full committee, to establish a sub-committee (and agree its composition, membership and terms of reference) to discharge such functions;
14. Subject to (12-13) above, to discharge or make arrangements for discharging any of the functions conferred upon the Committee under the 2008 Regulations and associated, relevant provisions of Part III of the 2000 Act;
15. To make recommendations to the Authority as to the establishment, terms of reference, composition of membership and other related matters of any standards Joint Committees or Sub-Committees which the Authority is, under regulations 14-15 of the 2009 Regulations, permitted to establish jointly with one or more participating authorities;
16. To request that the Standards Board for England exercises its powers of intervention under regulation 3 of the 2009 Regulations;

17. To monitor and exercise a non-financial audit function in respect of:
 - a. the operation and discharge of the functions set out at 11 to 14 above;
 - b. any sub-committees' (established under 11 above) and any Joint Committee's or sub-committees' (established under 15 above) operation and discharge of their functions; and
 - c. the Authority's operation and discharge of the functions exercisable by or on behalf of the Monitoring Officer under the 2008 and or 2009 Regulations, Part III of the 2000 Act, or by virtue of a delegation of Standards Committee;
18. To discharge the function, contained in section 66B of the 2000 Act, of providing information and statistical periodic returns to the Standards Board for England.
19. To conduct an annual review (and report on its findings) of the GLA's operation and discharge of its functions under the 2008 and 2009 Regulations and associated, relevant provisions of Part III of the 2000 Act;
20. In accordance with such procedures as are approved from time to time, to investigate complaints which allege breaches of the Authority's non-statutory codes of conduct, impose sanctions, against the Mayor, Assembly Members, and co-opted members of Assembly committees and sub-committees (including advisory ones);
21. In accordance with such procedures as are approved from time to time, to investigate complaints, and impose sanctions, against any person who has, or who sought, a contractual relationship with or grant from the Authority within the preceding three years;
22. To monitor the registers of the Mayor and Assembly Members' interests as required by the statutory code of conduct, and to monitor the interests of any members of staff who, in accordance with any requirements upon them, are required to declare such interests to the GLA;
23. To advise on the recommendations of the Senior Salaries Review Board about the salaries of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chair of the Assembly and Assembly Members;
24. To agree a Planning Code of Conduct that provides guidance to the Mayor and Members of the Authority on how to act with regards planning matters. It will also agree and recommend to the appropriate decision making body for approval, a Planning Protocol for staff with delegated powers and a Planning Protocol for all other staff. To monitor the operation of the Planning Code and Protocols, to review their operation within 12 months of agreeing the Code and Protocols and thereafter annually, agree and recommend any changes to the Planning Code and Protocols and to advise, train or arrange to train those for whom the Planning Code or Protocols apply.
25. To prepare and recommend a code of conduct for the Authority in regard to dealings with all lobbyists and to monitor compliance;

26. To advise the Authority on good governance standards for public service, and on relevant performance indicators relating to corporate governance systems and processes.
27. To discharge as a full committee or a sub-committee the functions under Section 3A of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 in relation to grants and supervision of exemptions from political restriction.
28. To review the implementation and operation of the Framework Agreement between the GLA and its Functional Bodies as and when appropriate, and no less than once every two years

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Key to Assembly meetings and committees:

- Audit:** Audit Panel
- BMAC:** Business Management and Administration Committee
- BMS:** Budget Monitoring Sub-committee
- Budget:** Budget and Performance Committee
- CHC:** Confirmation Hearings Committee (if required)
- Economy:** Economy and Culture Committee
- H&E:** Health and Environment Committee
- H&R:** Housing and Regeneration Committee
- MQT:** Assembly Mayor's Question Time
- Planning:** Planning Committee
- Plenary:** Assembly Plenary
- Police:** Police and Crime Committee
- Transpt:** Transport Committee

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London Assembly (Mayor's Question Time) – 23 May 2012

Transcript: Mayor's Oral Update

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Thank you very much, Jennette (Arnold AM) and I want to echo your congratulations to all Assembly Members on their election. Obviously, since we last met we have had an election and I want to, if I can, quickly clear up some myths about that election because I do not think it was fought or won on some of the issues that were most salient in the press. It was not about who said what to who in the lift; it was not about who was most transparent in their tax returns (although obviously the answer to that was me); it was not about advertisements on buses or pasties, all the rest of it. I genuinely think that when Londoners came to decide, they had to look at two proposals, two manifestos to take London forward in different directions. I think they looked at what people have done in this place, in the Greater London Authority (GLA), the officials who are responsible for serving London, the many, many public servants that the GLA brings together that we help and direct, and I think they thought that over the last four years they did a very creditable and effective job.

Crime was down, as everybody knows, police numbers were kept high, we built record numbers of affordable homes, in spite of very tough times. Transport support has seen record levels of investment, Tube delays were cut by 40% over the last four years. This was not perhaps a point that I made forcefully enough in the election campaign, air quality actually improved in the last four years on the most important metrics. You put in the best bicycle hire scheme in the world and above all this administration, my administration, kept its promises to London. You saw that across the field. You saw what we did with the Oyster Card on the over-ground rail, you saw what we did with keeping council tax low, and of course with a new bus for London, which is on the streets now, I said it would be there, and there it is.

Now the challenge is to dedicate ourselves and to dedicate this body to the number one priority in difficult times, which is to get Londoners into jobs. We will build huge numbers of more affordable homes; we will continue to invest in transport infrastructure, we have a costed programme to deliver 200,000 jobs over the next four years and to get Londoners ready for those jobs by expanding apprenticeships. Those are our priorities. It is a huge task ahead of us. I know that everybody in the GLA will work very hard to achieve it and last week in a meeting with staff I set out some of the things I think we need to do immediately.

I want to welcome particularly the five new Members who have joined us today and pay tribute to the work of my Conservative colleagues Richard Barnes and Brian Coleman, and obviously also to say goodbye and thank you to Dee Doocey and Mike Tuffrey. We are all very lucky to be here. We are all very lucky, some of us luckier than others. We are all very lucky to be here in 2012 because this is going to be and already is one of the greatest years in the memory of this city, and people will be expecting wonderful things from the GLA, and I know that we are going to deliver. They will also be expecting us, by the way, with the minimum possible

recrimination and rancour and bickering, to get on with promoting the interests of Londoners and those who elected us and promoting the interests of the greatest city on earth.

Jennette Arnold (Chair): Thank you, Mr Mayor. Can I just say you have just opened the widest agenda here this morning, but can I just say to Members we have 20 minutes for follow-up questions. Any indications, follow-up questions to anything that the Mayor has just said?

Jenny Jones (AM): Congratulations, Mr Mayor, on your re-election. I am just wondering if you realise that restating pseudo facts endlessly does not make them true. I am concerned that during the election and here today you have said things that the general understanding would be completely erroneous. For example, I am talking about air pollution, you know that thousands of Londoners are dying premature deaths because of air pollution and yet you have stuck your head in the sand on this issue.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): No, I have not. Well let us re-run this one. Actually, can I answer the question?

Jennette Arnold (Chair): Have you finished your question, Assembly Member Jones?

Jenny Jones (AM): Yes. The question is, are you aware that pseudo facts do not become true by repetition?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Jenny, if I may say, I mean I am disappointed that after irenic opening remarks you should throw them back in my face with an assertion of pseudo facts. If anybody has been peddling pseudo facts over the last few months, Jenny, it is you. Actually, air quality in London on the key metrics has improved over the last four years and you can consult the BBC, which has not been a whole-hearted supporter of every single thing that I have done, and look at the BBC fact check, the BBC graph, you will see what we have done there.

Jenny Jones (AM): Thank you very much, but we have to come back to this.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): But that does not mean that we minimise, and this is where we have common ground, it does not mean that I minimise the importance of the issue, it does not mean that I do not agree with you that people are dying prematurely, they are dying prematurely, and that is why we took some very difficult and quite controversial steps to improve air quality. I took a very tough decision, which cost me huge numbers of natural supporters, when I decided to implement stage three of the Low Emission Zone and to insist that vehicles had to comply and people were thoroughly hacked off, but we did it. We did it because we believe in improving air quality and that is one of the reasons why the new bus is I think a considerable improvement on all other vehicles, and --

Jenny Jones (AM): I look forward to hearing more about your measures another time.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): -- and if you want me to continue I can, but what you must not do is make a general insulting allegation about pseudo facts and actually I have been scrupulous to describe the things as they are.

Jenny Jones (AM): Thank you.

Jennette Arnold (Chair): Can I just say to Members and the Mayor, we had quite a rough final year of this Assembly, and I think it was generally agreed, it is in the press, that we did not show ourselves at our best. I wonder if we could just start on a sort of higher level and refrain from any personal derogatory remarks or any challenges like that, just for today. Let us aspire, let us show Londoners that we --

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Is it just for today? Why just for today?

Jennette Arnold (Chair): Because, if we do it today, then we will have set our standard, and then we will be maintaining that standard throughout the year. So let us inspire Londoners, let us say that, "You voted for us to be here and we are here and we are going to show you how we work well."

While I am speaking, can I just say to anyone who is new to our procedures that the two hours, 30 minutes, here this morning is divided up between the groups, and so it follows the Members with the sort of numbers, the Greens have 12 minutes, Liberal Democrats have 12 minutes, the Conservative group have 54 minutes, and the Labour group has 72 minutes. It is also not my job to interfere with how groups use their time; it is just about bringing you when your time limit is up; that is when I will ask then, any Member speaking, and of the Mayor, to stop. Thank you.

Let us then move on. Do you have a question following up? Where we are is the Mayor's five-minute update. I want a specific question to that.

Andrew Boff (AM): More about your comment about us not making personal attacks; I did not actually see a personal attack in the exchange between Jenny Jones and the Mayor, I saw robust debate and I hope we are not going to be stamping on that or calling that personal attacks, because I did not see one.

Jennette Arnold (Chair): Mr Boff, thank you for your noting, but do you have a question?

Andrew Boff (AM): It was a query; I want to know what the personal attack was that you are upset about.

Jennette Arnold (Chair): I am not going to give you a personal attack, it was quite clear that the Mayor found that the terminology not appropriate. It is not for me, and I am not here to defend the Mayor, but why I am here is to ensure that our language and our behaviour is in keeping with good practice. Can I ask you if you have any questions and then I will move on? Thank you.

Andrew Boff (AM): No, Chair.

London Assembly (Mayor's Question Time) – 23 May 2012

Transcript: Mayor's Question Time

1285/2012 - Going Dutch

Jenny Jones

Will you now ensure that the London Cycling Campaign's Go Dutch standards for cycling are incorporated into the revised cycling design standards for London's roads and form the basis of Transport for London's approach to the current review of junctions?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Can I begin by again trying to propitiate Jenny by congratulating her again on her achievement in the election, which was considerable for the Green Party and for Jenny personally. The answer is yes, we are now actively looking at all the steps that are necessary to fulfil the pledge to Go Dutch, as you can readily appreciate it will not always be easy, it will be in some instances expensive. That was one of the reasons it was important to fight for transport budgets, and remains important to fight for investment in restructuring London.

Jenny Jones (AM): Thank you for that, because I am aware that it is going to be tough and sometimes it will be expensive, but at the same time it does mean a quite different approach from Transport for London. I am wondering, have you explained to Transport for London that smoothing the traffic flow does not fit with Going Dutch?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): We are going to look at all the implications of Going Dutch. I am not necessarily convinced that the two things are incompatible, but a huge amount of work is now being done. Just so you know, Jenny, it is my intention over the next four years to make a genuine leap forward for cycling. I think we did great things in the last four years. I think people have been really impressed by the cycle hire scheme. I think the Cycle Superhighways have been unfairly attacked, in some cases derided, I think actually they are good. I love them and I use them and I think that we are going to expand that network. But there is much, much more that we can do to make London one of the great cycle-friendly cities in the world. You know how difficult it is going to be; we all know the challenges we face because of the street layouts in London, but with a lot of energy and a lot of commitment it can be done. Believe me, I have that commitment.

Jenny Jones (AM): I know that thousands of cyclists will be very pleased to hear that and I am extremely pleased to hear it as well. But it is about reducing the barriers to cycling, because a lot of people would cycle if they thought it was safer. So safety, or lack of safety, is the big barrier. My concern is, from what you have just said, that you do not quite see the link between smoothing traffic flow, which is in essence making a faster flow of vehicles, with cycle safety. These are two separate things.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): As I say, I am not convinced that the two things are incompatible. I think trying to beat congestion in London can be of benefit to cyclists, speaking as a cyclist who gets fed up waiting endlessly in traffic jams and at red lights. I think that beating congestion can be an advantage for everybody. Let us not be pessimistic.

Jenny Jones (AM): What have you actually said to Transport for London? What instructions have you given them as Chair on how to go forward on this Go Dutch cycling agenda?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): My instructions are very clear, which is to look at the implications of Go Dutch, see what we can do to make it work in London, make cycling much safer in London, continue to invest in interventions that will promote cycling, and to encourage more people to cycle. To do that, to build up the critical mass in favour of cycling, in spite of the massive increases we have seen over the last few years, you still only have 2% of journeys on the roads are by bike. To do that, you have to build up, as you rightly say, confidence. People have to be sure that when they get on the road they are going to find other cyclists, they are not going to feel alien intruders on a motorists' preserve. That is not how I want London to feel for the cyclist, and that is changing, it has changed very fast, and will continue to change.

Jenny Jones (AM): But, to do that, you have to actually reduce the number of casualties and deaths from cycling on the road, and my concern is that your smoothing traffic flow will not help with that, and if we do not push that -- all right, can you promise me, at the end of your four-year term now, that it will be safe for a 12-year-old to cycle on London's roads, or Darren Johnson [Deputy Chair of the London Assembly]?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Or Darren?

Jenny Jones (AM): Yes. Will you go out with him at the end of four years?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Darren had to take a minicab, I seem to remember.

Jenny Jones (AM): That is not fair.

Darren Johnson (Deputy Chair): I was too drunk to cycle.

Jenny Jones (AM): My time is up, thank you very much.

Jennette Arnold (Chair): Thank you. Then, because Assembly Member Pidgeon has a similar question, can I ask now for an answer to Safe cycling in London in the name of Assembly Member Pidgeon, question number 1228/2012.

1228/2012 - Safe cycling in London **Caroline Pidgeon**

What actions have you taken to progress the "Love London, Go Dutch" pledge you signed up to during the election campaign?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): The answer is, I am afraid, roughly the same as the one I have just given, in that I want to promote safer cycling in the City.

Caroline Pidgeon (AM): Thank you for that, and you will know the strength of the London cycling campaign by the 40,556 signatures they have had to their campaign supporting the Go Dutch cycling model. When you signed the pledge, which you signed the eve of the big cycle ride [The Big Ride] in London that many of us went on, you agreed to create three flagship Love London Go Dutch developments. Can you perhaps give us some names of the projects you are looking at to be these flagship projects?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): These are early days, but I can give you an indication of where we want to go on two schemes. We are looking particularly at Vauxhall Cross and Greenwich and obviously these are still plans that are being developed very fast.

Caroline Pidgeon (AM): That is great, Vauxhall Cross, many of us know how dangerous that is, and Greenwich, and are you going to be looking perhaps at an out-of-town centre such as Croydon?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Absolutely, and as I think all manifestos said in the election, it is time that we really looked at the opportunities for cycling hubs in outer boroughs, and we looked at extending cycle hire to the outer boroughs as well.

Caroline Pidgeon (AM): What about your Cycle Superhighways? Will you now review and retrofit the existing Cycle Superhighways, which we have been calling for, for a couple of years, to make the junctions far safer there for cyclists?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Obviously, we are undergoing now a review of 500 junctions and gyratories, some of them obviously will be on Cycle Superhighways.

Caroline Pidgeon (AM): This review of yours, you have touched on that, you have announced about five months ago this review of 500 junctions in London. The latest figures that I have through show that so far you have only looked at 39 of these junctions, 25 on the Cycle Superhighways, 14 on the rest of the Transport for London (TfL) road network. Of those, six, supposedly, have been completed, except no works appear to have taken place. Do you think that is really the pace of change that we want to see in London, if you are going to meet this Go Dutch and to get this cycling revolution you want?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): I think TfL have a big agenda, 39, I cannot comment on your figures because I do not have the benefit --

Caroline Pidgeon (AM): These are TfL figures, I can assure you.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): -- of them, but the programme is underway and we will do everything we can to make cycling safer. Just to go back to I think it was Jenny's question, can we guarantee that we are going to make cycling safe enough for any 12-year-old in London

in the next four years that would be a wonderful thing to achieve. There are certainly plenty of areas where I think cycling is already safe enough, but there is a long way to go.

Caroline Pidgeon (AM): But are you happy that only 39 junctions so far have been started as part of the review work in five or six months; that seems a very slow pace to me, Mr Mayor.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): You have the figure of 39; I cannot comment on it because I have not seen TfL's agenda and what their timetable is. There are huge amounts of work going on all over London and, as you will appreciate, one of the things that we have to do at the moment is to minimise traffic disruption for the Olympics. It is a difficult period to engage in substantial road works, as you will appreciate, we have 20,000 members of the Olympic family arriving very shortly. This is not an ideal time to start digging up every road in London. But the programme will go ahead.

Caroline Pidgeon (AM): I hope you will review that timetable and make yourself fully acquainted with it and try and put some pressure on TfL to speed that up. But will you agree with me that the Love London Go Dutch principles are not compatible with your statement to me back in November that the Elephant and Castle is perfectly negotiable, do you regret that statement now?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): I do not, because the --

Caroline Pidgeon (AM): You do not regret it? So all the cyclists who have been outraged, but you do not regret that?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): As I was saying, and sometimes these points do not always perhaps come across in quite the right way, but never mind. The point I was making was I personally cycle the Elephant and Castle gyratory; that is what I do and I think that if done with due care and attention, it is, as I say, perfectly negotiable. What I want to do is to make sure that every motorist, every taxi driver, every bus driver in London, every truck driver, particularly understands that on a gyratory like the Elephant and Castle they are going to find cyclists, and that is a question of continuing the cultural change, which has been very considerable already. I think bus drivers, taxi drivers, are much, much better than they were ten years ago, much better in understanding that there are going to be cyclists on the road, but there is further to go. In order to drive the process on, we will need to keep investing in the roads.

Caroline Pidgeon (AM): I am disappointed that you will not change that statement that you made and I know many cyclists will be. But my final question to you, and it is a simple yes or no answer, will you commit to include a standing item in your monthly Mayor's Report that updates us on your progress on implementing the Love London Go Dutch pledge?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): No.

Caroline Pidgeon (AM): You will not? So you will not?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Why should I? You are entitled to ask me a question about it, but I am not going to commit now to - -

Caroline Pidgeon (AM): To update us every month on progress you are making?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): -- on this or that, I am going to give a Mayor's Report on the matters I think are pressing and you are perfectly at liberty, Caroline, to ask me whatever you want.

Caroline Pidgeon (AM): Every month, yes, great, okay, well thank you. That is very disappointing. Thank you.

Andrew Boff (AM) Mr Mayor, could you ensure, along with your commitment to the key principles of the Go Dutch campaign that London cyclists learn to obey the rule of the road as much as they do in Holland?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Yes. I mean I do not have the figures for Holland, but clearly one of the most disappointing things is that the increase in cycling has not necessarily been accompanied by an increase in observance of the rules of the road, and I have said this before, and there must be no misunderstanding of this, I am a passionate militant cyclist. I love cycling; I believe in it. But I do think that it is -- look at the statistics before you cackulate in the corner, look at the statistics of the proportion of cycling Killed or Seriously Injured (KSI) who unfortunately had just committed an infraction or were in the processes of committing an infraction at the time they had the accident. It is very, very sad reading.

Andrew Boff (AM): Mr Mayor, on my journey in to City Hall every morning, just for example this morning, I cycle across Whitechapel Road by the London Hospital and I can quite safely say that I am in a very tiny minority of cyclists who stop at a red light. We need to attend to this, and we need to attend to this now, because I do think it is becoming endemic, not observing those fundamental rules of the road. I am being remorselessly sledged on my right, for the benefit of international viewers, by the Labour Party. But I do think you are completely right, I think that there is an ecosystem on the streets and everybody understands that people have to obey the law and they have to obey the rules, otherwise they forfeit sympathy and I do think it very important that people should be aware of the high proportion, I have seen a figure I think of 62%, of cycling KSIs that are associated with some infraction by the cyclist themselves of the rules of the road, and that is very sad. Thank you, Mr Mayor.

1305/2012 - Transparency

John Biggs

What steps, if any, will you be taking to improve your transparency and accountability to Londoners during your second term?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Thank you very much, John. The first term, I think people will agree, was unprecedentedly open and transparent. Never in the government of London has there been such an effort made to disclose information to the public and to Assembly Members, to the media, and we published all the details about salaries, interests, hospitality. We published details of spending over £500 and I'm now cutting that, I'm now reducing the threshold to £250 in order to avoid any of the abuses that the Labour Members will have presided over in their period in office. We have held record numbers of meetings with Londoners, all kinds of People's Question Times, and we are now pledged to a monthly Mayor's Twitter time, in addition to the data store that I announced last week to start here, which I think will be of fantastic value. Jenny Jones and I have been hitting the ball back and forth over the net about air quality or cycling KSIs, and one of the most interesting things about that election, on the morning of the election, was seeing those banks of screens with real time data about what is happening -- and that is why I think it is high time that we in this body were more proactive in engaging the public with what is happening in our City, actual where there are disappointing statistics, we will use those disappointing to focus on the problem and to drive down the problem and to the key to answer your question --

Jennette Arnold (Chair): Excuse me; can you not have a conversation with each other?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): To answer your question, John, that is the key thing that we are going to add to transparency and accountability in the second term.

John Biggs (AM): Well the question is about your accountability to Londoners, and I think the evidence of the election is that you are currently more popular than the Tory party and I think the evidence of history is that those bubbles always burst in the end. But I think, in placing their trust in you, Londoners are saying that they want you to do various things, which you said you would do. So can I start by asking you whether you consider yourself to be bound by the manifesto on which you stood?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Yes.

John Biggs (AM): Okay, so, if we were to absorb that as an Assembly and dissect it and list its promises, you would be happy to be held to account for delivering on every one of those promises?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Yes. I can summarise it for you, if you like.

John Biggs (AM): No, I would not want you to do that. I think plenty of Londoners have been carpet-bombed with blue paper over the last few months and we will remind them as appropriate.

The next question about promises and accountability, if we take the air quality question, it is a valid question for Londoners and the Assembly on their behalf to ask whether air quality has improved (a) because of your measures or (b) because of the catastrophic recession the Government has promulgated in this City. Would you accept that proper transparency requires there to be evidence-based scrutiny of what you are doing?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Of course.

John Biggs (AM): Good, okay. We are making good progress on this. You talk about the Twitter-verse, but throughout your term you refused to hold open press conferences with the media. Now, whatever his other failings, which I am sure are many-fold, the previous Mayor held regular press conferences with the media where they could probe him on things. The media in this sense are colleagues of the Assembly in holding you to account. Will you open yourself to regular press conferences?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): As you know, John, over the last four years, I have done more press conferences and I have exposed my programme to scrutiny by the media across London, week in, week out. I have done I think more or less twice as many engagements and visits as the previous Mayor. Any member of the press, and many of them have done, is entitled to come with me to outer-London boroughs, to wherever it happens to be, and ask the questions that matter to Londoners. That is what has happened and I am very proud of our record.

John Biggs (AM): So you are going to continue with the sort of sanitised pre-selected media appearances; you are not prepared to stand in front of an audience, like the Prime Minister does, a job that you aspire to perform, so maybe you should get some practice in, a position in which he answers open questions from the audience. You are not prepared to do that?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): If I may say so, we still have two hours in which you can ask me any question you like. Here we are. Now is the moment. Enough of this sort of metaphysics about when to ask questions. Seize the day while you can. Ask me a question.

John Biggs (AM): Thoughtful members of the public will conclude from that that you are not prepared to be transparent to the media, other than through a very selective --

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): The media --

John Biggs (AM): Okay, here is an opportunity, you have got rid of Guto Harri [former GLA Director of Commutations], he has gone to an interesting place, so you can start afresh with someone who does not want to manipulate and control and puppeteer you in the way that you were previously. Are you open to being more open with the media and transparent with the aid of the Assembly to be accountable to Londoners, given the trust they placed in you.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): I have given I think more media interviews in the last four years than the previous Mayor did, certainly over a four-year term, and above all I have done more press conferences. I have engaged with the media, local, the London media, and indeed national media, on I think twice as many occasions as the previous Mayor. If you look at the number of visits that I did over four years, I think it was more than the previous Mayor did in eight years. Here you are, John, your question is now about ten minutes old, and you have yet to pose a substantive question about the doings of the --

John Biggs (AM): I think the record will show your failure to answer the question. Thank you.

Joanne McCartney (AM): Mr Mayor, I am going to return to a question I have asked you three times before, and in the spirit of transparency I am hoping that this time you will give a positive answer. So will you sign up the GLA to the United Kingdom (UK) Statistics Authority's code of practice for official statistics?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): As I have said, I recognise that there is a hunger and a yearning out there for authenticated statistics, and that is why we are setting up the London data store, which will be much more proactive, will get the information out there, and in an uncontroversial way. What that will allow us to do is, where there is bad news, and there will be some green bars and there will be some red bars and there will be things that are going in the wrong direction. It will enable us to focus on the problem and to improve it.

Joanne McCartney (AM): So will you sign up to the code of practice?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): I think we are looking into this code of practice, but I do not have any urgent plans to do so because I do not think we fall under it for some reason.

Joanne McCartney (AM): I take it that is a no then, and I think that is a real shame, because you have got into hot water previously for using misleading statistics. I think this could have been a real start to your mayoralty to actually say you are actually open to transparency.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): I am certainly prepared for the GLA to look at this.

Joanne McCartney (AM): You told me you --

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): If you are talking about the controversy about the recidivism rate in the Heron Unit, I have to say I thought it was an amazing storm in a teacup. Actually, it was a great credit to the Heron Unit that it was driving recidivism down and getting results and that seemed to me the salient point.

Joanne McCartney (AM): Can I move on then to transparency in the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime, because, since the abolition of the Police Authority, there does seem to have been an information deficit. I think there have been complaints from all Groups around this Assembly, so it is not just the Labour Group. I have raised this issue with you once before. Would it surprise you that, to get some knife crime figures, it took me 16 requests, both in writing and verbal, in fact once to you here, where you said I should be entitled to them, and in the end I only got them because the Met's Assistant Commissioner stepped in and gave me them directly. Is that transparency to your mind?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Joanne, I was not aware of that, the difficulty that you have had. As far as I know, the position, knife crime statistics are like all crime statistics, so it should be made readily available to you and to all Members, so I will get on top of that.

Joanne McCartney (AM): Okay. So what steps will you do to make sure that the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime responds to Members' requests with urgency and in a reasonable timescale?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): I will certainly make sure, and I am sure Stephen Greenhalgh, the new Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, will be studying this and he will want to make sure that he is as transparent as possible, engages with you, Joanne, to get the statistics that you need in a timely fashion¹.

Joanne McCartney (AM): Well I hope so because it has not been so to date. Thank you.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): I am sorry about that, but we will see what we can do.

Darren Johnson (Deputy Chair): In the interests of transparency, Mayor, are you able to tell us whose idea it was to invite Keith Moon [deceased drummer from 'The Who'] to perform at the closing ceremony of the Olympics?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): These are not matters that I am able to divulge, I am afraid. I am afraid they are --

Darren Johnson (Deputy Chair): So it was your idea after all?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): What I can say, without breaching the confidentiality that I am sworn to observe, is that it certainly was not my idea.

Andrew Boff (AM): Mr Mayor, can I ask you not to spend too much time modelling the transparency of your administration on the example of the Labour, Lib Dem and Green groups, whose idea of transparency is to hold secret meetings where movements of cash are promised in return for jobs and votes.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): You are joking, cash? Are you saying that they promised cash?

Andrew Boff (AM): Money is being transferred from group to group in return for votes, Mr Mayor.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): You are joking, public money being bartered? Is that right? Are they shamelessly sloshing the public dosh around to get their bums on the seats of committees?

Jennette Arnold (Chair): Excuse me, Mr Mayor, let us put an end to this. Members of the public are listening and can I just make a statement and say --

Andrew Boff (AM): On behalf of ...?

¹ The proposed appointment of Stephen Greenhalgh is subject to confirmation by the London Assembly's Policing and Crime Committee's.

Jennette Arnold (Chair): As Chair of the Assembly, and under Standing Order 5.8, Assembly Member Boff, if I hear anything that I believe to be incorrect and places this Authority at risk of legal challenge or any other challenge by a member of the public, I can intervene. I am intervening on that behalf to say to you, you have no evidence to suggest that there has been any changes of cash for any activity and that the monitoring officer has heard your concerns and has ruled them out of order. Now, do you have another question or shall I then move on?

Andrew Boff (AM): I think the reply was great; thank you very much, Mr Mayor.

Jennette Arnold (Chair): Thank you. Can I now move to question 4, Driverless Tube Trains, and it is a question in the name of Assembly Member Tracey.

1119/2012 - Driverless Tube Trains

Richard Tracey

In the light of Londoners' recent endorsement of your policies, will you push ahead with the introduction of driverless trains on the Tube as quickly as possible?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): The answer is yes, we will go forward with the next generation of Automatic Train Control (ATC) trains, and TfL will be pursuing all the advantages that new technology can bring, because that is what Londoners want.

Richard Tracey (AM): Mr Mayor, this is of course a most important subject for Londoners and given the fact that there are I think now 30 cities in the world using Automatic Train Control, and given the fact that that well-known newspaper of research, the Guardian, in a pole, showed that a majority of people favour Automatic Train Control, can you tell me when we will this happen? Because the timetable is the important thing.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Yes. I was amazed in the election that the Labour campaign was against ATC, I thought that was completely wrong, and we will go forward with it. This is the most important thing, I think there is a misunderstanding about this. It will be greatly to the benefit of London Underground (LU) workers and to our staff. It will be something that will increase capacity, it will make the system better, it will create more job opportunities actually, rather than less, because it will enable us to expand the Tube at lower cost, and I think it is the way forward for the City.

Richard Tracey (AM): But there are, I think, three lines capable of Automatic Train Control now and there will be, what, two more in the next couple of years. So can I have the date when it will happen, Mr Mayor?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Yes. I can tell you that 48% of the Tube will be capable of ATC operation by 2014; that is only in a couple of years' time, and then, in this four-year period, what I can tell you is that we will buy plenty more new Tube trains, but I will not buy any

old-fashioned Tube trains. It is time to move on, but the most important thing we can do now is take our staff with us, and I am very confident that we can do that.

Richard Tracey (AM): Thank you.

Jennette Arnold (Chair): Thank you. Now I am just going to hand over to the Deputy Chair to take over the next three questions.

[Darren Johnson AM in the Chair.]

Darren Johnson (Deputy Chair): Thank you. We then move on to the question in the name of Andrew Boff and Tax Cuts/Growth.

1133/2012 - Tax Cuts/Growth

Andrew Boff

Your commitment to lighten the burden on hard pressed Londoners by cutting the precept by 10% is much welcomed. How does this fit into your wider plan to boost jobs and growth across the capital?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Thank you very much. Andrew, by the way, congratulations to you on becoming leader of the Conservative Group. Your question is a good one, bearing down on cutting council taxes is an important part of stimulating growth. The big project we have over the next four years, as I said right at the beginning in my opening remarks, is to drive growth in London, to keep doing everything we can to create jobs for Londoners and to make sure that Londoners are ready to take those jobs.

Andrew Boff (AM): Thank you, Mr Mayor. Bearing in mind that you seem to have the backing of Christine Lagarde [Managing Director, International Monetary Fund] in your tax-cutting endeavours, what effect do you think that the 10% tax cut will have on jobs for Londoners?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): It is important to do what you can to bear down on taxation. This is a council tax cut of our share of our precept, which will be appreciable, but it is something that could so easily have gone the other way under a different administration. You saw very clearly what happened under Labour, council tax rocketed under the previous administration, where we are moving in the opposite direction and doing everything we can to help people in tough times.

Andrew Boff (AM): Could you tell me, Mr Mayor, where do apprenticeships sit within your plan for growth and how many do you expect to create?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Apprenticeships are absolutely critical to what we are trying to do, because the risk, as everybody knows, and we discussed repeatedly during the campaign, is that we will indeed create hundreds of thousands of new jobs, and London is a

formidable creator of new jobs. The issue is, how successful are we in getting young Londoners ready, capable, with the right attitude and skills, to get those jobs? That is also a huge challenge for us; it is something that we have to focus on. That is why we are having the inquiry into education; it is why we are so committed to apprenticeships, because apprenticeships get young people into the workplace and they help to acclimatise them to the skills, the cunning that you need to survive in a place of work. It is vital to get people into work and I would much rather do that than see people on benefits.

Andrew Boff (AM): Thank you, Mr Mayor, I think that Londoners will be very supportive of your move towards apprenticeships. Only today, the Work Foundation issued a warning really that the number of people not in work or education or training is a real problem, not just for London, but internationally, and the problem with getting first jobs is the lack of skills that many young people have when they try to get those jobs.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): That is absolutely right, and I think, as anybody who remembers what it was like having your first job, the biggest skill of all is understanding what it means to be an employee, and the shock of realising that you do have to turn up on time and you do have to work hard, and I think that is something that people do acquire in the apprenticeship system, and it is vital that we expand it.

Andrew Boff (AM): Thank you, Mr Mayor.

Steve O'Connell (AM): Mr Mayor, Londoners will be delighted to learn that jobs and growth will be one of the overriding themes of your new mayoralty, particularly Londoners in Croydon and Sutton, and particularly so in Croydon with the memory of the rioting a year ago. Londoners in Croydon welcome the investment that you have made. Can you reassure those young people and those families across Croydon and Sutton that the jobs that you will be creating over the next four years, although many of the projects are towards the east and to the centre, that many young Croydonians will benefit from the opportunities from your policies?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Absolutely, and I want to thank you and congratulate you, Steve, on everything you do to lobby and campaign for Croydon and Sutton, and obviously, particularly after the events of last year, after the riots, it is vital that we sell Croydon around the world as a place of fantastic opportunity. It is a place that will repay investment many times over in the next few years. It is one of London's biggest opportunity areas. As you know, we have setup a taskforce to promote Croydon, there is regeneration money going into it. There is a massive opportunity there. There is all sorts of plans now afoot, as you know, around the shopping district and opportunities there, which we in this body have a duty to foster and encourage. One thing I want to say, I will count the next four years as a failure if we have not sorted out that issue in Croydon. We have to get Croydon, those developments, moving, and I am sure that we can.

Steve O'Connell (AM): Thank you, Mr Mayor, I look forward to working with you and your Deputy Mayor Kit Malthouse.

James Cleverly (AM): Extending that theme a little bit further, I mean Croydon is already renowned as a business hub and as a neighbouring borough to my constituency, and with a number of my constituents working in the Croydon town centre, I do wish them well. What I would also like to ensure that you concentrate on is the massive growth potential in employment that sits with small and even micro businesses. These are much more likely to be found in suburban London and many of the issues that we discuss regularly about congestion on the transport infrastructure could be alleviated if a higher proportion of London's workforce lived close to where they work. So will you ensure that, as part of your work to boost jobs and growth for London, that the small businesses in outer London are very much at the heart of that policy?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Of course. That is why the £221 million we are spending on all the regeneration schemes, the Outer London Fund, doing up high streets, helping with businesses around London, is so important. Kit Malthouse, who is the new Deputy Mayor for Business and Enterprise, will be focusing on how to help those potential motors of the London economy. That is where the jobs can be put on. That is where the potential for growth in apprenticeships is, it is in those Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises around London, you are absolutely right.

James Cleverly (AM): Thank you.

Darren Johnson (Deputy Chair): Thank you. We then move on to the next question in the name of Jennette Arnold on Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA), asking you, will you use your influence to investigate the re-introduction Education Maintenance Allowance for London?

1313/2012 - Education Maintenance Allowance

Jennette Arnold

Will you use your influence as Mayor to bring together local authorities, London's Colleges and Universities to investigate the re-introduction of an Education Maintenance Allowance for London's 16-19 year olds who are struggling to stay in education?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Thank you, Jennette. The answer is that I am certainly concerned about the objective of keeping young people in education and that is why I have spoken out about the great importance of making sure that the bursary fund that we have goes to the families that need it and goes to keeping young people in school. That is one of the things that we will be studying very, very acutely in the education inquiry. I want to see what is happening with attendances and with young people staying in school. At the moment the evidence is mixed, but it is vital that we make sure that what funds we have are targeted at the families that need it and in keeping as many young people in school as possible.

Jennette Arnold (Chair): I thank you for that response, Mr Mayor. I think you have touched on the problem, because the bursary fund element is not really the issue for me, because I would agree that children leaving care and those in the most disadvantaged families that we can identify, those living with disabilities, claiming disability allowance, really need that fund. That

is only about 2% of the 54% of young Londoners who were in receipt of EMA. Let me just read you what a young Londoner told me,

“When I was at school, it was a lot easier, as you have free school meals. At college, I don’t eat, I can’t focus, and I feel faint and are really tired. I am a 17-year-old carer.”

Now, the bursary fund does not cover carers and this young Londoner is wanting to study to get four AS levels. How does that Londoner interpret your ambition to move into a more strategic role in education? Because, if these young Londoners cannot study, cannot stay in college, what does that mean for the strategic role that you have for education?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): There are things we are doing to help young Londoners in education. We have cut-price travel for those in full-time education. I have extended it now under the manifesto in our programme, anybody on an apprenticeship scheme will also get cheaper travel. Travel, as everybody knows, this came up time and again in the election campaign, travel is a major cost for people in the City. We can help in that way. We can help to keep people in education in that way.

What I cannot do, and we must be clear about this, I cannot magic funds from colleges to recreate the EMA when those funds do not exist. What I will do, and you have seen evidence for it recently, is fight for budgets for London and fight for spending on London’s schools. Actually, I think it was in March, we succeeded in getting fully half of the new provision for primary education in the country allocated to London, £300 million of the funds came to London.

I hear the complaint of your constituent, if there is more that we can do to get funding for Londoners’ educational needs then I am certainly there to fight for it.

Jennette Arnold (Chair): That is just an example, clearly my constituency covering is Hackney, Islington and Waltham Forest, absolutely it is huge, but I am sure that, if you spoke to other Members from across the parties, that they will have heard this concern when they knocked doors recently. Can I just say to you, what I am looking for from you is some leadership and to be responsive to young Londoners who aspire to have a college education and are struggling. What we know is that, when they were in receipt of this £30 a week, they attended, and the attendance rates in colleges jumped up from I think it was 54% to 61%. We will not know how far it has dropped until September when we get the figures. But can I just say to you, Tower Hamlets and Southwark have just announced they are going to do an Education Maintenance Allowance. What I am suggesting to you in your strategic role, and what I thought you were thinking in having this role in education, was why can you not convene a meeting with boroughs and with colleges and with an organisation representing colleges, and have a conversation about how you can show some leadership, and we could have a strategic pot of money that would help Londoners in a strategic way.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): We did. This is not, as you know, an original idea, Jennette, and there was a meeting of the Association of Colleges in March --

Jennette Arnold (Chair): Will you meet them again?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): -- where we discussed exactly this point, and their line to us is that they do not have the funding. I am willing to fight for more funding for London; what I am not willing to do is create false hope, to go around making promises of cash that does not exist. I think that was the mistake, if I may respectfully say, that was made by the other side during the last campaign.

Jennette Arnold (Chair): Can I just finish and say, you were right to say this is not a new issue, it was there before the campaign that has just been run, and that I will be writing to you and will come back to you, because, Mr Mayor, I am determined to see you show some leadership in this area, and talk and statements, it is not enough. Young Londoners want to see some action from you as their Mayor.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): I understand that, and what you are certainly going to see, we will focus on the issue and on the results, and this is a grant that is given, as you say, to a huge proportion of London pupils, 54%, and it is there to encourage staying on in college. The proof of the pudding is in the eating. If we see significant falls in attendance this September, then clearly we will have to address that.

Jennette Arnold (Chair): I shall be monitoring that and I shall get back to you.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): We shall do.

Jennette Arnold (Chair): Thank you.

Darren Johnson (Deputy Chair): There is one more question I will take and then I will hand the Chair back. The next question is 1314 in the name of Valerie Shawcross asking you when the Transport for London business plan will be published.

1314/2012 - Transport for London Business Plan

Valerie Shawcross

When will Transport for London publish its next business plan?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Normally it is the beginning of December, about.

Valerie Shawcross (AM): Mr Mayor, one of the common planks, I think, between yourself and Ken Livingstone was an aspiration during the election to reduce the age of eligibility to the Freedom Pass back to 60.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Yes.

Valerie Shawcross (AM): We are very keen of course to see that happen, a boost to the economy, a help for many people unemployed and part-time working. So when can we expect the age of eligibility for the Freedom Pass to be reduced to the age of 60?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): I am delighted that you and Ken Livingstone decided to support me in reintroducing it and getting us off the age escalator that Labour cruelly decided to put us on.

Valerie Shawcross (AM): When do you think you will be able to implement this change, Mr Mayor?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): The plan is to do it by September, but I will have to get back to you.

Valerie Shawcross (AM): September this year?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): September this year. I will have to get back to you about the details.

Valerie Shawcross (AM): How will you deal with the fact - and it is just a technical problem, I think - that there will have to be an issue of a different pass for people who are not statutory bus pass holders to take account of the fact that the London Scheme will no longer share the same age range with the National Scheme?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Yes. There will be some complications that we have to iron out, because what we are doing here in London is providing a benefit that I think you are right to commend. It is something that will be good for people over 60 in London, but it will make London different from the rest of the country, or even more different from the rest of the country.

Valerie Shawcross (AM): Can you confirm that in fact the costs of this, which I think TfL have estimated in the first year of being about an additional £15 million, will be borne by TfL rather than local government, local council taxpayers across London?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): I can certainly assure that the cost will be kept to a minimum, and that the normal negotiating process will be underway, and TfL will certainly bear its share of the costs.

Valerie Shawcross (AM): So TfL is not planning to cover the whole cost of this? This was your election pledge, Mr Mayor, so I assumed therefore that TfL would be paying it.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): You will find that we will deliver on our manifesto promise, as we did last time. I think I am right in saying that it was I who introduced the 24-hour Freedom Pass. We will make sure that we restore the 24-hour Freedom Pass and get Londoners off the age escalator.

Valerie Shawcross (AM): So you are aiming to see it implemented this year, in fact, which would be absolutely fantastic. Thank you.

Another question, if I may, Mr Mayor, on the Business Plan. During the election there was a very interesting discussion on the BBC on Sunday, 22 April, and there was a discussion on fares. You said,

“No Mayor commits himself to a fares package from one year to the next. I will look at what we can do next year to bear down on fares.”

Now, obviously fares was one of the key issues of the election, and of course in a double-dip recession, a city with high costs of living, it is a real issue.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Yes, absolutely.

Valerie Shawcross (AM): Are you aiming to reduce the fares next year or to continue to put them up by Retail Price Index (RPI) plus 2%, as per your current Business Plan?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): I understand completely that fares was a big concern for Londoners, and I think that it was something that you and Ken Livingstone and everybody was absolutely right to focus on. The argument was very clear. It was, “Could you shove in a big cut now and forfeit a considerable sum of investments?” and was that the right way forward.

Valerie Shawcross (AM): What do you think you will be putting in your new Business Plan, Mr Mayor? Will we be seeing fare increases of 5% in January?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): As I said on the interview that you have just quoted, and repeatedly through the campaign, you do not commit yourself to a fares package in advance, but what I do believe is that it will be possible to bear down on fares in an honest and sustainable way if we continue with a programme of investment in transport infrastructure, and in improving and automating the system. What was so disappointing about the manifesto, and I cannot believe that you really supported it, Val --

Valerie Shawcross (AM): Mr Mayor, can you just explain what “bear down” means?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): -- was that you did not actually want to go forward with automation.

Valerie Shawcross (AM): Mr Mayor, can you just explain to me what “bear down” means? Does that mean you will be cutting the fares in January? Does it mean that you will not be increasing it by RPI plus 2%? What does it actually mean? Are we going to see some relief for Londoners on the ever-rising fare increases?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): What it certainly means is that you will have an honest and sustainable policy and what I will not do is make irresponsible promises or irresponsible cuts to fares when we do need the income to invest in transport infrastructure, but you have heard

what I have said. I do not want to impose fare increases on Londoners, but I am not going to set out the fares package - with great respect to you, Val - now, any more than I was going to set it out in the election campaign.

Valerie Shawcross (AM): OK, thank you, Chair.

Richard Tracey (AM): Mr Mayor, during your first term, I do not recollect a single suggestion from the Labour group on how to make any savings in TfL. I do not know whether you will remember, but given all this talk that we heard during the election campaign about their fare cuts policy, would you like to invite a submission from them on how they see savings might be made in TfL in the future without slashing investment, which is of course exactly what we predicted they would do?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Do not forget, Dick [Richard Tracey] - and thank you for all the help you have given on transport - we have had to make massive, massive savings in TfL on the budgets that I found: 23 buildings we have had to sell or dispose of; 25% of the directors have found other employment. The programme of cuts are still going in TfL. There is about £4.7 billion, and that is just in the current Business Plan. We will have to continue with our savings exercise, and that I do not believe the Labour Party or the Labour candidate would have achieved in a month of Sundays, because it simply was not their approach.

Richard Tracey (AM): Precisely, thank you.

Darren Johnson (Deputy Chair): Assembly Member Biggs has a point of order.

John Biggs (AM): The Chair told us there was a standing order about making assertions for which there was no evidence. Now, the Mayor has at the one time made an assertion for which he has evidence that he can cut council tax. Now he has made another assertion that on fares, he can make no such commitment. There is a fundamental inconsistency, it seems to me, under standing orders. Either one can be said and the other cannot, and either the both can be said or neither can.

Darren Johnson (Deputy Chair): I do think the standing orders allow the Mayor to be inconsistent if he wishes.

John Biggs (AM): They allow the Mayor to be inconsistent? Can I be clear, the standing orders do not allow the Mayor to lie to the Assembly Chair.

Darren Johnson (Deputy Chair): No, but if the Mayor wishes to be inconsistent, that is his prerogative, I believe.

John Biggs (AM): OK.

Roger Evans (AM): Mr Mayor, will the Transport for London Business Plan continue to promote Crossrail as one of its key elements?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): It certainly will.

Roger Evans (AM): You pride yourself on being more than a Zone 1 Mayor, and of course my constituents very much welcome that, but we have suffered recently through some of the downgrading of Crossrail proposals for my two constituencies in Havering and Redbridge, largely because that part of Crossrail is now being dealt with by Network Rail rather than by Transport for London. Would you agree to meet council leaders and delegations from Havering and Redbridge to talk about the design work on the stations at Ilford and Romford and to ensure that we do actually get the stations that we deserve and that we were promised?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Of course, Roger, and I am sure one of the reasons that Havering and Redbridge rejected the blandishments, the siren voices of Val [Shawcross] and her colleagues was that they knew how vital it was to keep investment coming into Crossrail.

Roger Evans (AM): I think you make a good point, Mr Mayor. The Labour candidate who stood against you was a very good candidate and credible on many terms, but one of the places where she fell down in front of hustings was when she put forward Labour's plan to cut the fares, because frankly, people just did not find it credible. I do find it slightly concerning that members of Labour Party are coming along this morning and attempting to get you to adopt policies which were rejected by Londoners just three weeks ago.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Yes.

Darren Johnson (Deputy Chair): If there are no further questions on this, I will hand the chair back. Thank you.

[Jennette Arnold AM in the Chair.]

Jennette Arnold (Chair): Thank you very much. The next question is from Assembly Member McCartney on police officers.

1316/2012 - Police Officers

Joanne McCartney

How many full time police officers were in post on 3rd May 2012?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Yes, thanks, Joanne. Of fully warranted officers, I am told that there were more than 1,000 more on 3 May 2012 than there were when I was elected in 2008, that is to say there were 30,659 fully warranted officers when I was elected and there were 31,992 on 3 May. Those figures obviously go up if you include trainees, but the gap remains over 1,000.

Joanne McCartney (AM): Mr Mayor, I would dispute those figures. I think this is where if you sign up to the code of practice, we might have some better figures, but the figures I have from the Metropolitan Police Service show that on 30 April 2008, there were 31,605 fulltime

police officers, and on 30 April 2012, there was 31,825, so you are actually 780 fulltime officers short of 1,000 pledge.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): No. As I have said in my answer, that is why I think it would be helpful to have a central store of data.

Joanne McCartney (AM): My question was fulltime officers. Are your figures for fulltime officers?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): My figures are for fully warranted officers.

Joanne McCartney (AM): They are different. There is where statistics and a code of practice would help us, you see, Mr Mayor. How many fulltime police officers, because I can tell you there are 780 short of your election pledge.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): I must respectfully disagree with you and say that I actually talked to the Commissioner this morning and he thinks the numbers are higher even than I have today, but in terms of fully warranted officers, that is excluding trainees, there were 30,659 in May 2008. On 3 May this year, there were 31,992, which by my maths means there were about 1,300 more this May than there were in 2008. Now, I think most Londoners would accept that under incredibly difficult circumstances, with police budgets being cut across the country, that is a very creditable achievement; apart from London says John Biggs, quite right, and why? Because London has a Mayor who has campaigned for more policing and for more police numbers in the city and who will continue to do so.

Joanne McCartney (AM): Mr Mayor, we disagree with this, but perhaps I could ask you to write to me with those fulltime police officers, which is the question I asked.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): I am more than happy to write to you about anything you like, Joanne. I will certainly write to you about that.

Joanne McCartney (AM): Thank you.

Len Duvall (AM): Chair, to all Members of this Assembly, that response?

Jennette Arnold (Chair): Yes, I think we will set that up, that as a matter of rule, all letters from the Mayor that arise out of the Mayor's Question Time will be copied to all Members.

Can we now have a question from Assembly Member Dismore, his maiden question.

Andrew Dismore (AM): Thank you, Chair. I have listened to what the Mayor had to say, because there are 1,300 fewer police officers now than there were when the Conservative Government came into office in 2010, but my question really is this: how many fully sworn police officers, excluding Specials, will there be in a year's time, and how many Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) will there be in a year's time?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Andrew, welcome to our proceedings with great joy; I think you and I were in the Commons together at one stage.

Andrew Dismore (AM): We were, and we argued about this then.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Of course it was under the Labour Government, who made so many terrible mistakes.

Andrew Dismore (AM): But increased police officers in London to record levels.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): The answer is that we - and I think I have the support of everybody here - will fight to keep numbers high. We have a particular challenge now, because of the Olympics. There is, I think, an answerable case to Government for 2012 and for the foreseeable future, because the population of this city is growing.

Andrew Dismore (AM): So how many will there be? How many will there be next year? That is a simple question.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): As I say, we are going to fight and I am going to fight to keep the numbers high.

Andrew Dismore (AM): So you do not know?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): I have given you my answer.

Andrew Dismore (AM): You do not know?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): No, I am not saying that, but I am given you my answer.

Andrew Dismore (AM): So you do know but you will not tell the Assembly?

Jennette Arnold (Chair): Assembly Member Dismore, we have moved on.

Andrew Dismore (AM): But he said --

Jennette Arnold (Chair): Assembly Member O'Connell.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): We are not in the House of Commons now. It is all nice here.

Jennette Arnold (Chair): I wish, I wish. Assembly Member O'Connell.

Steve O'Connell (AM): Chair, I am sure new Members will learn the discipline that is expected in this place.

Turning back to police, I am sure Londoners, Mr Mayor, will be delighted that you have delivered this commitment of extra police. Would you not share with me the rather dismissive attitude of colleagues across the way around Specials? Under your leadership, you have doubled the number of Specials, and I think your plan includes increasing them up to 10,000. Specials play an important role, particularly in our evenings on Fridays and Saturday nights, Mr Mayor. Again, will you reinforce to this Chamber your commitment to increase the numbers of specials?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Yes, absolutely, and I agree with you very, very much, Steve. It was very disappointing to hear the deprecating manner in which Specials were brushed out of the equation.

Steve O'Connell (AM): It is shameful.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): They make a fantastic contribution to London. That is why we have given them the council tax exemption that is in the manifesto. We will make sure that happens, and we are going to increase the number of Specials in London from its current high level of 5,000. We think we can double it over the next four years. I thank you for the support you have given, and indeed, I think the members of your family, who also commit their time and effort to keeping London safer and making London safer.

Steve O'Connell (AM): Thank you.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): The proof of the pudding for Andrew [Dismore] and for everybody else in our shared objective in making London a safer place.

Steve O'Connell (AM): Thank you, Mr Mayor. I am sure my wife will be delighted with your offer of the council tax rebate for my son, Ben. It might encourage him to leave home and to move on from our wonderful house, so thank you for that. I will hold you to that commitment, Mr Mayor.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Right, OK.

Jennette Arnold (Chair): OK, I will move to the next question, and that is in the name of Assembly Member Arbour. It is about Tube strike ballots - minimum support.

1127/2012 - Tube Strike Ballots - Minimum Support

Tony Arbour

In the light of Londoners' recent endorsement of your policies, will you redouble your efforts to persuade the Government to introduce legislation to ensure that a strike ballot requires 50% + 1 of eligible voters to support it in order for any subsequent strike to be valid?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Yes, Tony, I will continue to press this case. I have to say that it is not something that the Government, I think, is moving fast enough on, but it is a powerful case.

Tony Arbour (AM): Do you not think that your hand has been very considerably strengthened by your victory when this was clearly one of the issues in London, that when you go to Ministers, particularly the Conservative Members of the Coalition, you will be able to say to them that you speak with the support of more than 1 million voters in London, who do expect Conservatives to keep their promises?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Yes.

Tony Arbour (AM): On that basis, do you think you are likely to get a sympathetic reception?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): I very much hope so, and it is something that we will certainly continue to press, and where you are dead right is that I think the case that we have been making to the people obviously carried the support, and I hope that it will carry support with the Government as well. People have a right to withdraw their labour. Everybody understands that; that is a fundamental right of our system. What they do not have a right to do is in a serial and vexatious way to cause strikes that achieve nothing, nothing for their members and which simply put the public at great inconvenience, and that is the problem of allowing strikes to be treated with such low thresholds in the balance.

Tony Arbour (AM): Isn't one of the most significant features about trade unions in London, and indeed, in the rest of the country, the increasing disconnect between their leaders and the rank and file members? We know, for example, in discussions that there have been about the - if I can put it this way - blackmailing claims of transport union leaders in relation to the Olympics that many of their members, their rank and file members, want the Olympics to be the most enormous success --

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Of course they do.

Tony Arbour (AM): -- and indeed, despair of their leaders.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): I think the reality is that the overwhelming majority of staff on LU who for work for TfL in one way or another want to do the best possible job and they are incredibly proud, and I think increasingly proud of what is happening in London transport, and they see massive opportunities to improve the system, and that is why I think that it is striking that although we did take a lot of strikes, particularly around the business of reforming the ticket offices, that the proportion of people coming out on strike, the numbers of people coming out on strike, has fallen. That I think is a sign of the people understanding that modernisation is actually beneficial for the workforce as a whole.

Tony Arbour (AM): You realise, Mr Mayor, that for most Conservatives - I say this with a capital C, not just in the capital, but in the country - would welcome you as being in the

vanguard for achieving this change, ie the more than 50%, which is something I would suggest to you that most people secretly hunger for.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): I am grateful to you, Tony, for your renewed support, and to those who say that there is something North Korean about our proceedings, that is exactly how it should be. You are absolutely right.

Tony Arbour (AM): Thank you, Dear Leader.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): I congratulate you on the way that you have continued with your colleagues on the Conservative side to press this case, because I think it is a case that attracts the support of millions of Londoners, and from all parties, by the way, and makes a lot of sense for hardworking people who resent being dragooned out on pointless strikes that achieve nothing by militant and ideologically driven leaders of the respective unions.

Tony Arbour (AM): Thank you, Chairman.

Murad Qureshi (AM): I think Andrew Dismore has given you a new name this morning: Kim Jong-ilJohnson.

Can I ask, doesn't your endorsement, 50% + 1 of eligible voters for strike ballots, represent double standards by you?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): I admit that there is an inconsistency. I have to tell you, Murad, I have thought about this a great deal, and intellectually honest fellow that I am, I have to admit that there is a superficial inconsistency. However, there is the world of difference between a quadrennial election to the mayoralty and day in, day out running of essential vital public services on which Londoners depend, and there are many cities around the world where mass transit workers are not actually even allowed to go on strike. We are very, very generous in our arrangements here in the City. They would not allow it in New York, for instance. They have very different arrangements in Madrid. We are extremely, extremely tolerant of the right to withdraw labour. I do think that this is a modest reform of the ballot, of the threshold system that will be not just in the interests of the commuter, not just in the interests of the London economy. It would actually, as I said just now, be in the interests of hardworking London Underground staff, who lose pay as a result of these strikes, feel bullied into participating and at the end of the strike find that they have achieved absolutely nothing.

Murad Qureshi (AM): Can I remind the Mayor of the extent of your inconsistency? Your mandate on the second term was based on a turnover of 38% of voters, and only 18% of total London electorates actually voted for you. That is actually one in five of London's electorates has given you --

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): I think I have been generous to admit --

Murad Qureshi (AM): Are you suggesting that your mandate is actually very questionable by --

Tony Arbour (AM): How many people voted for you, Murad?

Murad Qureshi (AM): -- supporting the action on the endorsement of 50% + 1 eligible voters for strike ballots?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): I have accepted the abstract point, but I think in practical terms, when you look at the two functions, there is a very clear difference. I think people who depend on essential public services in London deserve better protection from strikes that are caused in a vexatious way and which do no good whatever for union members, for the system, for the London economy or for commuters.

James Cleverly (AM): I may be reading this wrong, but it strikes me that Assembly Member Qureshi's point is that unless 50% of the eligible voters turn out then the perhaps status quo should be maintained, as there is no mandate for change, so you would agree that until 50% + 1 voters in London elect someone different you should remain Mayor of London?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): I think before we go too far down this, I am a democrat. I believe in the sovereign of people to eject politicians, though I am humbled by your suggestion that I should accept supreme and perpetual power.

James Cleverly (AM): No, it is his idea. I am not convinced.

Jennette Arnold (Chair): Let us move on to the next question, which is in the name of Assembly Member Gavron.

1312/2012 - Homes for London

Nicky Gavron

How will Homes for London differ from the London Housing Board?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Yes. Thank you very much, Nicky. The idea of Homes for London is to bring together all the reforms that we have achieved, and it came into effect on 1 April, I think, with the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) land and the London Development Agency (LDA) land and the cash involved, and to organise it hereunder under one roof in the GLA. What we are not doing, just for clarity's sake, is we are not creating a vast new functional body separate from this place on the lines of TfL, called Homes for London or whatever.

Nicky Gavron (AM): Fair enough, but you actually pledged to deliver rather more than that when you signed up with the Shelter Homes for London campaign. You got a lot of publicity for that during the election, and it is still on their website, so I thought I would just ask you

about some of the things you have signed up, particularly just narrowing it down to the private rented sector, where 850,000 households live - that is millions of people - and Shelter want action on that, and you have signed up to some pledges on that. Can you tell me what those pledges are?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Well, the pledges that we have signed up to include, as I say, instigating Homes for London as a key department of the GLA, with a mission to improve housing in London. That obviously is something that I do not think anybody would dissent from, and as part of that, plainly we want to improve the lot of those in the rented sector. There are all sorts of steps that we are taking to increase the supply of rented accommodation, but above all, to bear down and to do what we can to drive out the kind of landlords who have been treating their tenants unacceptably by a system of accredited landlords. We have got a very considerable number on the scheme already and we want to double that number.

Nicky Gavron (AM): You have also signed up to dealing with rip-off letting agencies. You signed up to fairer rents, with a London-wide letting agency, and you signed up to protecting families by making sure they have secure tenancies. Are your Homes for London actually going to follow through on those pledges?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Yes. What we are going to do, Nicky, is continue with a very, very energetic and aggressive policy, and in fact more aggressive even than before of building new homes, and --

Nicky Gavron (AM): No, no, I am talking about the private rented sector. Are you going to follow through on those pledges?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): -- that includes a huge number of homes for rent.

Nicky Gavron (AM): No, but are you going to follow through on setting up a London-wide letting agency with secure tenancies for families?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Look, I am going to have to study the detail of that.

Nicky Gavron (AM): But you have signed up that pledge.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Well, so you say. I am going to have to have a look at what exactly was signed up.

Nicky Gavron (AM): What do you mean, "So I said"? You have had a lot of publicity on the back of this. Are you saying that you have just abandoned Homes for London?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): I may have had a lot of publicity about it, but not enough for it to come to my attention. Let me have a look at it. Let me have a look at exactly what is entailed, OK?

Nicky Gavron (AM): There are millions of Londoners suffering as a result of this, what is in the private rented sector, and people are being squeezed, families they have shown on health and education for children. How can you not take this seriously? How can you be so flippant? You have a choice. You have powers, you have influence.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): I am sorry, I will not take any lessons from you, Nicky, about commitment to affordable housing. In the last four years, we built a record quantity of affordable housing. We have driven the programme forward and we will go forward again over the next four years with even more, and I think what Londoners need to do is instead of listening to the posturing and the sermonising of the Labour Party, and the endless false incredible promises that you make, they should look at results and they should look at what we achieve.

Nicky Gavron (AM): You have already signed these pledges, which you do not seem to remember, and it just strikes me that you are already breaking a promise.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): As I say to you, we will look at the details of what is entailed by that pledge and we will do our best to implement them.

Jennette Arnold (Chair): Assembly Member Johnson.

Darren Johnson (Deputy Chair): Yes, thank you, Chair. Mayor, one of your key pledges on Homes for Londoners was to end rough sleeping by the end of the year, so that no one spent a second night without a home out on the streets, yet the latest figures show a 31% increase in rough sleeping over the past year. Does your pledge still stand?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): It does, and what we have done, very effectively, is bring in a No Second Night Out scheme. It is true, and you are right, Darren, to say that more people are coming on to the streets, and it is very sad to see it. I think there are problems at the moment about the advice councils are giving to people and the problem needs to be tackled. But the No Second Night Out scheme has been very effective in stopping people from becoming habituated to a life on the streets.

Darren Johnson (Deputy Chair): Yet the figures show that the number of people spending a second night out increased by 21% over the past year, and the number of people living on the streets increased by 6%. Are we going to see that pledge delivered by the end of the year so that no one spends a second night out on the streets by the end of 2012?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): We are having great success with the No Second Night Out scheme and we will certainly strain every nerve to make sure that we achieve that. Actually, if you look at what we have done in the struggle to combat rough sleeping and homelessness, I think that the London Delivery Board, the work that has been done to bring the agencies together to give a strategic lead for London in this has been very important, and given the difficulties that the economy has been going through, I think it has been very successful.

Darren Johnson (Deputy Chair): So you are confident that if I put this same question to you in January next year that you will be able to say that no one in London is spending a second night out on the streets, that you have stuck to your pledge and that your approach has been entirely successful?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): What I can tell you is that --

Darren Johnson (Deputy Chair): You are not sounding hugely confident.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): -- we will continue with our work of preventing people, wherever we can, from spending a second night out on the streets, and it is very sad when this happens. There are a multitude of causes and a host of reasons why people do end up on the streets, but we are working ever harder to deliver that, and we have secured the £34 million from Government to help us tackle the problem.

Darren Johnson (Deputy Chair): I think, as Nicky Gavron pointed out before, the fact you cannot even remember the pledges that you signed up during the election campaign shows that you are not taking this as seriously as you need to. It shows that you are not on top of your brief on this, but I will be putting this question again to you in January to see how much you have delivered on your pledge of ending a second night rough sleeping by the end of 2012. Thank you.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Well, you are talking tripe, but anyway.

Jennette Arnold (Chair): Next question, Assembly Member Evans.

1129/2012 - New Routemaster

Roger Evans

The new Routemaster has proved to be resoundingly popular with Londoners on Route 38 with people stopping to photograph it and actually Tweeting that they're on board, such is its star quality. How soon can Londoners expect to see the fleet expanded, to what size and to which routes?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Thank you very much, Roger. You are asking how soon Londoners can expect to see the fleet expanded and what size and what routes. I am told that it will be in production by the middle of next year and that the intention and the budget is for 600 new buses on the streets.

Roger Evans (AM): That is very good news, Mr Mayor. I was pleased to hear this morning from you that air quality in London has been improving in recent years, because it is not something you would ever have guessed from the debates that we have had in this Assembly over time, when opponents sought to paint a quite different picture. Can you tell us what contribution the bus will make to improving air quality and reducing CO2 emissions?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): For the benefit of viewers who were not able to hear the interjection from a sedentary position from John Biggs - which is relevant to your brilliant question - he said the reason air quality has improved is because there is a recession and nobody is going to work anymore. Well, I think in a hotly contested field, that is one of the most asinine things I have heard in this Chamber, and it is a fact that under all modes of transport, ridership has been increasing throughout the recession. That is why it is vital to get an increase in investment in public transport in the City, which we have secured, and that is why it is so important, Roger, to have cleaner, greener modes of transport. That is why the new bus for London is an important part of our strategy for tackling air quality and for improving it, and actually to say that the reason air quality has improved is because people are not using transport is just completely unbelievable.

Roger Evans (AM): Mr Mayor, I am surprised to see that my colleague, John [Biggs], is still trying to find something that Gordon Brown can claim the credit for, after recent performances. Unlike Gordon Brown, you are very keen on making financial savings. Can you tell us about the savings that will be achieved by the new bus through reduced fuel costs, and of course through reduced fare evasion?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Yes, that is right. There is the bendy bus. I mean, actually, they never really came clean about whether they were in favour of the bendy bus or not, whether they wanted to bring it back. But it did cost Londoners an awful lot in fare evasion; about £7.4 million was lost in fare evasion on the bendy buses. The new bus will be considerably cleaner. I think it does about 12 miles per gallon - which may not sound like a lot, but it is a lot for a bus - and so its emissions are about half as much as a diesel bus and much less even than a current hybrid bus. So not only will it be cleaner, it will be cheaper to run. I think the savings are about £8,000 a year in fuel costs alone, from memory, but I would have to check that.

Roger Evans (AM): I can tell you that we are very keen on the new bus in Havering and Redbridge and we are looking forward to welcoming the first ones across our border when some of the routes are changed. Could you let me know which routes are going to be the first ones that will be changed in Havering and Redbridge so that we can form a welcome party to greet the new buses as they cross the border?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): I do not know. I will do my best to get the relevant information to you about which routes will be used, but I cannot tell you now.

Jennette Arnold (Chair): OK, thank you. Assembly Member Biggs --

John Biggs (AM): Can I request a personal explanation?

Jennette Arnold (Chair): No, no. Sorry, I am not going to accept that. I can only just say to the Mayor that he is not really required to answer your questions that you have whispered to him while another Member is addressing him.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Could I perhaps say something?

Jennette Arnold (Chair): No, I am not going to give you a personal explanation of something that only the Mayor heard from you in a whisper, and can I ask you to stop whispering to the Mayor?

Now, let us go to question 12. Welcome, it is a maiden question from Assembly Member Stephen Knight, and it is about direct jobs through City Hall.

1249/2012 - Direct jobs through City Hall

Stephen Knight

Of the 200,000 jobs you have pledged to create through City Hall programmes by May 2016, how many will have been delivered by May 2013?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Thank you. Stephen, yes, welcome. You are opening the batting here. This is an interesting question, and the answer is that the programme is a four-year programme, and I hope - just to get back to the conversations I was having with Joanne [McCartney] and others - that our achievements in creating these jobs over the next four years will be transparent and you will be able to see them through the datastore.

Stephen Knight (AM): Thank you very much. I hope it will be transparent, and I hope we can get a little bit of transparency this morning. You have said very clearly, Mr Mayor, that creating jobs and growth in the City is the centrepiece of your mayoralty for the next four years, so I wonder whether we could explore and really get to the bottom of this pledge to create 2000 new jobs over the next four years.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Yes.

Stephen Knight (AM): I think you have said previously that 100,000 of these 200,000 jobs will come from your affordable house-building programme, and when I looked at the affordable house-building programme, it appears to me that we are actually talking about not 100,000 jobs, but 25,000 jobs building affordable homes for the next 4 years, and in order to get to 100,000, you seem to have multiplied each year's employment, counted each year's employment as a new job. Is that reasonable?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): No.

Stephen Knight (AM): Do you think that most Londoners would consider that you have four jobs as Mayor of London over the term of this office or just the one?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): No. I am afraid, with great respect to you, you are miscounting and that is not the --

Stephen Knight (AM): How am I miscounting? Could you explain?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): As I remember the figures, in fact, the affordable housing programme, which is going to deliver about 54,838 houses, we think, by 2015, will deliver 104,000 jobs, and to the best of my knowledge, there is no multiplication. We are not talking about jobs per year, we are talking about new jobs created during four years.

Stephen Knight (AM): Perhaps I can remind you of your own figures, because your own figures are based on each house built creating two jobs for a year. That is what your own figures suggest, so I put it to you that you are talking about 25,000 jobs over the 4-year period and that you are not double-counting, you are quadruple-counting in order to get to 100,000.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): As I say, I have heard what you have said. It is not my understanding and I will be happy to correspond with you about it.

Stephen Knight (AM): Thank you, Mr Mayor. I hope you will look at it and perhaps we will get to the bottom of how many jobs there are in affordable house building in London.

My second problem with your pledge to create these new jobs from affordable house building is that as far as I can see from your affordable house building strategy, hardly any of these jobs are in any sense new, because I put it to you that the rate of affordable house building over the next four years, according to your own house building strategy, is only very marginally higher than the rate of affordable house building that was delivered over the last four years; in fact, only 87 additional homes per year being delivered. Now, on your own formula of new jobs for every house created a year, that is 174 jobs over the next 4 years from affordable house building, not 100,000, so aren't you being rather creative with your accounting, with your statistics to turn 174 jobs suddenly into 100,000 jobs for Londoners?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): I mean, Stephen, if you think you can build 54,800 houses with 174 people, then you are the man. You obviously know something about house building that I do not.

Stephen Knight (AM): Would you accept --

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Who are these heroes, these 174?

Stephen Knight (AM): Mr Mayor, would you accept --

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Just imagine if you could build 54,898 houses with 174 people. Absolutely fantastic.

Stephen Knight (AM): Mr Mayor, would you accept that there is a difference between creating new jobs and maintaining existing jobs?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): No, we think that new jobs will be created to the tune of 104,000 as a result of the house-building programme.

Stephen Knight (AM): Mr Mayor, you said, did you not, in this very Chamber only a couple of months ago that public trust in statistics is critically important in a democracy. Do you really think that by trying to present 174 additional jobs in house building, which is what we are talking about over the next 4 years, is 100,000 new jobs, you are really creating public trust in the statistics which you put forward?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Yes.

Stephen Knight (AM): I think most Londoners --

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): I think most Londoners will listen to you explaining how 174 people are going to apparently build 54,000 homes. You know, it is perfectly obvious that we have a very ambitious programme that involves investing in transport and in housing. It is vital that we fight together for those funds and we take the city forward. That is what I want to do.

Andrew Dismore (AM): Of these hundreds of thousands of new jobs you are proposing to create, how many are going to be long-term young unemployed people? How many permanent full-time jobs for young people are you going to create, bearing in mind your abject failure to deal with long-term youth unemployment in the last year?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Well, as I say, the most important thing is to get young people into a position where they can take those jobs. I think one of the most worrying features of the London economy has been our difficulty in translating London's ability to create jobs into real benefits for young people in this city. That is why the apprenticeship programme is so important and why we put so much store by it and why we will be continuing to expand it.

Andrew Dismore (AM): Last year long-term youth unemployment in London more than doubled to 20,000. Youth unemployment generally is 53,000 under your watch last year, and you cannot give me a figure of how many of these new jobs are going to be for long-term unemployed young Londoners. If you are putting forward these pledges of 200,000 jobs you are going to create, you should ideally, I would have thought, know how many of those are going to be for young people. I am not talking about apprenticeships; I am talking about proper, long-term, full-time employment for young people. How many?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): The obvious commonsensical answer, Andrew, is as many as possible.

Andrew Dismore (AM): That means you do not know, does it not? Again a figure you do not know.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): How can anybody possibly know how many young people we will succeed in --

Andrew Dismore (AM): We know how many are out of work now, do we not?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Yes, but, if I may say so, I think you are slightly trivialising the problem.

Andrew Dismore (AM): I am not trivialising the problem.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): You are.

Andrew Dismore (AM): You have put forward a target. It is a simple question: how many from that target are going to be for long-term, young unemployed question. It is a simple question; you do not know the answer.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): The answer is as many as possible, and we achieve that by rolling out our apprenticeship programme, by encouraging small businesses to take on young people and by doing everything we can to promote the employment of young people across the city and that is what we are going to do.

Andrew Dismore (AM): You do not know. That is, you do not know.

Jennette Arnold (Chair): Thank you very much. The next question is from Assembly Member O'Connell, on tram extensions.

1125/2012 – Tram Extension

Steve O'Connell

Now that you have been successfully re-elected and investment in London's transport system protected from the threatened ravages of your predecessor, where can Tramlink extensions be factored in for Sutton and Croydon?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Thank you very much Steve, and congratulations to you on all the work you do to promote the tram extensions in Croydon and Sutton. The basic answer is that we are pursuing that ambition. We are now doing a feasibility study into extending the Docklands Light Railway (DLR) to Bromley and extending the Croydon Tramlink.

Steve O'Connell (AM): Thank you very much, Mr Mayor. Richard Tracey and I welcome very much the double-tracking Wimbledon link which is going to facilitate some of these extensions. The people of Croydon and Sutton, I refer particularly to Sutton with deference to my neighbouring coalition listers. You and I romped home in the borough of Sutton, that formal liberal borough. On the doorstep there was a clamouring for the extension of the Sutton tram down through St Helier to the town centre with all the regenerative effects that would have. Can you give some comfort to colleagues and residents in Sutton that this is very much on your radar while still retaining your interest in extending the aforementioned Crystal Palace extension?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Of course, and I thank you again for the lobbying that you have done on behalf of this project. You will, I hope, be as closely involved as possible in the next steps forward.

Steve O'Connell (AM): Thank you, Mr Mayor.

Richard Tracey (AM): Thank you, Madam Chair. Mr Mayor, I gather that one direction of the Government as a result of Madame Lagarde's intervention yesterday may well be greater emphasis on infrastructure, so could I join with Steve O'Connell and ask you to lobby the Secretary of State for Transport, our friend Justine Greening, for some of the money to be produced --

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): But this is something on which everybody is agreed. Everybody here understands that one of the ways to jumpstart the London economy and indeed the whole UK economy is to invest in infrastructure, and that is the case I make to Government and that is what I have been saying over the last four years.

Richard Tracey (AM): Undoubtedly this highly successful tramline and the extension to Sutton, as Steve has said, would be extremely popular and would be a very good investment.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Absolutely, and that is the argument for extending the Northern Line, for new river crossings, all the things that we want to do, and for putting in things like the cable car, which we are doing very largely with private finance. That is why I believe in transport infrastructure projects. I am accused of never have said it before. Are you really saying I have never said before in this horseshoe that it is absolutely vital that we invest in transport infrastructure in this city? It has been a dominant theme of the last four years. It is the right way forward for London.

Richard Tracey (AM): You have just mentioned a steady progress in completing the cable car. Do you know if John Biggs voted for you in the election, which he promised to?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): I never tired of saying to everybody that I thought they had the wrong candidate in 2012 and that they would have done much better under John, so I do not know what his private -- but I think he did pledge to vote for me, did he not?

Richard Tracey (AM): He did.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): I do not know what happened there. Maybe he kept his promise. It would be unusual.

Jennette Arnold (Chair): Thank you for that. Let us go on to the next question from Assembly Member Tracey.

1120/2012 – Diamond Jubilee

Richard Tracey

How does the Mayor and City Hall plan to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and will the Mayor will be joining the River Pageant?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Thank you very much, Richard. The Diamond Jubilee is going to be spectacular. You have asked me what I am going to do to celebrate the Queen's diamond jubilee. I will be joining the river pageant. I did want to row in the river pageant but I was discouraged from this because it was felt I would not look good in Lycra, so there you are. I am going to be on a boat; I am going to be loyally stationed on a boat.

Richard Tracey (AM): Will this building be suitably decked out for this great occasion?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Good question. I am not certain what the answer to that is. I do not know what our plans are for decking it out in bunting and what have you. We had better check out what the bunting committee says and find out. I am sorry, I do not know the answer. We will find out.

Richard Tracey (AM): I think we should celebrate it, because as the second verse of the national anthem -- one of the lines is, "Long may she reign" and I think we would all subscribe to that. I think so; do you not think so? That is the spirit.

Jennette Arnold (Chair): Thank you. Let us move on now to the next question, Assembly Member McCartney, and the topic is racism in the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS), question 1495.

1495/2012 – Racism in the MPS

What discussions did you have with the Met Commissioner following recent reports of racism in the MPS? Please provide me with me dates of your conversations. What further steps are you taking?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Yes, I have had conversations with the Commissioner about this issue repeatedly, Joanne, and this is something that obviously concerns him and me very much. I have been very impressed by the language he has used in denouncing and attacking any kind of evidence of racism in the MPS. As it happens, we have a new Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime. We did the whole exercise, the race and faith inquiry a few years ago. I think it is now time for a fresh look at this. We need to see what more we can do to stamp out this problem, and I am sure Stephen Greenhalgh will be wanting to share with you and with everybody some of his ideas for that.

Joanne McCartney (AM): The first reported news report of this was on 30 March and we had Mr Dimitriou who had recorded verbal abuse by officers on his mobile phone. Following that, we have had a succession of other alleged racism, currently, I believe, 13 cases concerning 17 officers. Can I ask when did you first contact the Commissioner about this?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): As I say, I am in regular contact with him about all sorts of things.

Joanne McCartney (AM): My question did ask you for the dates of the conversations. Did you contact him straight away after you heard about this first case or has it been just in the last week?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Well, what I can tell you is I have had repeated conversations with him about this issue, and certainly long before the last week or so. I am not going to give you the dates, because frankly I cannot remember the dates, but this is something that obviously surfaced a while back and it is something that I think he spoke very powerfully and well about. I certainly remember having a discussion with him about it at the time.

One of the things is it is completely unacceptable and it is vital that we build confidence in the MPS because that work must be stepped up. I think Bernard Hogan-Howe (Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis) was right to point out that one of the reassuring elements of the recent allegations is that so many of the cases have involved police officers themselves making the complaint and bringing to wider attention what they regard as unacceptable behaviour. I am also fortified by the fact that there are now more black and ethnic minority members of the MPS than at any time in history, but you can never be complacent. You have to step it up and I know that he will want to do that.

Joanne McCartney (AM): The last few weeks since this case on 30 March, there has been a flurry of allegations and 13 cases, I believe, now, 17 officers, many of which were referred to the Independent Police Complaints Commission. I want to know what have you done personally, what have you asked the Met Commissioner to do and what are you doing to make sure he takes action on this?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): I am not going to go into the detail of my conversations with the Commissioner.

Joanne McCartney (AM): I think Londoners would expect you to show leadership, so what have you asked him to do?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): I am not going to discuss what I have said to the commissioner, but what I certainly believe is that it is vital that the MPS commands the support of every Londoner and builds trust. I think that the clearest and most powerful way of us expressing that is in recruitment, and not just at junior levels but at senior levels as well. That is why the idea of allowing people to enter at mid career at senior levels is so important and that is why I was impressed and pleased by the recent appointment of a black female Deputy Assistant Commissioner, which is a good thing for London, in my view. We need to encourage that.

Jennette Arnold (Chair): Have you actually asked the commissioner to do anything other than business as usual?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): As I say, I have made it clear what I think should happen, but with the greatest possible respect --

Joanne McCartney (AM): You have not made it clear to us, I am afraid, Mr Mayor.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): With the greatest possible respect to you, Joanne, I am not going to divulge the conversations that it have had the Commissioner, but you can certainly take it that I think this is an issue of great importance. It is of great importance for London. I think it is something that Bernard Hogan-Howe understands and is determined to deal with, and I have been very impressed by the way he has spoken about it and his determination to deal with the problem. As I said to you just now, I think it is one of the things that Stephen Greenhalgh, the new Deputy Mayor for Police and Crime, will be wanting to speak on very early on.

Jennette Arnold (Chair): Mr Mayor, I am not asking whether the Met Commissioner understands the issue, I am asking whether you actually understand it and whether you are prepared to take political leadership. You are in fact currently, because you do not have a deputy, the sole person in charge of the Mayor's Office of Policing and Crime, so again what extra, other than business as usual, have you asked the Met to do and what leadership are you offering on this issue?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): I have made it very clear I am in favour of greater recruitment. I am in favour of recruitment at all levels and I am in favour of stamping out signs of racism and racist behaviour wherever they are found.

Jennette Arnold (Chair): Mr Mayor, we all are in favour of that but what have you actually done about it?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): I think I have given a pretty clear answer to that already, Joanne.

Joanne McCartney (AM): I am not getting anywhere, but thank you.

Jennette Arnold (Chair): Thank you. Can I just say thank you, Assembly Member McCartney, for pointing out that the records will show that there is a proposal for the appointment of the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime and that there is a confirmation hearing that has to take place later on this month.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Thank you, that is entirely correct.

Any other questions on that? No. Let us go to the next question, which is Assembly Member Cleverly, which is Silvertown link tunnel, question number 1121.

1121/2012 – Silvertown Link Tunnel

James Cleverly

My constituents in Bexley will be greatly relieved that with your re-election any threat of the Thames Gateway Bridge has finally been buried. They and many other Londoners were delighted at outline plans you set out before the election about the construction of a new north-south road tunnel under the river. Are you able to tell me of how the scheme will now proceed?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Thank you very much, James. We are indeed pledged to deliver new river crossings. I congratulate on your re-election and on representing the interests of your constituents so powerfully. The intention is to deliver a Silvertown tunnel within a decade.

James Cleverly (AM): Thank you for that. Whilst we are talking about river crossings, and to avoid any doubt on the matter, will you now reassert your position on the Thames Gateway Bridge?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Yes. I thought the previous scheme was environmentally damaging and wrong and I agreed very much with the view of the planning inspector who threw it out.

James Cleverly (AM): Thank you. I think the constituents in the north part of my constituency will be very pleased that what would have been an unmitigated traffic disaster for them has finally now been put to bed and, in doing so, will commend you to put as much effort as possible into ensuring that the regular congestion that we see on the A2 leading into Blackwall Tunnel area is alleviated as soon as possible and that plans will start being disseminated as they come live. Because whilst we are well aware that building major infrastructure, particularly tunnelling, takes quite some time, the businesses in southeast London I think will value the reassurance that this is a priority for you, that these plans will be going ahead and that they are high on your agenda.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Thank you. They can absolutely take it that the plans will now be proceeding full tilt. To get back to what I have been saying earlier on about infrastructure, it is a prime example of a scheme that can generate jobs in the short term but also generate tens of thousands of jobs and help liberate the creation of new homes in East London. It is the right thing to do for the city.

James Cleverly (AM): I am obliged, Mr Mayor.

Darren Johnson (Deputy Chair): Mayor, you were absolutely right not to proceed with Ken Livingstone's ludicrous plans for the Thames Gateway Bridge, which would have been an environmental disaster and brought traffic and pollution to the people of Bexley, but why on earth do you want to foist a similar road-building scheme on the people of Inner London, which will also bring traffic and pollution and will also be an environmental disaster? We do not need either of these road links across or under the Thames. We actually need sustainable transport solutions.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): I respectfully disagree with you and I think it is important for the future of the city that we have more river crossings east of Tower Bridge.

Darren Johnson (Deputy Chair): But why does it matter for the people of Bexley that they do not have additional traffic and pollution but it does not matter for the people of Inner London?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Actually, the --

Darren Johnson (Deputy Chair): Because they do not vote for you?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): No, the scheme that is being proposed would alleviate traffic congestion in East London, reduce emissions and improve air quality. I think it is something that a Green should support. And can I just add that we will proceed with low-carbon emission vehicles in London. In the next 10 or 15 years, the problem of emissions from the backs of cars will greatly diminish, and we intend to lead on that, so I do not think you should be hostile to all infrastructure developments simply because you think that they are going to lead to more motor traffic. You can have people driving around without necessarily increasing pollution.

Jennette Arnold (Chair): Let us move onto the next question. The next question is from Assembly Member Arbour on Heathrow third runway.

1126/2012 – Heathrow Third Runway

Tony Arbour (AM):

Will you confirm your implacable opposition to a third runway at Heathrow?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Tony, the answer is absolutely yes. I will confirm my implacable opposition to a third runway at Heathrow.

Tony Arbour (AM): Does that opposition also extend to any increase in the use of Heathrow, i.e. by increasing the number of night flights?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Yes, it does.

Tony Arbour (AM): Are you aware that in the recent election in the Southwest London constituency, the only issue, apart from smear and innuendo, raised by the Liberal Democrats was your failure and the failure of the Conservatives to oppose a third runway.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): You are joking? Do you mean to say that the Liberal Democrats campaigned on a false manifesto? Are you saying that they say one thing in one place and another thing elsewhere? Are you saying that they are twofaced, the Liberal Democrats? You are joking? Not barefaced hypocrites? Are they really?

Tony Arbour (AM): Absolutely right.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Have you ever met a Liberal Democrat who said one thing one day and one thing another?

Tony Arbour (AM): Taking that into account and the fact that they have sold their votes for 30 pieces of silver to the Labour party --

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Thirty pieces of silver?

Tony Arbour (AM): Actually, it was probably 29 because our Coalition friends and partners, the Liberal Democrats, have been bought off by Biggs' gold.

Jennette Arnold (Chair): Mr Arbour, I understand that this is an important question for your constituents.

Tony Arbour (AM): This is a very important matter.

Jennette Arnold (Chair): Could we have, then, a follow-up question so we can get an answer from the Mayor?

Tony Arbour (AM): In the light of those comments you have made about the Liberal Democrats, Mr Mayor, will you tell us now that certainly in this building there will be no more love bombing between the Conservatives and the Liberal Democrats and that as far as you are concerned, certainly as far as we sitting on this side of the chamber are concerned, they are now fully paid-up members of the Labour group?

Jennette Arnold (Chair): That is not an appropriate question.

Tony Arbour (AM): I think it is a very interesting question.

Jennette Arnold (Chair): Let us have some quiet for a moment. We are going to move on now to the next question, and it is -- can I refer you to Standing Order 5.8 and it is the Chair's ruling that that was an improper question.

Did you indicate that you wanted to speak? Can I just say to you the question is Heathrow third runway? Can I have a question on that?

Richard Tracey (AM): Absolutely. Madam Chair, I am grateful to you. Mr Mayor, can I support what Tony Arbour was saying about the Heathrow situation and the third runway, because my constituents and I live underneath the flight path in Wandsworth and we are concerned that, for a start, planes are flying in from 4.00am when they should be flying in from 6.00am. Also, there is still apparently some extension about the experiment about mixed mode and so on, various extra uses of Heathrow. Can I ask you that in your meetings with the Secretary of State for Transport you do emphasise your opposition to all of this and please do

move on with your research and thoughts about moving the main London airport east of the city rather than west.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): I think you are absolutely right, Dick, that we have to be very fierce with Government now because I think there is a risk that they will tiptoe back towards the electrified fence. I am alarmed by some of the mutterings I hear from Whitehall. I think there is a serious risk of third-runway recidivism. It would be, in my view, not just the wrong thing. It would be worse than a crime; it would be a mistake from the Government's point of view. It is not politically deliverable. I can say that in all candour to my friends in Government. The third runway will not happen. It is a mistake to try to revive that scheme. It is a sham, a snare and a delusion. It is much, much better to think creatively about other options.

I have the benefit, unlike most people, of listening to the chunterings and mutterings of my friend on my right, which are never interrupted by the Chair, but I can relay them to you. He seems to be --

Jennette Arnold (Chair): No, I do not want them. I want an answer. Sorry, Mr Mayor, it is absolutely not appropriate for you to be bringing another Member into your response. Can you just focus on an answer to Assembly Member Tracey's question?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): I would be very happy to confine my answer to what is said by all the other questioners if and only if the constant chunterings are somehow kept in check by you, Jennette. With great respect to you as chair, and maybe there is some difficulty in hearing John Biggs and maybe there is some problem in the acoustics, but there he is constantly filling my mind with wild thoughts. It is very, very tempting, when you see him bowling these very loose balls, as he does, to try to hit them out of the park. Just for his sanity - which is not in question, by the way - could I ask that what is sauce for the goose could be sauce for the gander as well.

Jennette Arnold (Chair): Can we have an answer to Assembly Member Tracey's question? I will be having a word on the side to the leader of the Labour group in a moment. It is not appropriate for there to be constant whispering coming from any particular Member here today. Now, can I have an answer so we can move on?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Yes. The answer really is -- thank you, Dick, for everything you do on this sedulous work you perform for your constituents. I think there is a risk that the Government will be tempted to make a mistake, and they should not do this. I know that business is clamouring for the third runway. Even if we built a third runway at Heathrow, which would be greatly to the detriment to the detriment of this city of West London, which would massively increase transport congestion and pollution in that part of town, which would cause hundreds of thousands more plane movements over the skies of London, even if we did it, it would not be a long-term solution. We need to think more creatively and more powerfully and come up with a better solution fast. That is why I welcome the consultation that Justine Greening is engaged upon at the moment, which specifically excludes a third runway at Heathrow.

Jennette Arnold (Chair): Can I just say welcome to the next questioner; it is Assembly Member Dr Onkar Sahota. His maiden question is on Ealing Hospital, question number 1506.

1506/2012 – Ealing Hospital

Onkar Sahota

What actions have you taken to safeguard the future of Ealing Hospital?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Thank you very much, Onkar, and welcome. The difficulty I have with hospital configurations in London is that I do not have direct responsibility for them, but I can lobby for and against changes that are patently not in the interests of Londoners. I am aware of the campaign that you have been running; I am aware of the anxieties in the area about the closure of Ealing Hospital. I know also that there is a consultation going on now about that proposal and I think it probably best if I reserve my opinion on it until I have seen the outcome of that consultation.

Onkar Sahota (AM): Mr Mayor, I really appreciate you answering this question. Of course, I recognise that you often do intervene in matters which are not your responsibility. I believe the 50-pence text was an example of it. You did lobby very carefully for that and had the ear of the Secretary of State, and we were speaking earlier on about transport matters. You do have the ear of the Secretary of State of Health. This is an important matter to my constituents. I fought the election on this. It is a very important hospital which serves the local community and I expect you to intervene on behalf of Londoners. Can you tell me what steps you can take besides the one you have already outlined? You have the ear of the Secretary of State, but what else can you do, please?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): I have to confess to you, in spite of the very successful campaign which you ran, which I congratulate you upon - obviously I mourn the departure of Richard Barnes (former Assembly Member) - clearly you struck a path or echo with your constituents. But I have to say I campaigned a lot in Ealing and it was not raised with me, so it was not something that people brought to me. So your question to me today is really the first time this has been escalated to me. I do want to see what happens in the consultation. What I can generally say is that the difficulty that we seem to have got into is that a programme of reconfiguration, which was well advanced when I became Mayor. I remember Ruth Carnall, who used to run the Strategic Health Authority in London, had a very far advanced programme to reconfigure hospitals. That was basically discontinued.

The difficulty now and I think this applies in Ealing as well, is that across the city you have big Private Funded Initiative (PFI) hospitals adjacent to much-loved community hospitals. Because of the PFI that Andrew Dismore helped set up when he was part of the Labour Government - I will just chuck that one in - it has been very, very difficult for some of these hospitals to make a business case. That has been the problem.

Onkar Sahota (AM): Mr Mayor, the real issue is that the consultation process is looking at the choice between Ealing Hospital and West Middlesex, and West Middlesex is a PFI hospital. It is a very damned choice because the die is already cast against Ealing Hospital in giving that choice. I think you have an obligation, because 100,000 people attend Ealing Hospital and 40% of them get admitted to hospital again. I think it is your responsibility in equalities of health also, in healing inequality, and I really want you to give an undertaking that you will intervene and protect my constituents for this hospital, just like I have been fighting for them.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Absolutely, Onkar, and I respect your view as a clinician about this problem. For me what matters are clinical outcomes. Before I make any further rash commitments to you about joining your bandwagon, as it were, I think I had better look at the argument more closely, the argument about clinical outcomes, which is, after all, the thing I really have to promote as Mayor. We have to eradicate health inequalities. Not only is that part of our statutory duty, there are some areas of healthcare where London is way behind where it should be. The argument that has been put to me by clinicians, by the strategic Health Authority, has been that reorganisation is essential if you are going to drive up standards of care. I have to be mindful of that case and that argument when I consider important representations of the kind that you make about Ealing Hospital.

Onkar Sahota (AM): Just a last point. For the record, this proposal does not enjoy clinical support at all. It is not clinically led. It is led by the Northwest London cluster. Local GPs are against it, local consultants are against it, local people are against it. I hope this Government listens, I hope you will listen and I hope you will intervene.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Onkar, you have made your point very powerfully today. I hope we can work together to see what we can do to represent the interests of people in this matter.

Andrew Boff (AM): Is the contrition that has just been given a strong argument for improving the power of clinicians in the decisions that take place in the National Health Service (NHS)?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): I certainly think it is, but that has to be the test, Andrew. The test had to be clinical outcomes. In cardiology, because of reforms of the system, London is fantastic. In oncology London is very, very far from fantastic. Why? What can we do to improve and to rationalise?

Andrew Boff (AM): Mr Mayor, is not improving the say of clinicians in the running of the health service the very centre of the health reforms proposed by the coalition?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): I believe that it is and that is why, with great respect to Onkar, I am hesitant about giving his campaign here and now perhaps the full-throated support that he wants. I think it would be dishonest of me if I were just to say, "Yes, you are absolutely right, we must do everything we can to save Ealing Hospital and fight the closure". I think we really need to bottom-out what is going on. It may be that you can convince me.

Andrew Boff (AM): Mr Mayor, would you like to perhaps hypothesise about the complaints that would have come to you of this nature if the coalition Government had not protected the NHS with a comprehensive spending review and rather had followed the line of the Labour Party, which was to include the NHS in any spending issues?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Yes. I said earlier on, slightly frivolously and in parenthesis, that the general problem is the PFI and the huge debts that it has obliged posterity to pay to keep some of these PFI hospitals going. What that does is it tends to blight the future of an adjacent hospital. You see it around London where such is the political imperative to protect the PFI scheme, and indeed the financial imperative, because under the thing that Gordon Brown set up the Government is completely on the hook for this; there is no way out. Such is the imperative to do that that it does cause difficulties for adjacent hospitals. That is why the trust that you mention finds itself with this terrible choice that they have to make.

Jennette Arnold (Chair): Thank you. Let us move on to the next question.
Assembly Member Duvall.

1319/2012 – Nine-Point Plan

Len Duvall

How many of your “nine-point plan for London” pledges had already been completed or announced prior to March 2012?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Thank you, Len. The answer is the nine-point plan, which I do not think we have discussed enough in this place yet this morning, can be conceptualised, can be thought of, to use a less pompous word, as a gigantic eight-year project, some of which had already been done and the great bulk of it was to come. If you to look at investing £221 million to reconfirm local high streets, a lot of that has gone in but actually even more has yet to come. Ensuring a true Olympic legacy, that is obviously to come. Some of those homes are there already but there will be, altogether, 11,000 new homes and 10,000 new jobs. This is just over this mayoralty. Reducing Tube delays by 30% by 2015, that is on top of the 40% reduction in delays that we have already achieved. So I think the nine-point plan was very important in giving people a sense of where we are coming from and, above all, where we are going.

Len Duvall (AM): Thank you, Mr Mayor. That is probably one of the only honest answers I think you have given today.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Why do I have to listen to all this?

Len Duvall (AM): I was hoping you were going to start with new administration in a different vein. You are a serial abuser of misleading people. Let us deal with some of the myths, Mr Mayor. You say that you are scrupulous, and I think in an earlier question you said you had been scrupulous in looking over your manifesto commitments and your promises. Let us deal

with one of the myths. Can we agree that the £445 back in your pocket is not true? It is a notional sum that you have devised in terms of a campaigning tool. Is that correct?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): No. Anybody would think that we had not just had a most exhausting election campaign about precisely this point. Actually, the £445 represented and still represents the saving to Londoners already over the last four years as a result of discontinuing the vertiginous increases in council tax of the previous mayoralty.

Len Duvall (AM): Is it a notional formula that you have devised in terms of that figure? Do you believe that is a true figure or a notional figure, a formula you have devised, on a notional saving to Londoners? True or false?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): No, I think it is --

Len Duvall (AM): Is it true, then? Say it is true, do you not think you have just lied to the Assembly?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): No.

Len Duvall (AM): Channel 4 Fact Check says that is a work of fiction. Do you know actually how much money you put back in the pocket of Londoners last year? Do you know the exact figure of band D properties?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): What I can tell you is if you protracted the increases that were in hand and which took place --

Len Duvall (AM): It is a formula. You do not know.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): -- under Ken Livingstone and which you supported and which led to an increase of council tax for a band D household was £964.

Len Duvall (AM): Sorry, I have asked you a question. Answer the question.

Jennette Arnold (Chair): Can we not have overspeaking of each other?

Len Duvall (AM): Chair, I have asked the question.

Jennette Arnold (Chair): And I am trying to get an answer for you. Can you give a direct answer to Assembly Member Duvall's question?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Yes, the answer is he is talking nonsense. Actually if you look at the line, the graph, of council tax increases under Ken Livingstone, which he supported, which all the Labour group supported, and you compare it with council tax increases under this administration over the last four years, it is absolutely legitimate to say that we saved Londoners a cruel fate of further Livingstonian council tax increases and therefore £445 was put back in their pockets.

Len Duvall (AM): Chair, we have already learnt earlier that the mayor cannot count, I think ably pointed out by the Liberal Democrats this morning on his numbers. Can you tell us, Mr Mayor, and answer my earlier question, how much money you actually put back in people's pockets on a band D property in the last administration?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Well, as I say --

Len Duvall (AM): I will help you Mr Mayor. Are you going to tell me the figure? You do not know, do you?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Yes, it is £445, as it says in the nine-point plan.

Len Duvall (AM): No, it is not. It is £3.10. You have got it wrong. Your briefings are wrong, your briefings have been wrong all this morning.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Why have you concealed this from Londoners? Why is it only now after the election that you are revealing this?

Len Duvall (AM): Let us move on.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Was it not remiss of you to fail to make this point during the election campaign?

Len Duvall (AM): Can you tell me in your nine-point plans are you promising Londoners an extra 1,000 police officers on the beat? True or false? Is that a commitment or is that something you have done in the past? I think Londoners need to know in your nine-point plan what are we dealing with? Is that a commitment to a further 1,000 officers, yes or no?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Yes, because we put --

Len Duvall (AM): On top of now? On top of the figures that you have recently stated in the past administration, you are promising Londoners a further 1,000 officers over the next 4 years on the beat?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): As I say, the plan was an indication of what we are doing, and one of the achievements I think it was important to signal to Londoners was that we put I think more than 1,000 more warranted officers on the streets than there were when I was elected, and that is not an insignificant achievement.

Len Duvall (AM): That is not true, Mr Mayor. Again, Channel 4 Fact Check independently checked the figures. They say that is a fiction. That is why I asked you the question are you promising more than 1,000 officers back on in this administration. I am not sure that you know. Is it fair, then, and reasonable, if we were going to check that in the future, that at any point in time up until 2015, if the full-time officer capacity falls below 32,398, you would have broken a promise? Do you agree or do you not know?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): I have the figures in a lengthy answer to Joanne. As things stood on 3 May this year, we were more than 1,300 officers up, or roughly 1,300 officers, 1,300 warranted officers, than there were when I was elected. That is a pretty distinguished thing to do. We are also moving officers out of the back room on to the front line. Things are not easy; times are tough across the board. The Met is doing a very good job of getting more officers out there. We want to encourage that and we are going to work on that.

Len Duvall (AM): On your nine-point plan, can you just explain the 300 acres of green space and 100 pocket parks are the same 300 acres that you have already started in the priority parks programme or are they new? Yes or no? Are they new?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): That is a pledge to continue the work that was already started.

Len Duvall (AM): So they are not new.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): We will continue that work.

Len Duvall (AM): They are not new.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): We will certainly go on delivering more street trees.

Len Duvall (AM): Mr Mayor, can I just say to you, sometimes, if you stopped misleading Londoners and really just presented it a straightforward way, actually I think we would all do a better job here including you in terms of the promises you are trying to keep to Londoners. Thank you.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Well, I am sorry. I am sorry. We have delivered record numbers of new homes. We have certainly more than 1,000 more officers on the street. We have a record investment in transport and with the greatest respect to you and your criticisms of me, Len, I really cannot understand why you are uncorking them now three weeks after an election. You had every opportunity to make these points during the election campaign and, indeed, I think people did make these points during the election campaign.

Len Duvall (AM): What is your promise to Londoners, Mr Mayor?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): As I said right at the beginning, London has been able to look at what we said in 2008 and what we delivered. To an overwhelming degree, I have been able to keep my promises despite incredibly tough times and we are going to go on delivering on our promises.

Len Duvall (AM): You have not.

Richard Tracey (AM): Mr Mayor, I think your manifesto, as compared to the other one offered, was a work in progress leading to the future. The other manifesto was leading us to

the past. Now, I have two specifics. (1) Am I not right that in 2000 and 2004, the Labour candidate who became Mayor promises a freeze in fares or a cut in fares but he did not deliver, did he?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): No, he did not and I think that was one of the reasons why the Labour candidate failed in the election because I think the proposals that were being offered did not carry credibility.

Richard Tracey (AM): Yes, the other specific I wanted to ask you is you mentioned I think at point 8 in your 9-point pledge extending the bike scheme further out. Well, we are looking forward to it in Wandsworth and I would like to see it in Merton please and also around the Richmond Park area and also orbital rail. We would like to see far more orbital rail in South London. Is that a possibility? Will you be delivering on those pledges?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Yes. You will see the completion of the orbital rail link. You will see a London orbital rail network created and that completion will happen very shortly. As for the bike hire scheme, I do not want to make completely undeliverable promises. We do want to extend it and we have to be realistic about where it can go.

Richard Tracey (AM): Thank you.

Tony Arbour (AM): In fact, your first point was cutting waste at City Hall. I wonder, Mr Mayor, whether or not you have looked at the budget which has been granted to the Labour group here which is so fat that they have been able to allocate £50,000 to buy in the votes of the Greens and the Liberal members.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): You are joking. Do you mean they are using public money --

Jennette Arnold (Chair): This is absolutely not okay.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): -- in order to do behind the stairs deals with the Liberal Democrats.

Jennette Arnold (Chair): Do you have another question, Mr Arbour?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Are you serious?

Tony Arbour (AM): In light of the fact, Mr Mayor, that --

Jennette Arnold (Chair): Assembly budget is not the issue of this question, nor was it part --

Tony Arbour (AM): Of course it is.

Jennette Arnold (Chair): Excuse me, the Assembly budget was not part --

Tony Arbour (AM): This question is about the Mayor's promises.

Jennette Arnold (Chair): No, it was not part.

Tony Arbour (AM): I am seeking to call him to account.

Jennette Arnold (Chair): Assembly Member Arbour, I am speaking. It was not a part --

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Are they wasting public money on buying votes from the Lib Dems?

Tony Arbour (AM): They are. They are.

Jennette Arnold (Chair): No, it is absolutely ridiculous and it is not an appropriate question.

Tony Arbour (AM): Well, if it is, they probably could have got it for free if they just asked nicely.

Jennette Arnold (Chair): Now, do you have another question about the Nine Point Plan?

Tony Arbour (AM): Yes, indeed, I do, Madam Chairman. When one looks at the budget allocated for the administration of the various political groups here at City Hall, have you taken into account that, year on year, the Conservative group has ploughed back into the general funding of London for the benefit of Londoners surpluses on their budget, whereas that has not happened elsewhere? Do you not think that that was a jolly good example for the other groups, actually the other group because, as I have already explained, there is now only one other group of this authority -- should they not be paying money back for the benefit of Londoners?

Jennette Arnold (Chair): No, Mr Mayor, before you answer, can I just advise you that the Assembly's allocation of its budget does not fall within your remit. Can I now ask Assembly Member Cleverly does he have a question about the Nine Point Plan?

James Cleverly (AM): I do have one on the Nine Point Plan and it is about waste and expenditure of political groups at City Hall, Mr Mayor.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Yes.

James Cleverly (AM): Do you feel that it is incumbent upon us all here in these tough times to drive down costs and to winkle out bits of wasted expenditure, Mr Mayor, and if you do agree that is the case, do you think that it should be a burden shared by all the political groups on the Assembly.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): I certainly do, though I am conscious, Jennette, of your strictures and I think that by their deed, shall you know them. Look at them. That was exactly why the election turned out as it did.

Jennette Arnold (Chair): Thank you.

James Cleverly (AM): I have not finished asking my questions yet, Madam Chair.

Jennette Arnold (Chair): You have another question.

James Cleverly (AM): Thank you. If one of the political groups is able to squeeze its expenditure, as the Conservatives have done in the past, do you think it is more appropriate for that money to be given back to the Secretariat for them to decide how that money could be best spent on behalf of Londoners or do you think it is more appropriate that that political group should decide to divide up the money amongst other political groups to buy votes at things like, I do not know, the Annual General Meeting of the Assembly where remunerated positions are decided?

Jennette Arnold (Chair): Excuse me.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Well, I have to say that has rarely gone on and I have heard this allegation made several times with mounting disbelief. If that really has gone on, then it does seem to me to be a fit subject for investigation by the authorities in this Plenary.

Jennette Arnold (Chair): No, Mr Mayor, I will say it again, there is not an issue.

James Cleverly (AM): Can we stop the clock because this is all going against our time management.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): They are saying, "Come and get me, copper" is what they are saying.

James Cleverly (AM): Can we stop the clock on this one?

Jennette Arnold (Chair): The Monitoring Officer has received concerns by members of the Conservative group and they have had an explanation and they have been told this is not a matter for any investigation because nothing untoward has happened.

James Cleverly (AM): Says you.

Jennette Arnold (Chair): Now, just before we call in the next speaker, can I ask for the Assembly to agree to suspend Standing Order 2.9B in order that we can then take the final few questions.

Members: Agreed.

Jennette Arnold (Chair): Agreed. Thank you. Now let us then go to the next question which is from Assembly Member Boff, the London Olympics.

1132/2012 - London Olympics

Andrew Boff

Would the Mayor tell us what role he will have during the opening ceremony and the rest of the Games?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Yes, absolutely. Andrew, the answer is that I do not think I have much of a role in the opening ceremony but my general role at the Games is to maximise the opportunities for London to secure investment to promote growth and jobs in the city.

Andrew Boff (AM): One of the most important skills in politics is to learn timing and, for that reason, thank you very much and let us move on to the next question.

Jennette Arnold (Chair): Thank you. The next question is in the name of Assembly Member Dismore, question 1320, and it is titled Memorial Event.

1320/2012 - Memorial Event

Andrew Dismore

Will you support the call for a 40th anniversary memorial event to the Israeli athletes and coaching staff killed at the Munich Olympics during the London Games?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Thank you, Andrew. As you know, there is a considerable amount of work already been done to have an event of exactly the kind that you have described and I am a keen and active supporter of that.

Andrew Dismore (AM): Well, can I say, Chair, first of all, could I remind the Assembly what this is about. 40 years ago, 10 Olympiads ago, 11 Israeli athletes and their coaches were murdered at the Munich Olympic Games and not once since then has there been a memorial service or event officially part of the scheduled events at Olympic Games. Now, I know there is talk about doing an event away from the Olympic Park but the relatives and the people involved are very keen indeed and have been ever since to see an event as part of the Olympic Games themselves as part of the opening ceremony or other occasion. I understand there is general cross-party support for the idea from Sebastian Coe and I think yourself included, from the Prime Minister, from Tessa Jowell, MP on behalf of the Labour Party and many others. There was an Early Day Motion I think tabled yesterday about this. Basically, I understand that the International Olympic Committee (IOC) have refused to do this. Now, I would like to know from you, Mr Mayor, why are you not standing up to the IOC and demanding a minute's silence as part of the opening ceremony as has been requested on a number of occasions? Why have you rolled over on this? Why have you not pushed this hard with the IOC to get them to agree to do it?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): All right, well, I am sorry, firstly, if there has been some misunderstanding. My commitment has been to a public event and to make sure that the horrendous massacre of 1972 is properly commemorated and it is something that I know that you and I share a strong commitment to doing. Insofar as there is a proposal for a minute's silence, I am going to have to take that up with the relevant bodies and, if you do not mind, I will see exactly what is being proposed. I am not aware that a minute's silence is something that normally happens at an Olympic opening ceremony.

Andrew Dismore (AM): Well, the point about it is that it has not happened. The IOC say, for some reason, to have a minute's silence to commemorate these victims of terrorism would be a "political gesture" but surely not having a minute's silence is, in itself, a political gesture. Refusing to do so is a political gesture and that is a previous statement by the IOC itself. Now, as I understand it, there have been calls for this at previous Olympiads. That has not happened. This is the 10th Olympiad since and is therefore an iconic occasion for this to take place. Is it not the case really that the IOC are more concerned about the Olympics as big business than about the victims of terror at their Games?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): About what?

Andrew Dismore (AM): More concerned about the Olympics as big business --

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Big business, right.

Andrew Dismore (AM): -- than we are about the victims of terror at their Games. Are they not more concerned about upsetting perhaps some members of the IOC over a rather strange view about Israel than they are about trying to commemorate victims of terror?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Well, as I say, I think what we need to do is establish exactly what is being requested by way of a commemoration and I certainly think that it is appropriate to have a visible public commemoration of 1972 and the atrocity that took place. If, as you say, there is cross-party support from Sebastian Coe, Tessa Jowell. MP and everybody else for a minute's silence and if that is the position of the various Jewish committees that are involved in this matter, then that is something obviously that I will need to take up with the IOC. As I understand it, the proposal at the moment is for a very public ceremony in London that will have the full support of the Jewish committee for the London 2012 Games.

Andrew Dismore (AM): There is a proposal, as I understand it, for an event at the Guildhall I think it is but that is second best. That is a compromise because the IOC have refused the request, repeated on a number of occasions, for a minute's silence at the Olympics. Now, we are paying for the Games in large part. I suspect a lot of Londoners are actually getting fed up with the IOC's generally highhanded attitude across a range of issues, this being another one, so what are you going to do? Do you support the call for a minute's silence at the opening ceremony or during the Games or not? It is a simple question.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Well, I think, on the issue of a minute's silence, I will reflect on it. I think that there may be people who say that one might think of having a

minute's silence, for instance, for the victims of 7/7 which took place the day after the Olympic Games were secured for London. There will be, I can imagine, points being made of that nature, Andrew, so let us, without perhaps putting the cart before the horse, look at what the proposal is and let us establish the nature of the IOC's difficulties and see where we are at.

Andrew Dismore (AM): Well, I can tell you the proposal is for a minute's silence. The IOC have refused because they say it is a political gesture and I think it is about time --

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Well, you are saying this. I have no evidence to support that view.

Andrew Dismore (AM): It has been in all the newspapers. It has been in all the Jewish press and I understand you have a press officer who will monitor these sorts of things. Is it not about time we saw a bit of backbone from you and that you stood up to these unelected and accountable faceless global business bureaucrats that run the IOC?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Well, as I say, I think there may very well be an argument going on with the IOC between some people proposing a minute's silence. Let us try, without descending into a recrimination or rancour, and see what the strength of the arguments are on either side. I can imagine that there will be people who say that the Olympic ceremonies do not have a minute's silence just because there are so many claims for events to be commemorated. As it happens, I can see the point that you make that the 1972 anniversary falls now and we are in an Olympic year. I can see the logic of what you are saying but with great respect to the assertions you have made about the strength of support for the minute's silence, would you forgive me if I established exactly what people are wanting to do and exactly why it may be that the IOC is rejecting it, if indeed they are rejecting it in the way that you suggest they are?

Roger Evans (AM): I think it would be useful if the Assembly recognised the work of many people across London on this important project including Councillor Linda Kelly of Hackney who is involved in organising the memorial in Hackney.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Absolutely.

Roger Evans (AM): I think it is a good thing that we are going to have a memorial service in London but despite perhaps the tone of some of the questioning which you have just had, it does seem to me to be small-minded to say that it would not take place within the Olympic zone but would take place outside. So you certainly have my support, Mr Mayor, and I think it is important to my constituents if you went back to the IOC and said to them that on this very important occasion, the 40th anniversary and it is the 10th Games since then, we think it would be appropriate if some sort of respect was shown at the Games and you would I think have cross-party support for that.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Well, I am grateful to you, Roger. I think that is a very sensible intervention. If you are basically saying that you would like a minute's silence --

Roger Evans (AM): Yes.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): -- then that is something that I think we need to take to the IOC and make that point. It may be that they argue that there are plenty of other disasters and atrocities that we could commemorate but I understand the force of what you are saying.

Roger Evans (AM): It is not the Olympics though.

Andrew Dismore (AM): Yes, I think that the argument would be that this was a disaster and an atrocity which occurred within their remit rather than something that occurred outside or at a similar time. That is why it is uniquely something that they need to participate in.

Jennette Arnold (Chair): Thank you very much. All right, now let us move to the next question and the next question is from Assembly Member Tom Copley and it is about housing benefit cap. It is question 1317.

1317/2012 - Housing Benefit Cap

Tom Copley

What discussions has the Mayor had with the government this year about the impact of the Housing Benefit cap on London?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Thank you, Tom. As you can imagine, I have had protracted discussions with all parties about this issue and indeed with my officials over a long period. At the moment, I think the exemptions, the delays and the changes that we have to the implantation of the housing benefit cap have been quite successful but this is patently something that you need to watch very carefully.

Tom Copley (AM): I am slightly disappointed by that answer. I asked specifically what discussions you had had this year with the government about the housing benefit cap. Could you be slightly more clear about what discussions you have had this year?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Well, I have had repeated discussions over this year and last year about the impact of the housing benefit cap with cabinet ministers and with local government at all levels.

Tom Copley (AM): When you are having these discussions, have you been pushing for the cap to be higher in London to reflect the unique and, frankly, dysfunctional housing market we have in this city?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Yes, and more accurately, what I have argued for is for child-related benefits to be taken out of the cap in order to make it easier, as you say, for London families.

Tom Copley (AM): Just to be clear, specifically, you are pushing for the housing benefit cap to be higher in London?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): What I have said is that child-related benefits could be taken out of the calculation effectively to raise the cap.

Tom Copley (AM): All right, but you have said in the past I believe that you would oppose tooth and nail what some people described as the social cleansing of Inner London. Now I am sat here with some maps that you may have seen which have been produced by Shelter which are quite depressing really which show the affordability for housing benefit claimants of areas of London in 2010 and the situation as it will be in 2016 after these reforms have gone through. As someone who is very proud of the diversity and the fact that London is full of mixed communities, it makes for very depressing viewing. By 2016, Shelter estimate that only 20% of neighbourhoods in Inner London are going to be affordable to people on housing benefit and 44% of neighbourhoods in outer London. Now you said you did not want London to end up like Paris with all the rich people in the centre and the poorer people living around the edges. Is that not exactly what is going to happen under these changes?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Well, it is something we have to guard against and it is clearly something you rightly say that I am opposed to. I spoke in colourful terms about Kosovo-style ethnic or social cleansing going on in London. We do not see that --

Tom Copley (AM): What specifically are doing and what specifically are you asking the government to do?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Well, there were three modifications that we secured to the original plan. The first was a delay of about nine months.

Tom Copley (AM): That is only delaying the problem.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Which was important to give landlords and to give tenants time to think about the upcoming changes. There are three points. We secured considerable sums for discretionary housing payments for particularly difficult cases where people needed to live near their place of work or where their children were in school and, thirdly, we made sure that the LHA could be paid direct to the landlord in order to help to drive down the rents and to mitigate the impact of the change.

Tom Copley (AM): I am running out of time. Can I just take you up on that first point?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): And if you look at what is happening --

Tom Copley (AM): Can I take you up on the first point about the nine month delay?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Sure.

Tom Copley (AM): Now we have already seen in the media that boroughs across London, Labour and Tory, have been writing to authorities outside of London because they do not think

that they will be able to afford to house these tenants. So surely simply delaying it by nine months is not really going to solve the problem.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): I think what you have to recognise, Tom, is that there is a problem in housing benefit. It is up at £21 billion. I think the idea that we could continue with an unreformed housing benefit system -- and I do not believe you would have supported that.

Tom Copley (AM): I think everyone recognises there is a problem.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): Okay, good.

Tom Copley (AM): It is how to solve the problem that is at issue.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): It is to solve it in a pragmatic and a humane way and I think that does mean having a cap. I do not know whether you disagree with that.

Tom Copley (AM): I do not agree with the cap at the current level.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): You do not agree with the cap. I think most people would think that, actually, to have a cap of average income is only reasonable and we have to bear down on housing benefit and it was the right thing to do. There are lots of prophecies of an exodus and you have mentioned Inner London boroughs. Actually, I looked at what happened with the case of Newham. They were fulfilling their statutory duty, as I understand, in inquiring about the availability of homes elsewhere but as far as I understand the position, as yet, there has been no such emigration. No household has moved, to our knowledge, to Stoke-on-Trent as a result of the negotiations that were taking place.

Jennette Arnold (Chair): Mr Mayor, I am going to have to stop you there because the Labour group have run out of time. Thank you, Mr Copley.

Andrew Boff (AM): Mr Mayor, I would be interested to know your instincts on things. Do you think that it is important that housing benefit should have been reformed to ensure that we do not subsidise people to live in the private sector on rents that other ordinary working families could not afford?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): I think that is a case that most people understand and that is why I think it is unrealistic of the Labour Party which I think campaigned on the manifesto in 2010 of reforming housing benefit and imposing just such a cap. I think it is unrealistic and opportunistic of them now to scaremonger in the way that they are.

Andrew Boff (AM): Do you think it is important to end long-term unemployment and a life on benefits?

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): I do.

Andrew Boff (AM): No one who should be fit for work should be abandoned to a life on benefit, so all those who can work should be required to do so.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): I certainly would not disagree with that.

Andrew Boff (AM): Great. I am worried now, Mr Mayor, because, obviously, these are all quotes from the Labour manifesto. I may have cast my vote in the wrong place but it makes one wonder how the Labour Party can now bleat about what was in their own manifesto.

Boris Johnson (Mayor of London): I think the reality is the Labour Party tried all sorts of scaremongering and all sorts of tricks at the last election and I think, in the end, Londoners decided to go with the administration that would get value for London and that would deal with these problems in a serious way. Of course, I do not want to see unfairness, I do not want to see cruelty towards London households but you have to be realistic about housing benefit and the way it is structured at the moment. It simply could not go on.

Andrew Boff (AM): Thank you, Mr Mayor.

Jennette Arnold (Chair): Thank you very much. Thank you, Assembly Member Boff, for bringing this session to a close. All groups except the Conservatives have used up their time but you have no more questions on the order paper.

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Written Answers to Questions Not Answered at Mayor's Question Time on 23 May 2012

Going Dutch (1)

Question No: 1285 / 2012

[Jenny Jones](#)

Will you now ensure that the London Cycling Campaign's Go Dutch standards for cycling are incorporated into the revised cycling design standards for London's roads and form the basis of Transport for London's approach to the current review of junctions?

Oral response

Safe cycling in London

Question No: 1228 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What actions have you taken to progress the "Love London, Go Dutch" pledge you signed up to during the election campaign?

Oral response

Transparency

Question No: 1305 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

What steps, if any, will you be taking to improve your transparency and accountability to Londoners during your second term?

Oral response

Driverless Tube Trains

Question No: 1119 / 2012

[Richard Tracey](#)

In the light of Londoners recent endorsement of your policies, will you push ahead with the introduction of driverless trains on the Tube as quickly as possible?

Oral response

Tax Cuts/Growth

Question No: 1133 / 2012

[Andrew Boff](#)

Your commitment to lighten the burden on hard pressed Londoners by cutting the precept by 10% is much welcomed. How does this fit into your wider plan to boost jobs and growth across the capital?

Oral response

Education Maintenance Allowance

Question No: 1313 / 2012

[Jennette Arnold](#)

Will you use your influence as Mayor to bring together local authorities, London's Colleges and Universities to investigate the re-introduction of an Education Maintenance Allowance for London's 16-19 year olds who are struggling to stay in education?

Oral response

Transport for London Business Plan

Question No: 1314 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

When will Transport for London publish its next business plan?

Oral response

Police Officers

Question No: 1316 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

How many full time police officers were in post on 3rd May 2012?

Oral response

Tube Strike Ballots – Minimum Support

Question No: 1127 / 2012

[Tony Arbour](#)

In the light of Londoners' recent endorsement of your policies, will you redouble your efforts to persuade the Government to introduce legislation to ensure that a strike ballot requires 50%+1 of eligible voters to support it in order for any subsequent strike to be valid?

Oral response

Homes for London

Question No: 1312 / 2012

[Nicky Gavron](#)

How will Homes for London differ from the London Housing Board?

Oral response

New Routemaster

Question No: 1129 / 2012

[Roger Evans](#)

The new Routemaster has proved to be resoundingly popular with Londoners on Route 38 with people stopping to photograph it and actually Tweeting that they're on board, such is its star quality. How soon can Londoners expect to see the fleet expanded, to what size and to which routes?

Oral response

Direct jobs through City Hall

Question No: 1249 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

Of the 200,000 jobs you have pledged to create through City Hall programmes by May 2016, how many will have been delivered by May 2013?

Oral response

Tram extension

Question No: 1125 / 2012

[Steve O'Connell](#)

Now that you have been successfully re-elected and investment in London's transport system protected from the threatened ravages of your predecessor, where can Tramlink extensions be factored in for Sutton and Croydon?

Oral response

Diamond Jubilee

Question No: 1120 / 2012

[Richard Tracey](#)

How does the Mayor and City Hall plan to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and will the Mayor will be joining the River Pageant?

Oral response

Immigration Policy and London

Question No: 1307 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

Given that the number of flip-flops you have performed on this issue rival those seen in a Dolphinarium can you clarify your position on immigration policy including the idea of an 'earned amnesty'?

Written response from the Mayor

My position on immigration policy is clear. I have always been a supporter of controlled immigration into the UK and of our international responsibilities under the UN 1951 Refugee Convention. I recognise the huge contribution migrants and refugees make to London's economic and culturally vitality.

I will continue to make the case to Government that immigration policy needs to work for London. This includes getting a tighter grip on border control.

My position on a policy of earned regularisation is that this is one option for regularising the status of people who have been here for a very long time. It makes sense, for those who are law abiding, who are loyal to this country, who want to be part of society, to allow them to enter into the economy properly by paying taxes.

Silvertown link tunnel

Question No: 1121 / 2012

[James Cleverly](#)

My constituents in Bexley will be greatly relieved that with your re-election any threat of the Thames Gateway Bridge has finally been buried.

They and many other Londoners were delighted at outline plans you set out before the election about the construction of a new north-south road tunnel under the river.

Are you able to tell me of how the scheme will now proceed?

Oral response

Heathrow – 3rd runway

Question No: 1126 / 2012

[Tony Arbour](#)

Will you confirm your implacable opposition to a third runway at Heathrow?

Oral response

Nine Point Plan

Question No: 1319 / 2012

[Len Duvall](#)

How many of your “nine-point plan for London” pledges had already been completed or announced prior to March 2012?

Oral response

Memorial Event

Question No: 1320 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Will you support the call for a 40th anniversary memorial event to the Israeli athletes and coaching staff killed at the Munich Olympics during the London Games?

Oral response

London Olympics

Question No: 1132 / 2012

[Andrew Boff](#)

Would the Mayor tell us what role he'll have during the opening ceremony and the rest of the Games?

Oral response

Racism in the MPS

Question No: 1495 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

What discussions did you have with the Met Commissioner following recent reports of racism in the MPS? Please provide me with me dates of your conversations. What further steps are you taking?

Oral response

Rough Sleeping

Question No: 1311 / 2012

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Will you eradicate rough sleeping in London by the end of 2012?

Written response from the Mayor

I refer you to my response to priority MQ 1312 / 2012.

Making homelessness a priority

Question No: 1295 / 2012

[Darren Johnson](#)

Will you make it a personal priority to lead a new drive to end rough sleeping in London, reverse recent cuts to homelessness charities, and work much more proactively with boroughs to tackle hidden homelessness, overcrowding and appalling housing conditions?

Written response from the Mayor

Yes.

Housing Benefit Cap

Question No: 1317 / 2012

[Tom Copley](#)

What discussions has the Mayor had with the government this year about the impact of the Housing Benefit cap on London?

Oral response

Ealing Hospital

Question No: 1506 / 2012

[Dr Onkar Sahota](#)

What actions have you taken to safeguard the future of Ealing Hospital?

Oral response

Deputy Mayors

Question No: 1310 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

Further to your announcement on new responsibilities for all your Deputy Mayors, what is left for you to do?

Written response from the Mayor

I was elected by all Londoners and I am the one ultimately answerable for the delivery of the programme on which I was elected.

I will oversee the delivery of my manifesto pledges to ensure we create the jobs and encourage the growth London, and the UK, needs to get us out of the economic difficulties the former government got us in.

Londoners have entrusted to me one of the greatest but one of the hardest jobs there is. It involves a great deal of work. And I promise not to fail both those who voted for me and those who did not.

Royal Brompton

Question No: 1115 / 2012

[Victoria Borwick](#)

Will the Mayor continue to lobby the NHS for the retention of the paediatric cardiac surgery unit at the Royal Brompton hospital, one of the best such units in the country, now that the Court of Appeal recently ruled that the Safe and Sustainable review was lawful and could continue despite disadvantaging the Royal Brompton?

Written response from the Mayor

Officers are drafting a response which will be sent shortly.

Measuring youth crime initiatives

Question No: 1116 / 2012

[Victoria Borwick](#)

How do you intend to measure the success of your youth initiatives – many of which are long term strategies – over the course of your mayoralty?

Written response from the Mayor

Each of my youth crime prevention programmes comes with an evaluation plan built in from the outset.

Typically, the evaluations consider not only the young people's offending behaviour, but also wider outcomes, such as value for money and the effect the initiative may have on the wider community.

I am also in favour of consistently high standards of evaluation for youth projects across London, which is why I continue to strongly support Project Oracle.

Tackling robbery

Question No: 1117 / 2012

[Victoria Borwick](#)

How do you intend to tackle robbery over the next four years via the MOPC and CPS?

Written response from the Mayor

As occupant of the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPC), I will ensure the MPS is accountable for:

- Developing and implementing the new Local Policing Model to ensure proactive Neighbourhood Teams lie at the centre of policing in London
- Using technology more effectively, via better identification of robbery offenders from CCTV evidence and speedier forensic crime scene evidence analysis.

From a CPS perspective, I intend to tackle robbery primarily via the London Crime Reduction Board (of which the CPS is a member), in order to improve the quality and effectiveness of evidence for prosecution purposes.

Improving SNTs

Question No: 1118 / 2012

[Richard Tracey](#)

How do you aim to improve the successful Safer Neighbourhood policing model?

Written response from the Mayor

As occupant of the MOPC, I will hold the MPS Commissioner to account to ensure Neighbourhood Policing remains at the very heart of tackling crime and delivering an effective service to victims in London.

The new Local Policing Model will build on the work of Safer Neighbourhood Teams, with 2,000 extra officers transferred by the end of this year from back-room and non-operational roles so there are as many constables out in communities as possible, including up to 3 police officers and 3 specials per team.

Dedicated ward officers will remain, but they will work on a cluster of wards to permit greater flexibility.

Pocket Parks

Question No: 1122 / 2012

[James Cleverly](#)

When do you expect to begin your scheme to create 100 Pocket Parks and how will these areas be identified?

Written response from the Mayor

The details of the scheme are currently being devised and will be announced shortly.

The All London Green Grid (ALGG), my framework for maintaining and developing London's green infrastructure network, will provide the basis for identifying potential locations. The ALGG, prepared with boroughs (in consultation with local communities) and, public sector and civil society organisations, has identified potential projects in every borough.

Retrofitting

Question No: 1123 / 2012

[James Cleverly](#)

What progress is being made with the RE:NEW and RE:FIT schemes and what plans do you have for the future expansion of these programmes?

Written response from the Mayor

As of 30 April 2012, 65,504 homes across London have received measures through my RE:NEW scheme, with plans to retrofit a further 20,000 homes with this funding.

Under RE:FIT, work is complete on 86 buildings, and underway on a further 25 buildings.

Single patrolling

Question No: 1124 / 2012

[Steve O'Connell](#)

What can you do to further increase single patrols over the next four years?

Written response from the Mayor

Single patrol remains the default position within the MPS.

By the end of this year, around 2,000 new officer posts will be transferred from business areas where single patrol is not the norm, to Neighbourhood Policing, where the vast majority of patrols are single foot patrol.

I fully expect both the number and the proportion of single patrols to increase, resulting in significantly improved officer visibility to the public.

Sentencing Unit

Question No: 1128 / 2012

[Tony Arbour](#)

What do you hope to achieve through the newly created Sentencing Unit?

Written response from the Mayor

The aim of the unit is to improve sentencing outcomes for London, particularly for those convicted of gang-related offences.

The unit will work towards ensuring all available tools are routinely used so courts have the information they require to come to the right decision, for example, via victim as well as community impact statements.

Any sentences considered unduly lenient will be systematically and formally challenged.

MPS bureaucracy

Question No: 1130 / 2012

[Gareth Bacon](#)

What more do you hope to achieve in your fight against time-wasting bureaucracy?

Written response from the Mayor

I will continue to press the Commissioner to look for ways of reducing unnecessary bureaucracy, wherever we find it, especially through the better use of new technology.

Science Institute in the Olympic Park

Question No: 1131 / 2012

[Gareth Bacon](#)

In your manifesto, you commit to exploring the possibility of creating a science institute in the Olympic Park to provide a boost to London's high-tech economy. What will be your first steps towards exploring this possibility? How does this proposal sit with your vision for the expansion of Tech City?

Written response from the Mayor

The Olympic Park offers great opportunities for growth, including activities in the sectors of technology and science.

The London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC) is engaging with University College London and the London Borough of Newham, to support the plans to create an academic research cluster on land immediately to the south of the Olympic Park.

Silvertown Quays 1

Question No: 1134 / 2012

[Andrew Boff](#)

How will you ensure that the developers of Silvertown Quays create a sense of community and not another bland dormitory neighbourhood like many of the existing docklands developments?

Written response from the Mayor

A key requirement of the brief to bidders to become the GLA's development partner for Silvertown Quays was to create an exciting new mixed use destination and heart for the Royal Docks to live, work and visit. The response from developers was fantastic.

On 16 March, I announced the preferred bidder for this historic part of east London, which has lain derelict for decades and is set to regain its former glory and become a major economic hub thanks to a £1.2 billion transformation. The Chelsfield consortium has been chosen as the preferred bidder for the 50 acre site and plan to create a new district on the site, containing a unique mixed use experience with a space for top brands to showcase the future of their products in their own pavilions. The development is anticipated to create up to 9,500 permanent jobs, as well as providing substantial commercial and retail space and new homes for London. It is estimated to create £3 billion of economic benefit for the capital.

A planning application will be submitted in 2013/14 which will crystallise the proposals.

As part of their proposals, Chelsfield were required to demonstrate how their proposals would:

- Ensure close working with local stakeholders, including the surrounding community, to maximise regeneration benefits of their proposals.
- Successfully integrate the Silvertown Quays site with surrounding communities.
- Deliver new employment opportunities for local residents.
- Make the Silvertown Quays site a great place to live, work and enjoy by ensuring design and sustainability excellence.
- Improve connectivity to surrounding communities and local transport nodes.

Silvertown Quays 2

Question No: 1135 / 2012

[Andrew Boff](#)

What proportion of the new housing at Silvertown Quays will be family housing?

Written response from the Mayor

The GLA requires that where residential development is proposed for the Silvertown Quays site, it would need to deliver quality housing in a range of tenures and types, compliant with Mayoral and local planning policy.

I will pursue the delivery of the maximum level of family housing possible, through close working with our development partner during the planning application stage, whilst having regard to scheme viability.

Lea Valley Regeneration

Question No: 1136 / 2012

[Andrew Boff](#)

The Commission for a Sustainable 2012 published a report earlier this year recommending an extension to the current boundary for the physical regeneration of the Olympic Park to incorporate more of the Lea Valley. What is your view on this recommendation and have you considered extending the boundary of the Mayoral Development Corporation northwards up the Lea Valley?

Written response from the Mayor

I do not interpret the Commission's recommendation as promoting an extension of the Olympic Park Mayoral development area and I certainly have no plans to make such an extension. I am, however, happy to explore with the partners named in the Commission's report what more we could be doing to co-ordinate efforts to regenerate the various parts of the Valley, including the Olympic Park and surrounding area, as well as vital neighborhoods to the north and south.

Access to Olympic Park post Games

Question No: 1137 / 2012

[Andrew Boff](#)

It is widely recognised that all possible steps should be taken to provide, albeit limited, public access to the Olympic Park as soon as possible once the Games have finished and transformation begins. Will you encourage the London Legacy Development Corporation to continue with the successful programme of public park tours, so that Londoners are able to sustain the sense of ownership of the park that is likely to develop during the Games?

Written response from the Mayor

It is of crucial importance that Londoners feel a sense of ownership for the future Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park and are able to take advantage of the Park's long-term opportunities and its facilities.

The Legacy Corporation will employ a number of ways to engage people during the transformation period, including hosting bus and waterway tours through the Park and reopening walking and cycling trials around its perimeter; investing in projects and events in and around the Park and keeping residents in all six host boroughs fully informed on opening plans, timings and progress. The Legacy Corporation will continue its work with local schools, residents and the Legacy Youth Panel, in gathering views and ideas and helping communities shape the types of facilities and spaces they can create on the Park.

All of the above proposals support the LLDC's vision for creating lifetime neighbourhoods within the future Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.

Newham College Campus on the Olympic Park

Question No: 1138 / 2012

[Andrew Boff](#)

Please could you update us on the progress of Newham College's proposal to build a state-of-the-art skills and enterprise campus on the Olympic Park.

Written response from the Mayor

We are encouraged by the number and quality of further and higher education institutions interested in having a presence within the LLDC area, either on, or close to the Park. A high quality further and higher education cluster in the LLDC area would have an enormous positive effect on business growth and investment and on convergence outcomes.

In this context, we are engaged in active discussions with Newham College about the possibility of locating a skills and enterprise campus on the Park, and we are also encouraging them to think about other opportunities in the LLDC area.

New neighbourhoods in the Olympic Park

Question No: 1139 / 2012

[Andrew Boff](#)

Your manifesto contains ambitious plans to develop five new neighbourhoods around the Olympic Park. How will you ensure that these new parts of the city develop as fully functional neighbourhoods, with sufficient provision, for example, of schools, doctor's surgeries, bus routes, dry cleaners and pubs?

Written response from the Mayor

The Legacy Communities Scheme aims to create five neighbourhoods that will stitch together the Park and its surrounding communities through new homes, schools, shops, parks, infrastructure and jobs.

The Scheme proposes development of approximately 7,000 new homes, community facilities, employment space, retail and leisure facilities, open space and associated infrastructure to ensure that the needs of the Park's future communities are met. Two new primary schools, one new secondary school, three health facilities and a variety of multi-purpose community spaces have been proposed and positioned to ensure they are accessible to people living around the Park as well as those in it. The Scheme also proposes a total retail and food/drink floors pace of around 25,000 m² which will include pubs and dry cleaners.

The Scheme provides enhancements to the primary and secondary transport route network and introduces a number of tertiary routes into the development platforms. Furthermore, a package of transport improvements is proposed, including a number of indicative bus route improvements through consultation with the Transport for London (TfL) Buses Network Development.

Oyster Overcharging

Question No: 1140 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What steps have you taken to ensure that the Pay As You Go anomaly at Paddington station, whereby passengers are charged £4.60 to walk through the station, is rectified?

Written response from the Mayor

Officers are drafting a response which will be sent shortly.

MPA website

Question No: 1141 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Will you guarantee that the archive of extremely useful information that is currently available on the MPA website will remain available to the public indefinitely?

Written response from the Mayor

There are currently no plans to remove the archived MPA website. The expectation is that it will need to remain in place for several years to meet FOI Act requirements.

Live bus arrivals service

Question No: 1142 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What steps have you taken to ensure that all passengers are aware of the costs associated with texting this service?

Written response from the Mayor

Every bus stop has a Bus Stop Code Plate affixed to it which clearly states that service and network charges apply. It refers customers to www.tfl.gov.uk/terms where details on charges, as well as terms and conditions, are available.

Details of the costs associated with the SMS/text service can also be found at www.tfl.gov.uk/countdown.

TfL consulted with Phonepay Plus (regulator for phone-paid services in the UK) regarding this approach and their approval was granted.

TfL also publicises the charge for such services through poster campaigns and via Live Travel News on the TfL website.

Wi-Fi on the tube (1)

Question No: 1143 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Could you please explain the process that was followed to appoint a Wi-Fi provider on the London Underground?

Written response from the Mayor

The wi-fi concession was awarded through a full competitive tendering process. The concession was awarded on the criteria of the most economically advantageous tender.

Wi-Fi on the tube (2)

Question No: 1144 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

How many companies expressed an interest in providing Wi-Fi on the London Underground?

Written response from the Mayor

14 companies expressed an interest in the London Underground wi-fi concession by returning the pre-qualification questionnaire. Of those, seven companies qualified to tender.

Although tenders were issued to seven companies, four declined to tender and three bids were received.

Wi-Fi on the tube (3)

Question No: 1145 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Did any alternative bidders offer full and free access Wi-Fi for all passengers?

Written response from the Mayor

Officers are drafting a response which will be sent shortly.

Wi-Fi on the tube (4)

Question No: 1146 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What income will TfL receive from this contract with Virgin media?

Written response from the Mayor

Officers are drafting a response which will be sent shortly.

Wi-Fi on the tube (5)

Question No: 1147 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

A number of public venues are able to offer free Wi-Fi access for all their customers. Do you consider Transport for London's deal with Virgin Media a good deal for Londoners?

Written response from the Mayor

Officers are drafting a response which will be sent shortly.

Wi-Fi on the tube (6)

Question No: 1148 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Please list the proposed 80 London Underground stations that will have access to Wi-Fi services starting in June.

Written response from the Mayor

A list will be placed on the TfL website as and when stations are made available for wi-fi for our customers.

Wi-Fi on the tube (7)

Question No: 1149 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Please list the proposed 120 London Underground stations that will have access to Wi-Fi services by the end of 2012?

Written response from the Mayor

A final list will be published on the TfL website once all technical details have been finalised.

Wi-Fi on the tube (8)

Question No: 1150 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Please state where on the London Underground Wi-Fi will be routinely accessible? For example will customers be able to access Wi-Fi from the ticket barrier until they board a train and it enters a tunnel?

Written response from the Mayor

It is envisaged that wi-fi will be accessible from station entrances to platform level.

Wi-Fi on the tube (9)

Question No: 1151 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Please state the exact dates this summer that Wi-Fi access will be free to use on the London Underground, other than for Transport for London travel information or people with Virgin Media broadband?

Written response from the Mayor

From July, until the close of the Paralympic Games, free access will be available on parts of the London Underground network.

Wi-Fi on the tube (10)

Question No: 1152 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Please state when detailed information will be published about the pricing structure for people using Wi-Fi on the London Underground?

Written response from the Mayor

Officers are drafting a response which will be sent shortly.

Availability of cycle guides (1)

Question No: 1153 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

How much does TfL spend each year printing and posting free cycle guides to Londoners?

Written response from the Mayor

TfL's 2012/13 budget for producing and posting cycle guides is £300,000.

Availability of cycle guides (2)

Question No: 1154 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

For each of the guides please list how many months each guide was out of stock in 2011?

Written response from the Mayor

Full stocks levels for all the 14 guides available were maintained throughout 2011.

Availability of cycle guides (3)

Question No: 1155 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Will you please commit to providing downloadable versions alongside paper versions of these maps to increase their availability, reduce TfL's carbon footprint and save money?

Written response from the Mayor

Yes. I have already asked TfL to do this.

Police officer recruitment

Question No: 1156 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Can you explain why the Met police suspended proper checks for the 600 police trainees who began training in February?

Written response from the Mayor

To ensure the MPS has the right operational capability to meet the challenges of policing London in 2012, police officer training for 500 serving PCSOs commenced before some of the

usual recruitment checks were complete. Checks were not suspended, but rescheduled to later in the process to meet this operational requirement.

Individuals were required to pass all recruitment checks before being sworn in as Constables at the end of March 2012. Those who failed the standards for a number of reasons, including health checks and course examinations, were removed from the training course and resumed PCSO duties.

Met police racism

Question No: 1157 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Could you please detail the practical steps you are taking to stamp out racism in the Metropolitan Police?

Written response from the Mayor

My report to the Police and Crime Committee on 31 May sets out the steps I am taking to stamp out racism in the Met. I will be tasking the new Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, when appointed, to make this one of his or her top priorities.

Barking to Gospel Oak line

Question No: 1158 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

In the last Mayor's Question Time you stated that the socio-economic business case for the electrification of this line has been made. Will you share the cost-benefit ratio that your team has produced to support the electrification?

Written response from the Mayor

Officers are drafting a response which will be sent shortly.

Children's bicycles on the Underground

Question No: 1159 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Parents have contacted me to ask if they could bring their children's bicycles on to the tube. This would enable them to take their children cycling in one of London's many parks. Can you confirm TfL will view children's bicycles as luggage and therefore allow them on the system?

Written response from the Mayor

Given that many Tube stations are accessed principally by escalators, there are particular safety issues in transporting bikes to and from the platforms, as well as to other passengers on stairs and in trains. Also, much of the Tube network operates through tunnel sections where bicycles (even smaller, children's bicycles) would be a particular concern in evacuation situations. For these reasons, there are no plans for TfL to view children's bicycles as luggage.

Lower Mortlake Road A316 (TW9)

Question No: 1160 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

There have been a number of collisions on this stretch of road recently. Local residents and the police suggest that speeding was a key factor in these collisions. Will you investigate and take steps to improve the safety of this road, including reviewing the pedestrian crossings and the shrubbery height on the roundabout?

Written response from the Mayor

TfL is aware of the concerns at this location. A programme of improvements is already planned to further improve safety.

Cycle hire (1)

Question No: 1161 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What steps are you taking to encourage groups such as women and people on low incomes who currently do not use cycle hire to use the scheme?

Written response from the Mayor

Women and low income groups are key target audiences for Barclays Cycle Hire (BCH) marketing. The latest advertising campaign, which launched the expansion of the scheme in March 2012, featured women as the most prominent cyclists in all of the advertising posters and on the leaflet front cover.

Posters in leisure centres which target people on low incomes effectively, and posters with the headline "Give it a go for only £1", are targeted to appeal to lower socio-economic groups.

TfL is currently planning to extend the BCH roadshow demonstrating the scheme to members of the public at areas of high footfall, including shopping malls, colleges, universities and community events in early summer 2012.

TfL engages with a wide range of community and charity groups on a continuing basis to ensure that the Cycle Hire message reaches the widest possible audience.

TfL has also embarked on a programme of recruiting Community Ambassadors for BCH in the Tower Hamlets area. Around 30 community contacts are participating in a pilot project to become scheme Ambassadors to promote BCH to colleagues and members.

BCH remains one of the most cost effective means of travelling around central London.

Cycle hire (2)

Question No: 1162 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

You have promised to expand the cycle hire scheme into Wandsworth, Hammersmith and Fulham, Lambeth and the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea. Could you please explain why these areas were chosen for expansion?

Written response from the Mayor

The current scheme area is mainly located north of the Thames. The Phase 3 expansion area seeks to redress this and balance out the Phase 2 eastern expansion, with a significant

proportion of the sites being located south of the river. This includes several areas of low public transport accessibility, regeneration areas, and areas of high cycle hire demand.

The Phase 3 zone has been chosen to support increased scheme uptake, improve revenue generation from leisure and local trips, and support local transport priorities identified by boroughs.

The Phase 3 expansion includes substantial parts of Wandsworth and Hammersmith & Fulham, as well as additional areas in Lambeth and Kensington & Chelsea. Subject to approval of the full scope of the expansion later in 2012, Phase 3 is planned to be operational by late 2013.

Cycle hire (3)

Question No: 1163 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

On average how many cycle hire docking points need to be repaired per week on the cycle hire scheme?

Written response from the Mayor

On average, engineers carry out approximately 70 docking point repairs each week, out of a total of 14,640 docking points. This represents less than 0.5 per cent of the total points.

Cycle hire (4)

Question No: 1164 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

How many bikes and docking stations are now in operation in London?

Written response from the Mayor

There are 561 docking stations across London with 14,640 docking points. The number of cycles in circulation is typically over 8,000.

Cycle hire (5)

Question No: 1165 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

You have promised to expand cycle hire south. How will you consult with local residents and what are the timescales for delivering this?

Written response from the Mayor

Last summer, I asked TfL to prepare plans for an expansion of the scheme to include substantial parts of Wandsworth and Hammersmith & Fulham, as well as additional areas in Lambeth and Kensington & Chelsea, by summer 2013. This would be a geographic extension of around 25km².

Work on the precise project scope and site identification for Phase 3 is currently underway and is expected to be complete by summer 2012. This includes consultation with boroughs and residents.

Compensation for the summer riots

Question No: 1166 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Please could you explain why over 1000 compensation claims are still ongoing? It is now over 9 months since the riots, surely this is enough time to process these claims?

Written response from the Mayor

I am delighted to say that as of 23rd May, there were just 6 outstanding cases for uninsured claims through the Home Office Bureau. There are 505 outstanding claims where there was insurance cover in place, and so, in the main, these are where an insurance company or their representative is seeking re-imbursment of sums paid out to claimants, from the MOPC. In most cases, the individual claimant will have received either an interim or final payment from their insurer. We have a further 145 cases, where the claimant was insured, but the insurance cover has been repudiated by the insurer. As repudiation occurs the claim becomes an uninsured claim against the MOPC. In all cases, we are meeting our target of paying all claims within 21 days of the receipt of a properly completed and documented claim.

Two way cycling on one way streets

Question No: 1167 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What efforts have you made to encourage central London boroughs to convert one way streets to two way for cyclists, for example streets such as St Martins Lane and Kings Street?

Written response from the Mayor

The enabling of two-way cycling in one-way streets forms part of the London Cycle Design Standards.

Prior to 2012, the DfT regulations required highway authorities to apply for approval for each site for many contra-flow signing layouts. Furthermore, many motorised road users did not understand the meaning of the sign commonly known as the 'flying motorcycle' sign which prohibits access to one way streets for motorised road users, but which regulations stipulated must be used. This meant that local authorities were reluctant to introduce contra-flow schemes.

TfL undertook a trial of alternative signing options in 2010 and made representations to the DfT through the Regulations Review, as well as at follow-up working groups to press for change. In light of this, and after representations made by TfL, I am pleased that the DfT has now changed the regulations in January 2012 so that 'No-Entry Except Cycles' and the 'Contra-flow cycles' signs are allowed. This has made it easier for local authorities to introduce two-way cycling on one-way streets, by allowing signs which are easier for road users to understand.

TfL spending

Question No: 1168 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

How much did the four new benches at Blackhorse Road station cost to purchase and install?

Written response from the Mayor

Officers are drafting a response which will be sent shortly.

Jubilee train frequencies

Question No: 1169 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

On the 23rd April how many trains ran between London Bridge and Canary Wharf on the Jubilee line between 7.30am and 8.30am?

Written response from the Mayor

With the completion of the upgrade work last year and the introduction of a second new timetable in late March of this year, TfL is now running a vastly improved service on the Jubilee line. There is now a train every two minutes or less at the busiest times, which has created space for an extra 12,500 passengers an hour.

Between 7.30am and 8.30am on Monday 23 April, 31 Jubilee line trains departed from London Bridge heading towards Canary Wharf.

Olympic transport legacy

Question No: 1170 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

In March you published the Leaving a transport legacy: Olympic and Paralympic Transport Legacy Plan. Only 16 of the 28 actions identified have any funding attached. Do you think it is reasonable to brand this an Olympic legacy when nearly half of the programme is unfunded?

Written response from the Mayor

My transport legacy document sets out the actions required to embed a physical and behavioural transport legacy across London, as well as those actions related to transport that can support convergence across the host boroughs. It builds on the benefits of £6.5bn investment in transport improvements, which have delivered improvements to Tube, DLR, rail and cycling infrastructure in the area. This includes a 50 per cent increase in DLR capacity with the line extended to Woolwich and Stratford International; and an upgraded Jubilee line with more frequent and reliable services; as well as extra capacity on the Central line.

The legacy document sets out a number of actions which TfL will progress and work with other partners in the area to deliver. TfL is also working with the south and east London boroughs through the East Sub-regional transport plan to deliver the longer term needs for the area in supporting its development for the future. TfL's progress in delivering the actions will be reviewed and published annually in its Travel in London report.

Job creation

Question No: 1171 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

In your manifesto you state that Crossrail and the Tube upgrade will create 32,000 jobs. Could you please explain how you have arrived at these figures?

Written response from the Mayor

Crossrail's Skills and Employment Strategy estimates that up to 14,000 people will be employed on the Crossrail build programme during the peak construction period between 2013 and 2015. Approximately 1,000 jobs will be created to deliver the fully operational service.

The additional jobs will be delivered through a combination of jobs created at London Underground, Tube lines and through the TfL contractor workforce.

Delays on the tube (1)

Question No: 1172 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

In your manifesto you claim that you have reduced delays by 40% since you were elected. Could you please explain how you arrived at this figure?

Written response from the Mayor

Officers are drafting a response which will be sent shortly.

Delays on the tube (2)

Question No: 1173 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

In your manifesto you state that you will reduce delays on the Tube by a further 30%. Can you clarify what baseline figure you are using and by which date you plan to achieve this?

Written response from the Mayor

Officers are drafting a response which will be sent shortly.

Congestion busting

Question No: 1174 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

In your manifesto you commit to producing a congestion busting plan. Can you please detail how cyclists and pedestrians will be involved in writing this plan?

Written response from the Mayor

TfL is currently working with my office to develop the terms of reference and proposed membership for the Roads Task Force promised in my manifesto.

London Roads Task Force

Question No: 1175 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Who will be on this task force, what powers will it have and how often will it meet?

Written response from the Mayor

TfL is currently working with my office to develop the terms of reference and proposed membership for the Roads Task Force promised in my manifesto.

Light rail extensions

Question No: 1176 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

In your manifesto you promise to work to extend the DLR to Bromley and develop a Tramlink extension to Crystal Palace. For both of these projects could you detail:

The work that is currently underway?

Your plans and timescale for future work?

Written response from the Mayor

I committed in my manifesto to progressing plans for extensions of the DLR towards Bromley and Tramlink to Crystal Palace. These two extensions to existing networks would improve connectivity and support the growth of major town centres. In both cases, I have asked TfL to complete feasibility studies, which will determine the costs and possible implementation timescales.

New Bus for London

Question No: 1177 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

You have promised to deliver 600 New Buses for London by 2016. Can you please outline the expected timetable for delivery of these buses?

Written response from the Mayor

The detailed programme for introducing 600 production vehicles to the capital will be determined once the order, method of introduction and negotiations with the manufacturer and the bus operators have been finalised.

Business benefits of walking and cycling

Question No: 1178 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

In your manifesto you call on each "borough to review parking in non-residential, strategic shopping areas to reduce any negative impact on business". Given that research shows that people who walk or cycle to shopping areas on average spend more than drivers, will you commit to encouraging boroughs to review cycle parking to reduce any negative impact on business?

Written response from the Mayor

I am aware of the importance of enabling people to access businesses, shops and services across the capital and I want to ensure that access is made as easy and safe as possible by all modes of transport, including for those who wish to walk and cycle.

TfL's cycle parking programme is designed to serve a wide variety of land uses in those areas of the highest demand for cycling. This includes on-street provision on the TfL Road Network to serve shops, businesses and local services.

London boroughs are responsible for deciding how they allocate and prioritise their Local Implementation Plan funding to review and provide cycle parking on the roads for which they are responsible. In 2010/11, the boroughs delivered over 10,000 cycle parking spaces, including 6,000 on-street spaces. In addition, TfL has provided funding to the Biking Boroughs to increase levels of cycle parking in outer London.

I have asked TfL to continue to work closely with the boroughs to emphasise the importance of appropriate provision of cycle parking at key trip origins and destinations, including on-street cycle parking in high streets and shopping areas.

Furthermore, TfL has worked with the Greater London Authority to make revisions to the London Plan to increase cycle parking standards for certain developments and to make clearer the link between the quantity of cycle parking and the quality. This includes design and location through references to the London Cycling Design Standards. Boroughs, in their role as planning

authorities, are obliged to follow the standards within the London plan as the statutory planning document for the capital to ensure parking as part of new developments is fit for purpose.

Cycle safety review

Question No: 1179 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Your manifesto commits you to reviewing 500 accident hotspots. Could you now detail the actions that you will take once the reviews have been completed?

Written response from the Mayor

My manifesto referred to my instruction to TfL to “review 500 junctions on its road network to prioritise the roads in most need of change and outline what changes are needed”. This process is ongoing, and external stakeholders are meeting regularly with TfL’s technical experts to agree potential designs for improvements at junctions.

Once reviews are complete, TfL will consider the recommendations arising, along with available funding (including the £15m announced by Government in the last Budget), in order to determine a programme of improvements. Schemes identified for implementation would then be subject to TfL’s normal scheme authorisation and consultation processes.

The latest information and any updates can be found on TfL’s website at: www.tfl.gov.uk/junctionreview.

Medical training for London Underground Staff

Question No: 1180 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

How many British Transport Police officers are to receive the enhanced medical training as promised in your manifesto?

Written response from the Mayor

A total of 20 British Transport Police officers (18 constables and 2 sergeants) have undertaken an intensive four week course in ‘Pre Hospital Care’ accredited by the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh.

The year long trial scheme will be operational from 28 May in Central London.

Faster tube incident response times

Question No: 1181 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Following the initial positive results of the blue light trial and your promise to use motorbikes to carry spares for the London Underground, will you commit to releasing incident response times every 6 months?

Written response from the Mayor

TfL publishes regular and comprehensive statistics on how the Tube is performing, on its website, and that will continue.

Of course the end result, and the most important factor, will be that as part of a wider, comprehensive plan, this and other measures will deliver a further reduction in delays for Tube passengers. I am committed to reducing delays by a further 30 per cent.

Cutting waste at TfL

Question No: 1182 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

In your manifesto you state that TfL has “on a like for like basis, 3500 fewer staff” than under your predecessor. Can you please explain what this statement means and the figures behind it?

Written response from the Mayor

Officers are drafting a response which will be sent shortly.

Investing in London’s roads

Question No: 1183 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Please provide a breakdown of the £450 million investment that you have promised in your manifesto for London’s roads?

Written response from the Mayor

Officers are drafting a response which will be sent shortly.

Dartford crossing

Question No: 1184 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Please provide details of the steps you have taken to secure bridge toll discounts for residents in Bexley and Havering?

Written response from the Mayor

Officers are drafting a response which will be sent shortly.

Mayoral Decision MD956 Twickenham Station

Question No: 1185 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

This decision sets out the details of a £1.6 million package to improve Twickenham station. Given the plans commit to “provide ease of access and interchange”, will you amend the plans to include provision for cycle parking and storage?

Written response from the Mayor

A development scheme at Twickenham Station was granted planning permission on the 30 March 2012. The scheme which includes a new station concourse with residential accommodation above provides for 250 covered commuter cycle parking spaces located in the mezzanine level of the basement. This cycle parking will be accessible directly from London Road. In addition a new cycle parking link will be opened up along the River Crane to ease cycling access to the station. A condition is attached to the application that the occupation of the residential blocks is not permitted until the cycle parking is delivered for the station and these blocks. The cycle parking overall is in accordance with London Plan policy.

Mayoral Decision MD944 Barkingside development

Question No: 1186 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

In the plans for the redevelopment of Barkingside plans for improved cycle provision are mentioned. Please provide a breakdown of cycle parking provision, new cycle paths that are to be installed and details of the number of cycle hire docking stations as part of this redevelopment?

Written response from the Mayor

The redevelopment of Barkingside will include improvements for cycle provision. However, the Borough has yet to appoint a designer to develop the detailed designs and plans, including the design of paths, cycle parking provision and other matters.

The aim is to appoint the designer by summer 2012. Once produced, there will be a consultation exercise seeking wider views on the proposals.

Mayoral Decision MD917 Unpaid Debt

Question No: 1187 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

This year the GLA wrote off over £160,000 in unpaid debt. Please advise how much debt was written off in 2009, 2010 and 2011?

Written response from the Mayor

For the financial years 2008/09 to 2011/12, the GLA wrote off the following amounts of bad debt (excluding VAT).

	£
2008/09	61,313
2009/10	69,908
2010/11	146,419
2011/12	17,110

£160,000 is the VAT inclusive amount the GLA wrote off in the 2010/11 financial year.

Classification of vehicles for the Low Emission Zone

Question No: 1188 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

I have been contacted by a constituent who drives an imported vehicle which was wrongly classified as a campervan under the LEZ regulations. As a result he was incorrectly asked to pay a LEZ fine. Could you please advise how many vehicles were incorrectly classified under the LEZ last year and how many of these were imported vehicles?

Written response from the Mayor

TfL relies on vehicle information held by the DVLA and therefore it is impossible for it to know how many vehicles are incorrectly classified. Foreign registered vehicles are automatically assumed to be non-compliant with the LEZ as TfL does not have access to required vehicle data.

Therefore, when DVLA information is incomplete or inaccurate or if a vehicle is registered outside the UK, TfL asks owners of these vehicles to register their vehicle with TfL in order that it can be correctly classified according to the LEZ. Customers will subsequently be advised at the point of registration whether or not their vehicle is compliant.

There are approximately 120,000 such vehicles that have been registered with TfL as being compliant with the LEZ, with 115,000 of these being foreign registered vehicles.

Red Route perforated box parking restrictions

Question No: 1189 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

A constituent has contacted me to tell me that she was fined for incorrectly parking on a red route in a perforated box. The notice reads no stopping between 7am and 7pm except between 10am and 4pm. There is also a wheelchair sign saying max. 3 hours parking. Will you consider rewording these signs to make it clear that the three hours parking must fall between 10am and 4pm?

Written response from the Mayor

Red route signs are authorised for use on the public highway by the DfT. The DfT seeks designs that are consistent with other UK parking signs and must keep the message as simple as possible, to be read from a moving vehicle.

On the sign referred to in the question (see Appendix E), the top panel of the sign gives the restriction. A separate lower panel gives the exceptions which state that between 10am and 4pm, loading is allowed for 20mins, or disabled parking for 3hrs.

I think this gives a clear indication of the times when disabled parking is permitted. Non-blue-badge-holders can only load or unload in this type of bay.

More information is available for blue badge holders on where they can park at <http://www.tfl.gov.uk/assets/downloads/blue-badge-holders-guide.pdf>.

Thames cable car

Question No: 1190 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

When will the cable car be open to the public?

Written response from the Mayor

The testing and commissioning of the Emirates Air Line is making good progress and, as announced, it is expected to open in summer 2012.

Night bus

Question No: 1191 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Since the removal of the N213 Bus, large parts of the Borough of Sutton are no longer served by a night bus. Will you consider bringing the 154 bus into 24 hour service to better serve the residents of Sutton who work or participate in the night time economy?

Written response from the Mayor

TfL has reviewed night bus provision in this area of Sutton and Croydon a number of times. The conclusion has been that any such service would not generate sufficient passengers to justify the cost.

However, a review of route 154 and other services in the Sutton area is currently underway and will consider provision of Nightbus services.

Oyster Overcharging (1)

Question No: 1192 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Have you looked at installing an audible tone on underground Oyster readers to make passengers aware that their tap in or tap out has registered?

Written response from the Mayor

There are already audible tones to indicate this.

Oyster Overcharging (2)

Question No: 1193 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Has TfL investigated installing passive barriers at stations where ticket barriers do not operate? These could help remind passengers to tap out.

Written response from the Mayor

Officers are drafting a response which will be sent shortly.

Oyster Overcharging (3)

Question No: 1194 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Oyster Pay As You Go users are often required to use Oyster card interchange readers to confirm that they have not travelled into zone 1. Please could you explain why passengers travelling on routes such as Gants Hill to Gospel Oak are required to use interchange readers, when travelling via zone 1 would make no sense?

Written response from the Mayor

Passengers travelling from stations such as Gants Hill and then switching to the North London Line are generally required to touch one of the pink validators located at either end of the North London Line platform at Stratford in order to claim a non Zone 1 fare.

This is a clear, easily understood rule which does not require customers to memorise which stations along the Line do or do not require a touch at Stratford.

This then permits non Zone 1 travel for all North London Line journeys all the way to Richmond as well as to National Rail stations such as Twickenham beyond Richmond.

Wave and pay (1)

Question No: 1195 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What date will the wave and pay system be operational on London buses?

Written response from the Mayor

Officers are drafting a response which will be sent shortly.

Wave and pay (2)

Question No: 1196 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What date will the wave and pay system be operational on river services as promised in your manifesto?

Written response from the Mayor

TfL is confident this programme can be delivered as promised in my manifesto and will be publishing a launch date in due course.

Freedom Pass

Question No: 1197 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Given that you are reliant on London Councils agreement to provide a Freedom Pass to anyone aged 60 and over, how and when will you deliver this pledge? How much do you expect it to cost TfL?

Written response from the Mayor

Following the election, TfL is now working up the detailed programme to deliver this commitment.

Safer Neighbourhood Team

Question No: 1198 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

By what date have you asked the Metropolitan Police Commissioner to ensure that Safer Neighbourhood Team strength is increased by 2,000 officers as promised in your manifesto.

Written response from the Mayor

Implementation is planned to take place from October 2012, and is due to be completed by April 2013.

Special constables

Question No: 1199 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

By what date have you asked the Metropolitan Police Commissioner to ensure that the number of Special Constables is increased to 10,000 as promised in your manifesto?

Written response from the Mayor

As promised at the end of my second term.

Special constables tax rebate

Question No: 1200 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

How do you plan to fund the council tax precept rebate you promised in your manifesto for Special Constables? How much will this cost?

Written response from the Mayor

My manifesto committed to offering special constables a 50 per cent rebate on the GLA's element of their council tax bills. Based on the 2012-13 GLA precept of £306.72 the cost of this is estimated to be up to £1m per annum, a figure which is likely to reduce over the length of my Mayoral term given my commitment to reducing the precept by 10 per cent.

The costs of this would be managed within the GLA Group's overall budget – and represent a modest investment relative to the contribution which special constables make to policing in London.

Buy one get one free police officer scheme

Question No: 1201 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

How many additional police officers do you hope to deploy as a result of extending the "buy one get one free" offer you have made to the Boroughs in your manifesto?

Written response from the Mayor

I am hoping that London boroughs take the example of Hammersmith & Fulham and Newham.

Police numbers

Question No: 1202 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

How many police officers do you expect to be in the Metropolitan Police Force at the end of your second term as Mayor?

Written response from the Mayor

As I have publically stated in my manifesto, I am committed to maintaining the extra 1,000 officers I put on the streets in my first term.

Publishing crime figures

Question No: 1203 / 2012

Caroline Pidgeon

You have promised to publish comparable monthly crime and police number figures for each Borough. Will you commit to making sure that these figures are made available for every Safer Neighbourhood Panel meeting?

Written response from the Mayor

These will be published and can be accessed by the public, including Safer Neighbourhood Panels.

Key crime issues in London

Question No: 1204 / 2012

Caroline Pidgeon

You have pledged to oversee safety and security at the Olympics personally. Are there any other crime and safety issues that are important enough to oversee personally?

Written response from the Mayor

As occupant of the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime, responsibility for the delivery of community safety and crime reduction in London ultimately rests with me.

Trident Gangs Command

Question No: 1205 / 2012

Caroline Pidgeon

What results do you expect from the Trident Gangs Command programme?

Written response from the Mayor

The aims of the Trident Gangs Command can be found at:
<http://www.met.police.uk/gangcrime/>.

Status Dogs

Question No: 1206 / 2012

Caroline Pidgeon

By what date will the Status Dogs unit be doubled in size, as promised in your manifesto?

Written response from the Mayor

As with all my manifesto pledges this will take place by the end of my second term.

Three year service on Safer Neighbourhood Boards

Question No: 1207 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Do you accept that many people serving on Community Police Consultative Groups have given many years of service to their communities? If so, why are you limiting their service on your Safer Neighbourhood Panels to three years?

Written response from the Mayor

I fully support anyone who gives up their time doing something positive for our city. It is clearly helpful to have knowledgeable, experienced and committed people involved in our work. However, it is also good practice for any organisation to have a membership renewal strategy to ensure both a regular refresh of opinions, strong linkage with the boroughs and a wide diversity of views. This is why I am limiting service on my Safer Neighbourhoods Boards to three years.

Community Payback scheme

Question No: 1208 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Your last-minute commitment to a Community Payback scheme has resulted in vague promises that instead of victims setting priorities you will ask Safer Neighbourhood Boards to do this. How will you ensure that victims' priorities lead this programme as was originally envisaged?

Written response from the Mayor

One of the new duties of the Safer Neighbourhood Boards (SNBs) will be to hear and monitor complaints from victims of crime and to monitor crime performance and community confidence in their area.

This will enable SNBs to play a significant role in Community Payback.

Systems will be developed to ensure victim priorities are passed via the SNBs to Community Payback schemes across London.

Local crime prevention fund

Question No: 1209 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Will you consider devolving your Safer Neighbourhood Board fund to the boards and remove the bureaucracy of a bidding and reporting regime for what will be around £30,000 per borough?

Written response from the Mayor

It is incumbent upon me to ensure that any public monies distributed by the MOPC are managed through a fully accountable process. It is common practice across grant-making organisations to require funding recipients to submit an application detailing their planned expenditure and outcomes and to report progress on achieving those outcomes on a regular basis.

London domestic violence service

Question No: 1210 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Your manifesto made a number of promises on domestic violence. When do you expect to have a pan-London domestic violence service in place? Who will it be accountable to and what will be its budget?

Written response from the Mayor

A timescale will be discussed and agreed once the new Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime is confirmed in post.

Female genital mutilation

Question No: 1211 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Your manifesto promises to tackle this complex issue. By what date will your task force be operational? Who will you appoint to it?

Written response from the Mayor

Once my Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime is in post, he or she will begin the work to establish the taskforce to tackle female genital mutilation and other harmful practices, including “witchcraft” killings.

Together with my Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, I will determine the membership but it is expected to include senior representatives from the Metropolitan Police Service, Association of Chief Police Officers, Crown Prosecution Service, NHS as well as key voluntary and community sector agencies.

Compulsory sobriety programme

Question No: 1212 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

When do you expect your “compulsory sobriety” pilot programme to start? How many offenders do you anticipate taking part?

Written response from the Mayor

The MOPC is leading on the sobriety community order programme in London, one of two pilot sites nationally. The MOPC is designing the pilot in liaison with the Ministry of Justice, the Home Office and other partners in the criminal justice system.

Equipment is currently being tested, with an anticipated start date of late autumn.

The pilot will aim to involve 150 offenders (over both pilot sites) and will operate for a maximum of 12 months.

Strategic Licensing Unit

Question No: 1213 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

You have promised to create a Strategic Licensing Unit. How will you ensure that an additional layer of licensing officers in your Strategic Licensing Unit will help manage problem venues

without adding to the bureaucracy involved?

Written response from the Mayor

The Strategic Licensing Unit will support each of the 32 Licencing Authorities in London. It will simplify existing licencing legislation and reduce bureaucracy.

The unit will therefore enhance current practice and not impede local officers with additional layers of bureaucracy.

Testing of drug offenders

Question No: 1214 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

You have promised to introduce a programme of drug testing for offenders. When do you expect your “random drug testing” pilot programme to start? How many offenders do you anticipate taking part?

Written response from the Mayor

The MOPC is leading on the development of a pilot for drug abstinence in London.

This is at a very early stage and it is not possible to give a potential start date or speculate on the numbers of offenders involved at this point.

Leadership clubs

Question No: 1215 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

In your manifesto you promised to establish Leadership Clubs to help tackle the underlying causes of the riots. While 25 “Leadership Clubs” in secondary schools may be a welcome activity to help at risk young people, do you accept that by your own estimate this will reach only 1,000 young Londoners. Will you be more ambitious and set a far larger target?

Written response from the Mayor

The Supplementary Programme for Schools (ie. Leadership Clubs) grant funding was launched on 16th May 2012. The programme is looking to support between 1,000 – 1,500 vulnerable Young Londoners. Across the lifetime of the programme we hope to attract further funding and increase the number of young Londoners that can benefit from the programme.

Daedalus programme

Question No: 1216 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

How many London employers do you hope to have taking part in the Daedalus programme helping young offenders find work? How many jobs do you hope this will have provided by the end of your second term? What funding beyond the initial £3.5m that you announced in your last term will be available?

Written response from the Mayor

At least 35 employers have taken part in Daedalus and other resettlement projects funded through the last LDA/ESF Youth Programme. To date, 454 young people have started

employment. The current funding streams for these projects are due to finish at the end of May 2012.

Additional funding is not currently known over and above the £3.5 million that I have already announced for the GLA/ESF resettlement support for young offenders, which will run from September 2012 to 2015. It is too early to make predictions as to the number of jobs this funding will have provided by the end of this term.

Police cadets

Question No: 1217 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What steps will you take to increase the number of police cadets across London?

Written response from the Mayor

As I said earlier this month, I am providing £1.3m funding to back the expansion of youth participation in the uniformed groups in London, including police cadets. This included drumming up support at key locations across the capital promoting a series of 'Give it a Try' taster days for potential volunteers who want to see what it is all about, at the end of May and June. I see the cadets, who are aged 14 to 19, as one of the Met's key youth engagement tools.

I have also encouraged the Met to scope a junior cadet programme for 11 - 14 year olds, which will be run by senior cadets supported by training and supervision. This will bridge a critical age gap as children transfer from primary to secondary school, while enhancing development opportunities and life skills for senior cadets. As a further 'feeder' programme, we are looking at something for 10-11 year olds (Primary School Year 6).. This will be in the form of an after-school club.

With these measures I expect to increase the number of cadets and encourage good citizenship.

Time for Action programme

Question No: 1218 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

In your manifesto you promise to continue with your mentoring programme. What lessons have you learned from the under-delivery of previous mentoring schemes to ensure the success and value-for-money of future programmes?

Written response from the Mayor

I have committed to continuing a mentoring programme to support young black men. All our youth projects are subject to evaluation in line with Oracle principles.

Crime figures

Question No: 1219 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

You pledged during the election to be open and transparent about crime figures. Do you think transparency was helped or harmed when you presented a rise in the number of robberies from 37,000 in 2007/8 to 39,132 in the last 12 months as a reduction of 16.7%?

Written response from the Mayor

My administration is transparent and honest. As you will know, I presented a comparative figure showing the total number of robberies in the 45 months prior to my election and the total number in the 45 months after my election.

Automatic number plate recognition

Question No: 1220 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Your proposal to give the police access to TfL's Automatic Number Plate Recognition cameras used for congestion charging and low emission zone enforcement, raises concerns about a "surveillance state" – a phrase used in your own Crime Manifesto. What specific measures will you take and what guarantees will you offer Londoners before opening up this data?

Written response from the Mayor

Officers are drafting a response which will be sent shortly.

Police Stations

Question No: 1221 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

There are rumours across London that police stations are set to close. What plans do you have to sell police buildings and what is the timescale including consultation?

Written response from the Mayor

The MOPC police estate contains over 800 buildings many of which, including some of our police stations, provide poor working conditions for staff, are inefficient for modern day policing and are being replaced by more modern, efficient and geographically responsive facilities.

I am currently reviewing the whole of the property estate to ensure we are making best use of it and identifying efficiency savings that can be reinvested into operational policing. This review will be phased over the next 12 months.

Police assets in Islington (1)

Question No: 1222 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Could you please advise me if you have any plans for the disposal of police estate assets in Islington, in particular Highbury Vale police station? If so what is the timescale and consultation period?

Written response from the Mayor

As part of the broader collaborative approach I am taking to shared services, facilities to accommodate the four safer neighbourhood teams based at Highbury Vale will in the future be provided at Holloway Fire Station. These facilities will be ready for occupation in the early autumn.

Police assets in Islington (2)

Question No: 1223 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

For each of the Safer Neighbourhood Team bases in Islington please list:

the lease arrangements

the costs

Written response from the Mayor

Property Name	Term	Lease Start	Lease End	Total Cost of lease
PENFIELDS HOUSE FIRST FLOOR ROOM	5 years	25/12/2004	24/12/2009	1,387
INTERNATIONAL HOUSE UNIT 4	10 years	29/08/2006	28/08/2016	69,520
BLACKSTOCK ROAD 70	9 years	14/09/2009	13/09/2019	48,086
GOSWELL ROAD 112-114 GROUND & BASEMENT	10 years	19/01/2010	18/01/2020	59,629

The MOPC has the right to renew the leases under Landlord and Tenant law. New lease arrangements are being agreed in regard to Penfields House.

Police assets in Islington (3)

Question No: 1224 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What measures have been taken over the past four years to increase the police presence at Islington transport hubs with either additional British Transport Police or Safer Transport Teams?

Written response from the Mayor

Islington's TfL-funded Safer Transport Team (STT), which works across all the hubs in the borough, was launched in 2010 and now consists of 42 officers comprising of 1 inspector, 4 sergeants, 20 PCs and 17 PCSOs.

British Transport Police (BTP) also has a strong presence at Islington hubs, with several TfL-funded officers. Since 2008, BTP policing on London Overground has been increased by 20 neighbourhood officers working on Islington stations. An additional team of seven TfL-funded BTP officers police the First Capital Connect line as part of the Mayor's BTP50 initiative introduced in 2009. Over the past four years, Islington has also benefited from a combined hub team of MPS and BTP officers at Finsbury Park.

Police assets in Islington (4)

Question No: 1225 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Are there any plans to re-instate the four Islington police sergeants lost earlier this year through the merging of several Safer Neighbourhood Teams?

Written response from the Mayor

Maximising resources to deliver more front line officers makes sense; it is perfectly reasonable to expect senior officers to work at a ratio of 1 manager to 10 subordinates. As promised in my manifesto, after the Games, London's communities will get an extra 2,000 police officers in

neighbourhood policing teams. Each ward will keep its dedicated officers and PCSOs in local policing teams. Following the London Games, the MPS will initiate a new model for local policing. This will involve the movement of an additional 2000 police officers into Neighbourhood Policing roles. These officers will supplement the current Safer Neighbourhood Teams and, by the end of July, boroughs will have established how they intend to organise these police officers and Sergeants to deliver an impact at local level. These teams will investigate 'lower lever' neighbourhood crimes, such as thefts and anti-social behaviour. They will proactively target offenders, engage with the public and work with communities and partners to address problems.

Police numbers

Question No: 1226 / 2012

Caroline Pidgeon

Please list how many police in each Borough will be contributing to Olympic policing outside their Borough? If this is not yet decided could you please state the date by which this will be confirmed?

Written response from the Mayor

All 32 boroughs have determined the number of police officers needed to maintain normal policing levels during the whole Olympic period.

Deployment numbers from individual boroughs will vary daily and are matched against the specialist/ non-specialist daily demand. The lowest average daily abstraction figure during the main Games period, across all 32 boroughs, is 21.4% and the highest, 22.8 %.

These abstractions are offset to an extent by leave restrictions and by the temporary suspension of other routine corporate requirements such as training. This means that the maximum possible number of officers will be available for duty.

TfL finances

Question No: 1227 / 2012

Caroline Pidgeon

In your mayoral report you state that TfL's borrowing limit has been extended by £326 million. Could you please explain the reason for this decision?

Written response from the Mayor

This increase in borrowing in TfL relates to the impact of its acquisition of the Woolwich Arsenal Rail Enterprises Limited and City Airport Rail Enterprises PLC companies in November 2011.

The Assembly, through its Budget and Performance Committee, was consulted on the proposed changes to the TfL borrowing limits on 28 February 2012.

The relevant report can be found at

<http://www.london.gov.uk/moderngov/mgConvert2PDF.aspx?ID=8354>.

Protected Open Space

Question No: 1229 / 2012

Caroline Pidgeon

Please provide details, including areas, of all protected open spaces in London where planning approvals have been granted since May 2008?

Written response from the Mayor

The attached spreadsheet in Appendix A (1229) includes details of the protected open spaces in planning approvals granted between 01/05/2008 and 31/12/2011 as recorded on the London Development Database. Note that not all of the permissions are for new construction and may represent a change in open space type rather than a loss. Proposed uses and re-provision are not included.

A detailed analysis of losses and gains of open space in London is included in the London Plan Annual Monitoring Report. See Key Performance Indicator 3.

<http://www.london.gov.uk/priorities/planning/research-reports/annual-monitoring-reports>.

Pocket Parks

Question No: 1230 / 2012

Stephen Knight

Can you provide further details of your plan to establish 100 pocket parks across London, including the anticipated cost, funding source and period of implementation?

Written response from the Mayor

The details of the scheme are currently being devised and will be announced shortly.

The ALGG, my framework for maintaining and developing London's green infrastructure network, will provide the basis for identifying potential locations. The ALGG – prepared with boroughs (in consultation with local communities) and public sector and civil society organisations - has identified potential projects in every borough.

I anticipate that funding for the programme will be secured from a range of sources, including direct funding from the GLA. It will build upon the success of my Help a London Park (HeLP) scheme, which secure funding from a range of public and private sector partners. My contribution of £6 million for HeLP secured investment of over £20 million from partners.

Green Space

Question No: 1231 / 2012

Stephen Knight

How does your plan to improve 300 acres of green space differ from your previous Great Outdoors programme? On what basis will areas be selected for improvement?

Written response from the Mayor

My new programme will build upon the success of London's Great Outdoors programme.

Projects will be identified through the framework provided by the All London Green Grid.

Street trees (1)

Question No: 1232 / 2012

Stephen Knight

Does your target of planting 20,000 street trees - included in your nine point plan for Greater London – take account of the 10,000 trees already planted between 2008 and 2012?

Written response from the Mayor

I refer you to my response to priority MQ 1319/ 2012.

Street trees (2)

Question No: 1233 / 2012

Stephen Knight

A recent investigation by the London Assembly's Environment Committee [Branching out: the future for London's street trees] found wide variation in the amount different boroughs spend on maintaining trees. Given your commitment to increase the number of street trees planted across London, will you also encourage boroughs to commit the necessary resources to ensure street trees are properly maintained, for example by adopting a common tree valuation approach such as CAVAT (Capital Asset Value for Amenity Trees)? Please also confirm whether trees planted through your mayoral programme will continue to receive maintenance funding for one year?

Written response from the Mayor

I will soon be publishing a Borough Tree and Woodland Strategies Supplementary Planning Guidance. This was subject to public consultation from February - April.

In order to prepare a strategy, boroughs should value their tree resource (including their street trees) using a methodology such as CAVAT or i-Trees Eco.

It is for the boroughs to decide how to effectively allocate the necessary resources to maintain and enhance their street trees.

The street trees funded through my Street Trees programme receive a payment to ensure at least one year's maintenance.

Street trees (3)

Question No: 1234 / 2012

Stephen Knight

Are you now in a position to update the information held on the London Datastore about street trees, including the number of trees felled by boroughs in 2010/11 and the number of new trees planted during the same period?

Written response from the Mayor

Information relating to the Mayor's Street Trees – the numbers and species planted in each borough – and other trees planted through my RE: LEAF programme is available on the GLA web-site at <http://www.london.gov.uk/priorities/environment/greening-london/releaf-london/get-involved/releaf-locations>.

Boroughs are encouraged to supply tree data to Greenspace Information to Greater London (GIGL) who provide a parks and open space data management service for London.

Fly tipping

Question No: 1235 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

Figures released by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs show that of the 246,326 fly-tipping incidents reported by London boroughs in 2010/11, just 781 successful prosecutions were made - representing 0.32 per cent of all incidents reported. Given your recent pledge to "wipe [grime] from the face of London", what plans do you have to improve the prosecution rates for environmental crimes?

Written response from the Mayor

I am passionate about cleaning up London's streets and key to delivering that aim is reducing the amount of fly tipping that blights our streets and costs boroughs time and money. Therefore, I will continue to support boroughs, who have the power to prosecute environmental crimes, in their pursuit to increase prosecution rates.

I am keen to focus on fly tipping reduction methods, such as the mobile reporting tool Love Clean London, which has proven to reduce reoccurrence of fly tipping incidences in problem areas. I will continue my partnership campaign, Capital Clean-up, which works with local communities to clean up grime hot spots and encourage civic pride. I am also keen to strengthen my relationship with Community Payback and utilise their resources to improve London's public spaces. It is the combination of a multi pronged approach which will deliver the level of cleanliness that London deserves.

Cleaner Taxi fund

Question No: 1236 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

Given your failure to secure private sector sponsorship for the Cleaner Taxi Fund, will you now provide the necessary public money to tackle the problem of air pollution from taxis?

Written response from the Mayor

I have already taken a very significant step forward in tackling this issue by introducing age limits for black cabs, something my predecessor failed to do. In addition, a subsidy scheme with Mercedes-Benz has just been launched, which you may not have seen, more detail can be found at: <http://www.tfl.gov.uk/corporate/media/newscentre/archive/23221.aspx>.

New Taxi for London

Question No: 1237 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

Will you agree to run a design competition for a new iconic, zero emission, black cab for London?

Written response from the Mayor

Officers are drafting a response which will be sent shortly.

Air pollution across London

Question No: 1238 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

Do you support the efforts of scientists from the University of Leicester who intend to produce a 3D pollution map of the capital in order to better understand the range and concentration of pollutants across London?

Written response from the Mayor

I am committed to encouraging innovative approaches and research into the causes and effects of air pollution in London. This year, I will be making more information available through the London Data Store, including the latest London Atmospheric Emissions Inventory and monitoring data from the London Air Quality Network. As part of the improvements to the London Data Store, we are exploring the extent that users will be able to select different data sets to generate their own graphs and other resources.

Air Quality

Question No: 1239 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

Do you accept that the purpose of EU air quality legislation is to reduce harm to humans from exposure to airborne pollution? If so, will you look at moving beyond the current targeting of "hotspots" to tackle the overall levels in London through measures to reduce air pollution at source?

Written response from the Mayor

My Air Quality Strategy adopts a combination of London wide and targeted local measures. The Strategy can be found at: <http://www.london.gov.uk/airquality>.

No Engine Idling campaign

Question No: 1240 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

Further to MQ 0478/2012, can you provide an update on the number of reports TfL has so far received via the 'No Engine Idling' email address (noidling@tfl.gov.uk)? Please provide the total number of emails received since:

the beginning of 2012?

the date from when this email address became active?

Written response from the Mayor

Since the opening of the 'No Engine Idling' email inbox in April 2011, TfL has received 40 emails about engine idling, of which 22 have been received since the start of 2012.

Hybrid Buses

Question No: 1241 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

Will you ensure that all new buses entering service during the second term of your mayoralty are zero emission or hybrids, in line with the commitment set out in your Electric Vehicle Delivery Plan for London?

Written response from the Mayor

Officers are drafting a response which will be sent shortly.

NOx emissions from buses (1)

Question No: 1242 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

How many London buses will meet the Euro IV emission standard (NOx) by 2015 and how many will not?

Written response from the Mayor

The London bus fleet is already amongst the cleanest in the UK at an average age of 5.8 years old.

There are currently around 4,000 buses in the fleet that do not meet the Euro IV standard for NOx. TfL plans, as part of a jointly-funded DfT and TfL programme, to raise an initial 900 Euro III buses up to the Euro IV engine emission standard for NOx by fitting abatement equipment.

This, coupled with annual fleet replacement, will mean there will be roughly 900 buses out of a fleet of 8,700 that may be below the proposed standard in 2015. I will continue to explore opportunities for potential external funding to bridge this gap with more retrofit work or early bus replacement.

NOx emissions from buses (2)

Question No: 1243 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

When will the results of TfL's trial of NOx abatement equipment on existing Euro III buses be published?

Written response from the Mayor

Two of the three bus types as part of the NOx abatement pilot have been tested and have demonstrated encouraging results. The system for the third bus type is in development and once tested, the main outcomes from the pilot will be made available in Autumn of this year.

London Funding Commission (1)

Question No: 1244 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

When will the London Funding Commission be established and how will it be structured?

Written response from the Mayor

The London Finance Commission will be established shortly under an independent chair and other members, supported by the GLA. Further details will be announced in due course.

London Funding Commission (2)

Question No: 1245 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

Do you anticipate that the London Funding Commission will publish its recommendations in advance of the 2013/14 budget setting process?

Written response from the Mayor

I do not expect the London Finance Commission will publish its final recommendations prior to the GLA Group's 2013/14 budget setting process. Its aim is to make recommendations about structural tax and spending matters affecting the capital.

London Funding Commission (3)

Question No: 1246 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

Have you discussed your plans for a 'Barnett' style formula for London with the Chancellor? If so, what was his response?

Written response from the Mayor

I have discussed the London Finance Commission with the Chancellor, who welcomes any ideas which will help to foster jobs and growth.

London Overcrowding Board

Question No: 1247 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

Following the first meeting of the London Overcrowding Board on 28 February 2012, what progress have you made in tackling the level of severe overcrowding in social housing across London?

Written response from the Mayor

The Board will be identifying barriers to tackling overcrowding and devising and promoting cost effective solutions to these.

Overcrowding Action Plan

Question No: 1248 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

How many social housing underoccupiers have moved into smaller homes since 1 April 2010?

Written response from the Mayor

There is no one single source of data for underoccupation moves, but from the figures that are available, it is estimated that there have been around 1,700 social housing households who have moved to smaller homes since April 2010.

Direct jobs through City Hall (2)

Question No: 1250 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

Please provide a breakdown of the 200,000 jobs that you have pledged to create through City Hall programmes over the next four years, including the programme or project concerned, the nature of the jobs, the anticipated start date of the jobs and the expected length of employment (i.e. 0-6 months; 6-12months; more than 12 months)?

Written response from the Mayor

Please refer to oral MQ 1249 / 2012 and MQ 776/ 2012.

New apprenticeships (1)

Question No: 1251 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

Please provide a breakdown of the 250,000 apprenticeships that you have pledged to create over the next four years, including the nature of the apprenticeships, the anticipated start date of the apprenticeship and the expected length of the apprenticeship.

Written response from the Mayor

It is impossible to provide a breakdown of the nature, start dates and expected lengths of the 250,000 apprenticeships we will create in the next four years. Apprenticeships are employer led and will reflect the needs and nature of London's business community. I will work with both large and small businesses to ensure that take-up meets my target.

All apprenticeships will conform to the latest quality standards, which include a minimum of 12 months as set out by the Government. I will be working with London partners to ensure that quality is embedded throughout apprenticeships in London.

New apprenticeships (2)

Question No: 1252 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

Given your election pledge to create an average of 1000 new apprenticeships every week, how many new apprenticeships have been created in the first three weeks of your new administration?

Written response from the Mayor

It is impossible to measure apprenticeships starts on a weekly basis over the timescale your question refers to. My campaign uses nationally collected statistics to report on performance. These statistics, when published, will enable us to produce a weekly average.

Free Schools

Question No: 1253 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

Is it right for The London Plan to favour one type of school (Free Schools) over other schools, as proposed in your manifesto?

Written response from the Mayor

Yes.

RE:NEW (1)

Question No: 1254 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

Is your pledge to prioritise households over the age of 60 for your homes energy retrofit programme compatible with an exiting commitment to deliver the scheme on a street-by-street approach [MQ 1058/2012]?

Written response from the Mayor

Phase II of the RE:NEW programme is currently being developed. RE:NEW will aim to utilise the intensive street-by-street approach in a number of ward-sized areas across London, as well as including a wider area-based offer of free insulation to older people across London.

RE:NEW (2)

Question No: 1255 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

Further to MQ 3868/2011, what discussions have you had with central Government to ensure that any future Green Deal framework allows for your wider ambition to retrofit 200,000 homes by the end of 2012?

Written response from the Mayor

I submitted a response to the Green Deal consultation in January 2012 setting out my recommendations for ensuring that the Green Deal and Energy Company Obligation work for London. My previous Environment Director met with the Minister of State at the Department of Energy and Climate Change to discuss these recommendations, and my officers sit on the DECC Green Deal ECO brokerage advisory group and have had regular contact with DECC officers.

RE:NEW (3)

Question No: 1256 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

Are you now in a position to publish results from the most recent phase of your homes retrofit programme (RE:NEW), including the average installation cost, energy bill saving and CO2 reduction for each home?

Written response from the Mayor

I will be able to publish this information in July once the team have had the opportunity to analyse the data submitted by the different delivery agents. However, I can confirm that as of 30 April 2012, 65,504 homes have been treated under RE:NEW.

London Energy Efficiency Fund

Question No: 1257 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

Further to the publication of your draft revised London Housing Strategy, what assessment has been made of the London Energy Efficiency Fund (LEEF) as a potential source of funding for retrofitting social homes?

Written response from the Mayor

LEEF is one of the two 'urban development funds' that comprise the London Green Fund, which is part-funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF).

The current LEEF contract already allows the fund manager to invest up to £11m in energy efficiency retrofit measures in social housing. The £11m limit stems from ERDF rules which cap social housing-related investment at 4% of the value of an ERDF programme.

London Environment Strategy

Question No: 1258 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

Under the Localism Act (2011) the Mayor is required to produce a single integrated London Environment Strategy which brings together the current suite of environment strategies. Will you take this opportunity to update the previous biodiversity (2002) and ambient noise (2004) strategies?

Written response from the Mayor

The Localism Act created a requirement for the Mayor to produce a single environment strategy. It also provided that the current six strategies automatically became the new single environment strategy. Future updates to this strategy will be made as and when it is required.

Affordable housing supply in London

Question No: 1259 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

When you announced at the Conservative Party conference in 2011 that you would do "even more [for housing]" in the next spending round, did you have in mind a 0.64 per cent increase in the number of affordable homes delivered per annum?

Written response from the Mayor

In the 2008-11 spending round 37,391 completions were achieved from grant funded affordable housing programmes, an average of 12,463 per annum. Forecasts for the current 2011-15 spending review period show that, in four years ending 31 March 2015, a total of 54,270 grant funded affordable completions will be achieved, an average of 13,567 per year.

On average this is an increase of 9% more completions per annum than the previous spending round. This excludes additional completions from non grant funded programme managed outside the GLA.

London Landlord Accreditation Scheme

Question No: 1260 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

How many landlords were accredited in London by the end of April 2012 and how many were not?

Written response from the Mayor

There are currently 10,600 accredited landlords in London. There is no definitive data on the total number of landlords in London.

London Rental Standard

Question No: 1261 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

Will your new London Rental Standard automatically incorporate those landlords currently registered with the London Landlord Accreditation Scheme (LLAS)?

Written response from the Mayor

It is proposed that existing accrediting organisations such as LLAS will be signatories to the protocol for the London Rental Standard. All their accredited landlords would then be able to use the single badge of accreditation.

Decent Homes (1)

Question No: 1262 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

How many council and housing association homes in London will continue to fail to meet the 'Decent Homes' standard by the end of the current investment round (2015)?

Written response from the Mayor

The number of council homes in London that will not meet the Decent Homes standard by April 2015 is an estimated 74,500.

It is anticipated that all housing associations will meet the Decent Homes standard by April 15 with the exception of a few newly agreed LSVT organisations.

Decent Homes (2)

Question No: 1263 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

As you take over responsibility for the allocation and monitoring of Decent Homes funding across London, how will you reappportion funding to ensure the effective delivery of the programme after 2013?

Written response from the Mayor

The individual borough allocations for 2013/14 and 2014/15 are provisional and will be confirmed during the course of 2012/13. Where a borough demonstrates serious delivery concerns, funding will be reappportioned to one or more London boroughs with a sizeable backlog of non decent homes and demonstrable capacity to deliver a Decent Homes programme.

Sale of Public Land

Question No: 1264 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

Further to your press release of 8 May 2012 [Jobs and growth at heart of the Mayoralty], will you ensure that 100% of new homes build on surplus public land are affordable?

Written response from the Mayor

The percentage of affordable homes in developments that include residential schemes will be determined in relationship to Mayoral and local planning policy and standards including the Housing Design Guide.

The GLA will pursue the optimum level of affordable housing whilst having regard to a specific projects viability by working closely with the development partner during the planning process

Homes built on GLA family land

Question No: 1265 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

Please explain why only 5,225 homes have been built on GLA family land since 2008 [MQ 0882/2012], when your previous manifesto claimed that 39,000 homes could be built on surplus LDA and TfL land?

Written response from the Mayor

Identifying sites with the potential capacity to deliver homes is only the first stage. Much of the former LDA land is in areas where there is either limited market demand or site constraints which prevent its release for residential use. As part of developing a strategy for the land portfolio that I have inherited from the former LDA, HCA in London and LTGDC, I will explore how we can maximise the total land brought forward for residential development, mindful of the lead in time it can take to market, secure planning and deliver residential sites.

London Brownfields Database

Question No: 1266 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

Following the absorption of the London Development Agency into the GLA, will you reinstate the award-winning London Brownfields website (<http://www.londonbrownfieldsites.org>) so that developers can more easily identify sites for potential reuse?

Written response from the Mayor

My officers are currently examining the London Brownfield Database to consider the best use of it or its data for the GLA Group, London boroughs, developers and Londoners.

London Development Company

Question No: 1267 / 2012

Stephen Knight

How will your London Development Panel (LDP) differ from the existing HCA Delivery Partner Panel? Can you confirm the range of development and construction-related services that will be offered?

Written response from the Mayor

The LDP will have a different geographic remit to the HCA's DPP, in that it will operate exclusively within greater London, rather than as part of the HCA's existing South of England panel. The LDP will be tailored to address the unique development challenges faced in the capital in a way that was not possible within a regional DPP and it will be procured and used in partnership with London Councils and other public bodies.

A full schedule of services can be found in the contract notice at the following link.

<https://eprocurement.tfl.gov.uk/epps/cft/downloadNotice.do?documentId=171462&lang=en¬iceType=2&resourceId=171361>

UK Statistics Authority - Code of Practice

Question No: 1268 / 2012

Stephen Knight

You have previously stated that "public trust in statistics is critically important in a democracy" [MQ 0806/2011]. Will you therefore adopt the UK Statistics Authority Code of Practice for Official Statistics?

Written response from the Mayor

Please refer to my answers to MQ 3890 /2011 (Meeting date 14/12/2011) and MQ 638 /2012 (Meeting date 22/02/2012).

Olympic Tickets

Question No: 1269 / 2012

Stephen Knight

Further to your statement made at Mayor's Question Time on the 22nd February 2012 where you stated "All I can say is that I fully share the desire of the Assembly for transparency. The short answer to your question, Dee (Doocey), is yes, we will be raising this at the Olympic Board", please can you confirm whether you have attended an Olympic Board meeting since 22nd February, and if not what were the reasons for your non-attendance or cancellation of these scheduled meetings? Please outline any other actions you have taken to support the London Assembly's long standing call for full transparency over the sale and allocation of Olympic tickets.

Written response from the Mayor

There were due to be two Olympic Board meetings since 22 February. One meeting was cancelled by central Government and my 2012 advisor attended the second on my behalf. During the meeting, at my request, he reiterated my view LOCOG needed to provide a full explanation on the outcome of ticket sales as soon as these were complete. A commitment to do so was also set out by Hugh Robertson, on behalf of the Olympic Board, in a recent letter to the Assembly. I have also made this view clear to the Chairman and Chief Executive of LOCOG on several occasions over the past few months.

Potential bus strike during Olympics

Question No: 1270 / 2012

[Richard Tracey](#)

With regard to the potential strikes by bus drivers over the Olympic bonus, will you consider drafting in independent bus companies to provide a service if they go on strike?

Written response from the Mayor

Officers are drafting a response which will be sent shortly.

Homelessness budget

Question No: 1271 / 2012

[Jenny Jones](#)

Last October you assured me that the full resources “devolved to the GLA by CLG [the Department of Communities and Local Government] expressly for the purpose of tackling homelessness and rough sleeping, will not be reallocated to other purposes”. Yet your budget for 2012/13 refers to spending £21m over three years, which leaves £5.5m of devolved funds unaccounted for. Can you commit that you will in fact be spending £26.5m over the coming three years on alleviating homelessness and rough sleeping?

Written response from the Mayor

It is my intention to invest £33.8 million into rough sleeping services over the duration of this investment round including an allocation of £9.5 million for 2012/13.

Wildlife Crime Unit

Question No: 1272 / 2012

[Jenny Jones](#)

Will you ensure that the Metropolitan Police Wildlife Crime Unit receives the necessary support, including an adequate budget without reliance on contributions from charities, to continue its work protecting animals from the illegal wildlife trade?

Written response from the Mayor

The MPS is the only UK police force with a full time dedicated Wildlife Crime Unit. I am committed to working with the MPS to ensure they have in place adequate resources so they can continue with the positive work they undertake to protect animals from illegal wildlife trade and crime.

Childcare costs in London

Question No: 1273 / 2012

[Jenny Jones](#)

Your manifesto contained no mention of childcare. What GLA initiatives are you considering to help working parents with high costs, and are you planning to lobby the government for further financial support?

Written response from the Mayor

Officers are carrying forward work on the promotion of childcare vouchers to employers, as

recommended in the Health and Public Services Committee's report on Childcare Affordability. I have also pledged to increase the number of part-time jobs for parents in London, so that they have a better opportunity to combine employment with their children's hours in free early education. I have made the case to Government about the challenge of high childcare costs in London and will continue to do so when appropriate.

Trees in new developments

Question No: 1274 / 2012

[Jenny Jones](#)

How do you intend to use your planning powers to require developers to plant more trees? Do you have a timetable for planning policy and guidance on this subject?

Written response from the Mayor

The London Plan, adopted July 2011, contains policies 5.10 (Urban Greening), 5.11 (Green Roofs and Development Site Environs), 7.19 (Biodiversity and Access to Nature) and 7.21 (Trees and Woodlands) to encourage tree planting in and around new development, and more generally. I intend to use my planning responsibilities to ensure these policies are taken into account in taking planning decisions and in the preparation of local development plans.

I am also providing further detailed guidance on these issues. In March this year I published Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) on the ALGG encouraging boroughs to provide greener infrastructure. Consultation has recently ended on SPG on Trees and Woodland Strategies, a joint publication with the Forestry Commission, which I intend to publish this summer. I also intend to bring forward further guidance on planting on development sites in forthcoming SPG on sustainable design and development.

I will deliver on my pledge to continue greening London and increase its tree cover from 20 per cent to 25 per cent by 2025.

Commitments for LGBT community

Question No: 1275 / 2012

[Jenny Jones](#)

There appear to be no commitments in your manifesto for the LGBT community. What can the LGBT community of London expect from you over the coming four years?

Written response from the Mayor

London is one city with all Londoners, regardless of their age, sexuality, race, gender and religion, able to benefit from the implementation of my policies to create jobs and growth. I represent and unite all Londoners rather than seek to divide communities because of narrow psephological reasons.

Public trust in GLA group statistics

Question No: 1276 / 2012

[Jenny Jones](#)

Following calls from Full Fact during the election campaign, will you review your decision not to commit the GLA group to following the Code of Practice for Official Statistics, which I suggested to you in March 2011? Signing up would help to promote public trust in the use of

statistics.

Written response from the Mayor

Please refer to my answers to MQ 3890 /2011 (Meeting date 14/12/2011) and MQ 638 /2012 (Meeting date 22/02/2012).

Open data

Question No: 1277 / 2012

[Jenny Jones](#)

Following your success in launching the London Datastore, you have pledged to publish more data. In your address to GLA staff on the 10th May you pledged to use this approach to generate consensus about the facts. In order to achieve this, will you work collaboratively with the London Assembly to agree a list or schedule of statistics to be published in the London Datastore?

Written response from the Mayor

Thank you for your support. I trust the Assembly will find the expanded Datastore useful.

Open data on police workforce strength

Question No: 1278 / 2012

[Jenny Jones](#)

I welcome your crime manifesto commitment to publishing monthly comparable crime figures and police numbers for every borough to ensure transparency and accountability. Will this include monthly comparable figures for overall workforce strength, including numbers for police officers, PCSOs, special constables and civilian staff employed by the Metropolitan Police Force in every borough?

Written response from the Mayor

No. I've committed to publishing crime figures and police numbers.

Environment commitments

Question No: 1279 / 2012

[Jenny Jones](#)

Can you confirm that you remain committed to achieving the targets and aims set out in your environment strategies?

Written response from the Mayor

I believe that a high quality environment is essential to attracting and retaining investment in London, creating green jobs and improving the quality of life of Londoners. I stand by the commitments in my environmental strategies.

Climate change strategy data

Question No: 1280 / 2012

[Jenny Jones](#)

Can you provide me with the data represented in figures 2.7, 2.8 and 2.9 in your Climate

Change Mitigation and Energy Strategy?

Written response from the Mayor

Yes - modelling data used to create these figures will be made publicly available via the London Datastore. We aim to upload the dataset by the end of May and will contact you to confirm when this has been achieved.

Centre for Carbon Measurement

Question No: 1281 / 2012

[Jenny Jones](#)

Can you update me on your work to establish a London-based Centre for Carbon Measurement?

Written response from the Mayor

The Centre for Carbon Measurement, based at the National Physical Laboratory in Teddington, was officially launched on 26th March this year. A member of the GLA's Climate Change Mitigation and Energy team attends the steering group meetings to help guide the work of the Centre. Please see <http://www.npl.co.uk/carbon-measurement/> for more detail regarding the Centre and the nature of its work.

Apprenticeships information

Question No: 1282 / 2012

[Jenny Jones](#)

What progress have you made in working with the National Apprenticeships Service to publish more information about the people taking up apprenticeships in London, as promised in answer to question 3387/2010?

Written response from the Mayor

Ensuring appropriate data to measure the success and impact of my apprenticeships campaign remains a priority. The National Apprenticeships Service is soon to publish further information on apprenticeships. Where possible I will publish this information when it becomes available. The Deputy Mayor for Business and Enterprise, Kit Malthouse, has already had discussions with the National Apprenticeships Service and will continue to take this forward over the coming months.

Safer Neighbourhood Teams

Question No: 1283 / 2012

[Jenny Jones](#)

What is your proposed model for expanded Safer Neighbourhood Teams? How will larger teams use up to twelve personnel, and will all twelve be permanently assigned to the team or will they also perform other duties?

Written response from the Mayor

Officers are drafting a response which will be sent shortly.

Police front counters

Question No: 1284 / 2012

[Jenny Jones](#)

Can you confirm that there will be no front counter closures in London without an equivalent or better service opening in the same area during your term of office?

Written response from the Mayor

I can confirm that every borough will have at least one 24 hour counter.

Going Dutch (2)

Question No: 1286 / 2012

[Jenny Jones](#)

What is your timetable for identifying three high-profile locations for Dutch-style cycling infrastructure, which encourages cycling and walking?

Written response from the Mayor

I have asked my Deputy Mayor for Transport to meet with the London Cycling Campaign to discuss this in detail.

Cycling deaths and injuries

Question No: 1287 / 2012

[Jenny Jones](#)

Will you make personal representations to the Ministry of Justice regarding changing the sentencing guidelines for cases involving cycling deaths and injuries, or will one of your advisors do it? Will you make public any correspondence on this subject?

Written response from the Mayor

Officers are drafting a response which will be sent shortly.

Cycling representative on London Roads Task Force

Question No: 1288 / 2012

[Jenny Jones](#)

What is your timetable for selecting a cycling representative to go on the London Roads Task Force?

Written response from the Mayor

TfL is currently working with my office to develop the terms of reference and proposed membership for the Roads Task Force promised in my manifesto.

Negotiations on air pollution rules (1)

Question No: 1289 / 2012

[Jenny Jones](#)

Can you provide an update on the negotiations between AIR (Air-Quality Initiative of Regions) and the European Commission regarding a more 'flexible' approach to air quality rules?

Written response from the Mayor

London is a member of the Air Quality Initiative of the Regions (AIR). AIR was founded in 2011 and represents 12 regions from seven European Union (EU) Member States. These are: Baden-Württemberg, Catalunya, Emilia-Romagna, Greater London, Hessen, Lombardia, North Rhine-Westphalia, Piemonte, Randstad, Steiermark, Veneto and Vlaanderen. Together these regions represent 22% of EU GDP and 18% of the EU's population (87.6 million inhabitants). These regions, which include some of the most densely populated and industrialised areas of the EU, have been at the forefront of air quality management over recent years.

Together we are lobbying the European Commission to provide more resources at regional level to improve air quality, to provide leadership at the European-level by addressing major emissions sources and to share best practice amongst regions. AIR is committed to taking action to improve air quality and protect human health. The group is currently preparing a joint position paper to feed into the Commission's proposed update of the Air Quality Directive.

Negotiations on air pollution rules (2)

Question No: 1290 / 2012

[Jenny Jones](#)

Which draft proposals, being put forward by the European Commission for inclusion in the revised Air Quality Directive, do you particularly welcome?

Written response from the Mayor

The European Commission has not yet made any proposals for the update of the Air Quality Directive.

Compliance with air pollution laws (1)

Question No: 1291 / 2012

[Jenny Jones](#)

Can you explain your understanding of why the Government has missed the deadline to apply for a 2015 time extension to meet the annual mean and hourly limit values for nitrogen dioxide in London and 16 other zones in 2010 and in 2011?

Written response from the Mayor

My focus is on taking action in London to improve air quality to protect human health. I have set out an ambitious Air Quality Strategy containing both Londonwide and targeted local measures to do this. Reporting to the European Commission and applications for time extensions are a matter for the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

Compliance with air pollution laws (2)

Question No: 1292 / 2012

[Jenny Jones](#)

Given that there will be no 2015 time extension, do you anticipate the European Commission taking legal action as a result of the 2010 breach of the annual mean and hourly limit values for nitrogen dioxide in London?

Written response from the Mayor

My focus is on taking action in London to improve air quality to protect human health. I have set out an ambitious Air Quality Strategy containing both Londonwide and targeted local

measures to do this. Reporting to the European Commission is a matter for the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

Compliance with air pollution laws (3)

Question No: 1293 / 2012

[Jenny Jones](#)

Has the Government committed itself to carrying out any of the 14 national actions listed in your air quality strategy, which you felt would enable London to reach compliance with nitrogen dioxide limit values by 2015?

Written response from the Mayor

The Government has been very helpful in providing resources to improve air quality in London. The Department for Transport has given London £5m to establish the Clean Air Fund of innovative measures, £5m towards the cost of retrofitting up to 1,000 buses with selective catalytic reduction equipment and, through the Green Bus Fund, has given over £18million to fund hybrid buses over the past four years.

I continue to have discussions with the Government about what additional action it can take to improve air quality at the national level.

Lack of toilets outside Wembley Stadium

Question No: 1294 / 2012

[Darren Johnson](#)

Will you update me on the lack of public toilets outside Wembley Stadium, since I last raised this with you in January 2010 (question 44/2010)? Will you ask Brent Council and Quintain the developers of the area surrounding England's national stadium to provide an adequate number of permanent toilets outside the stadium for the millions of visitors that pass through this area each year?

Written response from the Mayor

Brent Council recognises the need for toilets in the Wembley area. The planning agreement for the stadium saw the Council receive funding to provide four public toilets in the Wembley and Tokyngton wards. Three have been installed and Brent's planners are now finalising arrangements for the fourth. That will be part of the redevelopment of Empire Way and will be ready by the end of this year. Importantly, it will serve the area that concerns residents most. That will be the long-term solution.

Until that facility is built, the Council will provide temporary units near to the Empire Way site on event days and during the Olympic period.

The Council will raise the issue of provision on Quintain's land at the next Auxiliary Safety Advisory Group (ASAG) meeting. This brings together a number of agencies, including the council, LOCOG and Quintain and is the ideal opportunity for taking this matter forward.

The Stadium itself has some public facing toilets and many more inside. They have also installed temporary units in their car park for larger football matches.

Homelessness funding

Question No: 1296 / 2012

[Darren Johnson](#)

Will you lobby for all funding for pan-London homelessness work to be transferred from bodies such as London Councils to the GLA so that you can coordinate and protect adequate provision?

Written response from the Mayor

Government has rightly devolved its resources for pan-London commissioning to the GLA. Any further devolution is a matter for national Government.

High Speed 2 lobbying

Question No: 1297 / 2012

[Darren Johnson](#)

Which specific changes do you still want to see to the Government's HS2 proposals, and what are your plans to push for them?

Written response from the Mayor

There are number of changes I would like to see made to the Government's HS2 proposals, which were set out in my response to the HS2 consultation.

First, I would like to see provision for Crossrail 2 being made at Euston station. More than twice as many passengers are forecast to arrive at Euston station during the peak periods (compared to today) and this will require additional underground capacity. Without it, queues at Euston station will mean that station having to close on a regular basis.

Second, the proposed station at Old Oak Common must be compatible with the plans for the Crossrail depot at the site. The proposed layout at the site would pose significant challenges for Crossrail. In addition, further connections are required at Old Oak Common, to ensure this new interchange for west London is connected to the rest of London's transport network.

Third, the plans for a link to High Speed 1 must be altered to ensure that the link does not impact adversely on the North London Line through Camden. I am pleased that the Government has now agreed to revisit other options for this link.

Fourth, further environmental mitigation measures are required to reduce the impact of the scheme on London residents and businesses. I successfully fought to secure a new section of tunnel in the Ruislip area, but further mitigation is required. More people in London are affected by the scheme than anywhere else along the route, and the level of environmental mitigation needs to reflect this.

I plan to raise these issues with the Secretary of State again to ensure that the remit that she sets HS2 Ltd reflects Londoners' needs.

Know your rights campaign

Question No: 1298 / 2012

[Darren Johnson](#)

Can you tell me the annual cost of the Know Your Rights campaign and the outputs for each of the years since it was launched?

Written response from the Mayor

The costs associated with the Mayor's Know Your Rights benefit take-up campaign have ranged from £7,000 in 2009 to £24,000 in 2011/12. The campaign – run in partnership with Age UK, Citizens Advice, London Councils, DWP and others - has been successful in helping older people, disabled people, carers and low income families claim benefits to which they are entitled. It has generated an average increase in income of £5,000 per person and contributed hundreds of thousands of pounds to the spending power of London's poorest groups.

Community representation in Homes for London

Question No: 1299 / 2012

[Darren Johnson](#)

Will you include a representative from the voluntary and community sector in Homes for London, formerly the London Housing Board?

Written response from the Mayor

I have agreed with London Councils that membership of Homes for London will comprise an equal mix of independent industry experts and borough representatives to help deliver housing growth and jobs. The three Mayoral appointees were selected following a competitive recruitment process.

Affordable housing monitoring (2)

Question No: 1300 / 2012

[Darren Johnson](#)

Will you include separate figures for Social Rent and Affordable Rent homes in your London Plan Annual Monitoring Report?

Written response from the Mayor

Yes.

Housing evidence base

Question No: 1301 / 2012

[Darren Johnson](#)

When will you commission a new Strategic Housing Market Assessment?

Written response from the Mayor

Officers are currently scoping options for a new Strategic Housing Market Assessment, and expect to begin work in this financial year.

London Rental Standard

Question No: 1302 / 2012

[Darren Johnson](#)

What is your timetable for developing the proposed London Rental Standard?

Written response from the Mayor

It is proposed to launch the London Rental Standard in Autumn 2012. Development work and consultation with existing accreditation organisations has been underway since last year.

Affordable housing monitoring (1)

Question No: 1303 / 2012

[Darren Johnson](#)

Will you include information about the rent levels of Affordable Rent homes being delivered in your London Plan Annual Monitoring Report?

Written response from the Mayor

This data is not collected and reported by local authorities through the planning system and therefore will not be reported in the London Plan Annual Monitoring Report.

Safer Neighbourhood Boards

Question No: 1304 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

In your crime manifesto you have pledged to amalgamate Community Police Engagement Groups (CPEGs) and Independent Advisory Groups (IAGs) to create borough Safer Neighbourhood Boards. What consultations did you have with relevant stakeholders?

Written response from the Mayor

This idea has been borne out of my experience and that of the former Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, in working and engaging with communities over many years. It has also been put forward in recognition of the wider responsibilities of the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime, which requires broader community input on a wider range of issues, such as responding to the needs of victims. Further consultation on some of the specifics will take place in due course.

East London Election Results

Question No: 1306 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

What message, as the Mayor of a single city, did you take from the votes cast in East London and how will you address any perceived issues that lie behind the clear opposition to your agenda?

Written response from the Mayor

I was elected by all Londoners. I am pleased that they have given me a mandate to continue with the progress that the capital has made over the last 4 years.

Fares

Question No: 1308 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

At what point did you realise that Ken Livingstone's promise on fares was affordable and will you now apologise to Londoners?

Written response from the Mayor

My Labour opponent's pledge to cut fares was not affordable.

Grant Shapps and Central London Rents

Question No: 1309 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

Do you agree with me that Grant Shapps was wrong to suggest that Londoners on more modest incomes, including but not only those in receipt of housing benefit, are not being priced out of Central London? Would you additionally agree with me that rent rises in Tower Hamlets include it in this core of high rental boroughs?

Written response from the Mayor

London remains an incredibly diverse city in terms of the incomes of its residents and Tower Hamlets, like most boroughs, has areas of higher and lower rents.

Freedom Pass

Question No: 1315 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

When will all Londoners aged over 60 begin to be able to enjoy the benefits of a 24 hour Freedom Pass?

Written response from the Mayor

Please see my response to MQ 1197 /2012.

Promise to create 200,000 jobs

Question No: 1318 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

With the economy in a double dip recession and flat-lining, how likely is it that you will succeed in your pledge to create 200,000 jobs and how many of these do you expect will continue to exist beyond this Mayoral term?

Written response from the Mayor

The 200,000 jobs will be created through an already confirmed programme of investment in Olympics, housing, transport and regeneration investment. I am convinced that this investment will generate jobs in London.

I am also confident that with the right investment many of these jobs will provide sustainable employment beyond my term in office.

HS2

Question No: 1321 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Why, when raising the issue of HS2 in your transport manifesto, did you only refer to the impact on West London, entirely ignoring the loss of homes and damage to businesses in Camden?

Written response from the Mayor

Officers are drafting a response which will be sent shortly.

Barnet Parking Charges

Question No: 1322 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

What action have you taken to demand of Barnet Council that they reduce their parking charges bearing in mind you publicly condemned the charges as a "tax" during your walkabout in Barnet?

Written response from the Mayor

Parking charges are a matter for the boroughs. However, I am concerned that decisions over parking policy can often impact on economic development and have a detrimental effect on businesses and high streets.

I do not support parking charges or restrictions that might affect economic development, especially in the current economic climate.

Northern and Jubilee Line Closures

Question No: 1323 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

How many closures does the Mayor expect to take place on the Northern and Jubilee lines over the next 12 months and in each case what will be the total number of closed days?

Written response from the Mayor

Officers are drafting a response which will be sent shortly.

Remuneration Packages

Question No: 1324 / 2012

[Len Duvall](#)

What is the total remuneration package (broken down by salary, pension and other benefits) for each of the deputy mayors for (a) 2012-2013 (b) 2013-2014 c) 2014-2015 and (d) 2015-2016

Written response from the Mayor

The GLA is currently in the process of appointing Deputy Mayors and will confirm full salaries when this is complete. There are a number of Deputy Mayors who are still subject to confirmation hearing and formal confirmation in post. For future years there are no known changes to the remuneration packages for Deputy Mayors.

Remuneration Packages 2

Question No: 1325 / 2012

Len Duvall

What was the total remuneration package (broken down by salary, pension and other benefits) for each of the deputy mayors for 2011-2012.

Written response from the Mayor

Job title	Overall Salary (including individual pension contribution)	Employer pension contributions	Other benefits (taxable)
Deputy Mayor – Transport (seconded from TfL)	£127,784	£23,001 (18%)	TfL standard terms
Deputy Mayor - Policy and Planning and Chief of Staff (GLA employee)	£127,784	£18,912 (14.8%)	£0
Deputy Mayor - Policing and Crime (Assembly Member)	£53,439 (Assembly Member)	£7,909 (14.8%)	During 2011/12 Kit Malthouse (Deputy Mayor for Policing) received an allowance of £44,597.90 as Chair of the MPA for the period 1/4/2011 – 15/1/12 and a gratuity of £12,214.29 as Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime for the period 16/1/2012 – 31/3/12
Statutory Deputy Mayor (Assembly Member)	£96,092	£14,222 (14.8%)	£2,016- travel card

Sole Trading

Question No: 1326 / 2012

Len Duvall

Have any of the deputy mayor's received their GLA salary through a private company or as a "sole trader" as opposed to as a GLA Employee who pays PAYE tax?

Written response from the Mayor

No Deputy Mayors have had their GLA remuneration paid through a private company. All have been paid via the GLA payroll with statutory deductions at source except for the Deputy Mayor for Transport whose salary was paid via TfL's payroll.

Sole Trading 2

Question No: 1327 / 2012

Len Duvall

How many individuals across the GLA family, including all functional bodies, receive their salary through a private company or as a "sole trader" as opposed to as a GLA employee paying PAYE tax?

Written response from the Mayor

Officers are drafting a response which will be sent shortly.

Kidbrooke Park Road Local Widening

Question No: 1328 / 2012

[Len Duvall](#)

Residents in Kidbrook, Greenwich, have raised serious concerns that the TfL run Park Road widening project has not heeded public concerns on the design of the scheme and its negative impact it will have on the local area. Will you intervene on behalf of local residents for their voice to be heard?

Written response from the Mayor

The widening of Kidbrooke Park Road to allow for a public transport corridor, along with the signalisation of key junctions to provide pedestrian crossing facilities, was proposed as part of Berkeley Homes planning applications for the redevelopment of the Ferrier Estate.

The outline applications for the different phases were granted by Greenwich Council in 2009 following extensive public consultation. TfL is now working with the applicant and the borough through the reserved matters applications to develop a detailed scheme which is acceptable in highway terms.

TfL will consider any comments from local people affected by the current proposals.

Further formal public consultation will be undertaken as part of the reserved matters applications. This is expected to happen within the next 18 months.

Air Quality

Question No: 1329 / 2012

[Len Duvall](#)

Last November the Governments Environmental Audit Committee filed a damning report criticising your Air Quality strategy as a failure. In light of this, will you concede to calls for an inquiry in 4267 people a year dying a year of poor air quality or are you happy to continue to ignore the situation?

Written response from the Mayor

I am committed to improving air quality in London to protect human health. It was my Air Quality Strategy which, for the first time, set out the potential health impact in London of long-term exposure to poor air quality, demonstrating the leadership I have shown on this issue. The Strategy can be found at: <http://www.london.gov.uk/airquality>.

However, improving air quality requires action at all levels – EU, national Government, Mayor/GLA/TfL and borough level – and I continue to play a leadership role in calling for additional action and resources to improve London's air quality.

Job Creation in London

Question No: 1330 / 2012

[Len Duvall](#)

While I commend the Mayor's efforts to create more jobs in London, will he commit to programmes that offer long term job opportunities from a range of employment backgrounds?

Written response from the Mayor

Supporting Londoners furthest from the labour market into jobs created by investment in London is critical. Supporting these individuals to remain in employment is critical, even if not within the same job. I am committed to providing job opportunities for all Londoners no matter what their employment background, giving them the skills to compete for jobs at all employment levels. The GLA has consistently delivered programmes with 12 month job sustainability outcomes, such as the Youth ESF programme which aims to help the hardest to help young Londoners find and sustain employment. I have also invested in the Supplier Skills Team which ensures that GLA Group investment provides jobs and apprenticeships to Londoners.

Job Creation in London 2

Question No: 1331 / 2012

[Len Duvall](#)

Will the Mayor clarify if his various job 'creation' programmes will be NET or Gross?

Written response from the Mayor

The 200,000 jobs outlined in my manifesto are based on gross, and not net jobs.

Job Creation in London 3

Question No: 1332 / 2012

[Len Duvall](#)

With regard to his Job subsidy and Campaign for New Jobs Programmes, will the Mayor commit to a more sector specific approach to job creation?

Written response from the Mayor

I am reviewing my approach to the job subsidy programme and other employment initiatives in consultation with the London Enterprise Panel. My highly successful Apprenticeships Campaign has used a targeted sector approach as well as wider employer activity. Where there are lessons to be learned I will ensure that they are applied.

Job Creation in London 4

Question No: 1333 / 2012

[Len Duvall](#)

What is the estimated the cost of the Job Subsidy Programme and where does the Mayor anticipate its revenue stream to come from?

Written response from the Mayor

I am reviewing my approach to the job subsidy programme and other employment initiatives in consultation with the London Enterprise Panel. It is anticipated that the revenue stream will come from the additional £70m awarded through the Growing Places Fund.

Cable Car

Question No: 1334 / 2012

[Len Duvall](#)

Do you believe that the Emirates Cable Car will be ready and launched in time for the Olympics?

Written response from the Mayor

The testing and commissioning of the Emirates Air Line is making good progress and, as announced, it is expected to open in summer 2012.

Cable Car 2

Question No: 1335 / 2012

[Len Duvall](#)

Will the Mayor make public the cost of a) single journey, b) return journey, c) Oyster card on the Emirates Cable Car?

Written response from the Mayor

The fares arrangements for the Emirates Air Line will be announced closer to the opening date.

The Olympics and Bus consultations

Question No: 1336 / 2012

[Len Duvall](#)

Can the Mayor list all the buses that will be re-diverted in A) Greenwich and B) Lewisham during the Olympics and if public consultations have been held on all these routes?

Written response from the Mayor

Officers are drafting a response which will be sent shortly.

International Business Advisory Council

Question No: 1338 / 2012

[Len Duvall](#)

For the International Business Advisory Council can you confirm;

- a) The membership of the council during your first term of office?
- b) The dates of the meetings during your first term of office?
- c) What meetings you attended during your first term of office?

Written response from the Mayor

a) IBAC members:

Martin Sorrell	Chief Executive WPP (Chair)
Boris Johnson	Mayor of London
Lionel Barber	Editor The Financial Times
Marc Bolland	Chief Executive Marks and Spencers
Victor Chu	Chairman First Eastern Investment Group
Tim Clark	President Emirates Airline

Richard Collier-Keywood	UK Managing Partner & Global Head of Tax PricewaterhouseCoopers
John Connolly	Global Chairman Deloitte UK (when he was in post)
Eric Daniels	Group Chief Executive The Lloyds Banking Group plc (when he was in post)
Vincent de Rivaz	Chief Executive EDF Energy
Phillip Dilley	Chairman Arup
Johan Eliasch	Chairman Head NV
Orit Gadiesh	Chairman Bain & Company
Mark Garvin	Chairman JPMorgan Europe Limited
Jim Goodnight	CEO SAS
Andreas Goss	Chief Executive Siemens PLC & Cluster North West Europe
Sanjay Guha	President Coca-Cola Great Britain & Ireland
Mark Harding	Group General Counsel, Barclays Group
Tony Hayward	Executive Director BP (when he was in post)
Terry Hill	Chairman - Transport Market Arup Group
Ian Hudson	President - EMEA Dupont
Yugo Ishida	President and CEO Nomura International
Alexander Izosimov	CEO AO VimpelCom
Wang Jianzhou	Chairman and CEO China Mobile Limited
Will Lewis	General Manager News International (when he was in post)
Wayne Leamon	Chief Executive Macquarie Bank London
Ian Livingston	Chief Executive BT Group
Graham Mackay	Chief Executive SABMiller
Trevor Mann	Senior Vice President, Manufacturing, Purchasing and Supply Chain Management Nissan International SA
David Morley	Senior Partner Allen & Overy
John Neill	Group Chief Executive Unipart Group
Lubna Olayan	CEO Olayan Financing Company
Rajendra Pawar	Chairman and Co-Founder NIIT
Joerg Reinhardt	CEO Novartis Vaccines and Diagnostics
Brendon Riley	General Manager, Northeast Europe IBM (when he was in post)
Jon Robson	President of Enterprise Thomson Reuters
Paolo Scaroni	CEO Eni SpA
Jacob Wallenberg	Chairman Investor AB
Nicholas Walsh	Executive Vice President, Foreign General Insurance of AIG Inc., AIG
Patience Wheatcroft	Editor Wall Street Journal Europe (when she was in post)

b) Meetings:

2008: Saturday 4th October / Sunday 5th October

2009: Thursday 15th October / Friday 16th October 2009

2010: Monday 22nd November / Tuesday 23rd November 2010

c) I attended all of the meetings listed above.

London Business Advisory Council 2

Question No: 1339 / 2012

[Len Duvall](#)

For the London Business Advisory Council can you confirm;

a) The membership of the council during your first term of office?

b) The dates of the meetings during your first term of office?

c) What meetings you attended during your first term of office?

Written response from the Mayor

a) Membership of the London Business Advisory Council (LBAC) are

Confederation of British Industry (CBI)

Sara Parker, London Regional Director

Susan Taylor Martin, CBI London Chair

(President, Global Investment Focus Accounts, Thomson Reuters)

Federation of Small Businesses (FSB)

Sue Terpilowski, Chair, London Policy Unit

John Walker, National Chairman (Self-employed)

London Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI)

Colin Stanbridge, Chief Executive

Willie Walsh, President (CEO, International Airlines Group)

London First

Baroness Jo Valentine, CEO

Philip Dilley, Chair (Group Chairman, Arup)

b) LBAC Meeting Dates:

2008

29th July - The London Business Board (CBI, LCCI & LF) met

2009

2nd February, 7th May and 8th September

2010

20th January, 20th April, 2nd September and 7th December

2011

16th March, 7th June, 26th September and 11th August (which was an exception post-riots meeting)

2012

16th January

c) I attended all these meetings.

Business Question Times

Question No: 1340 / 2012

[Len Duvall](#)

For the five Business Question Times you held during your first term of office can you confirm the following;

a) The dates the meetings took place

b) The number of attendees

c) What size of business the attendees represented

d) What sector of the economy the attendees represented

Written response from the Mayor

1.

Date: 31st July 2008 **Business Summit (City Hall)**

The Mayor used this summit as an opportunity re-emphasise his support for small businesses. The summit provided an opportunity for representatives of London's business community to put their concerns and recommendations directly to the Mayor.

Attendees: 20

Business size: The heads of business organisations representing small and medium sized businesses in London. The Chairs and CEOs of the Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) London, the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI), the British Retail Consortium (BRC), south London Business, north London Business, west London Business and east London Business attended, amongst others

Sectors: Across all sectors.

2.

Date: 4th December 2008 **CBI London QT (with Anthony Browne)**

Panel Q&A event to debate issues in the CBI's December 2008 business survey, which examines London's status as a place in which to do business

Attendees: c. 100

Business size: Big businesses

Sectors: Financial services, legal, research, hospitality, business services

3.

Date: 23rd February 2009 **LCCI BQT**

LCCI hosted a 'Mayor's Question Time' which provided a forum for a wide range of businesses to put their questions and concerns directly to the Mayor.

Attendees: c.190

Business size: Mostly SMEs with a few senior types from larger companies.

Sectors: Across all sectors

4.

Date: 22nd July 2009 **Croydon QT**

"Building a Road to Economic Recovery"

The Mayor spoke about his measures to help local businesses through the recession.

Attendees: Over 700 people from the local business community and general public

Business size: Mixture of small and large businesses

Sectors: Across all sectors

5.

Date: 24th May 2010 **BQT (Mermaid Theatre)**

"Small Business is Big Business"

Over 500 SMEs from across London had the opportunity to directly question the Mayor on his initiatives to support SMEs, especially post-recession.

Attendees: c.500

Business size: Small and medium sized businesses from across the capital

Sectors: Across all sectors

6.

Date: 22nd September 2011 **Make 2012 Work for You (BT)**

To highlight the opportunities from the 2012 Olympic and Paralympics Games, and to call on the SME business community to start planning and preparing for the Games.

Attendees: c.200

Business size: SMEs

Sectors: Across all sectors

Congestion Charge

Question No: 1341 / 2012

[Len Duvall](#)

Can businesses with 1-5 vehicles pay by account for the Congestion Charge?

Written response from the Mayor

Yes. Congestion Charging Auto Pay allows motorists, including businesses, to register up to 5 vehicles with TfL and be automatically billed each time a registered vehicle is driven within the zone during charging hours. Registered customers benefit from a reduced charge of £9, rather than £10.

Registration eliminates the possibility of customers receiving a penalty charge for forgetting to pay the charge.

Seconded Officers (1)

Question No: 1342 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Please can you provide a borough breakdown for 31st March 2012 showing how many borough police officers were seconded out of their boroughs, including where they were seconded to?

Written response from the Mayor

Any officers on formal secondments are held against a specific secondment budget allowing the vacated posts to be filled immediately.

On 31 March 2012 a small number of officers (8) were on attachment from their substantive post to other posts. Seven of these are within the same borough. The one exception is an officer on attachment from his substantive post in Specialist Crime and Operations to a post in the London Borough of Barnet.

Seconded Officers (2)

Question No: 1343 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

When an officer is seconded from one borough to another, in which borough's monthly figures does that officer appear.

Written response from the Mayor

Officers are not seconded from one borough to another. Officers can be on attachment to other boroughs and when they are on attachment, they remain on the monthly figures of their home borough and not the one they are attached to.

Facewatch

Question No: 1344 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Can you please outline what work the MPS have done with Facewatch? Specifically, where have the MPS piloted working with the Facewatch system, and what were the results? Are there any plans to roll out this work further?

Written response from the Mayor

The scheme piloted in Westminster, generated a 72% increase in the number of low level crimes being solved and saved an average of two hours of officer time per crime.

One thousand images have been uploaded onto the system which, to date, have resulted in the police identifying 50 known suspects.

The MPS is currently drafting a policy on the use of Facewatch.

Knife Crime

Question No: 1345 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

In 2008 you pledged to tackle the 'scourge' of knife crime, yet we have seen a 16% increase in knife crime over the last two years, and victims of serious youth violence knife crime rose by 23% in two years. What further steps are you taking to redress this failure?

Written response from the Mayor

A significant proportion of knife crime offences are those in which the use of a knife is threatened or intimidated. Knife crime offences with injuries have fallen by 7.1 per cent, and youth violence offences have also fallen (by 11.3 per cent) in the 12 months to April 2012.

The youth homicide rate has also fallen drastically in recent years with almost half the number of homicides occurring in 2011 in comparison to 2007.

I remain fully committed to tackling the impact of knife crime and serious youth violence in London. The establishment of the MPS Trident Gang Command will further focus attention on those individuals who carry and use knives in London.

Use of Tasers (1)

Question No: 1346 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Please could you provide a breakdown by ethnicity of people on whom the MPS has deployed the use of tasers, for the financial year 2011/12.

Written response from the Mayor

The table below provides the data requested. The data includes all taser deployments from across all firearms and non-firearms teams, when the weapon was drawn, the individual “red spotted” and when the taser was discharged.

Taser Ethnicity Financial Year	2011-12
A1 Asian Indian	2
A2 Asian Pakistani	3
A3 Asian Bangladeshi	1
A9 Any other Asian background	6
B1 Caribbean	98
B2 African	39
B9 Any other Black background	42
M1 White & Black Caribbean	2
M2 White and Black African	0
M9 Any other mixed background	6
O1 Chinese	2
O9 Any other ethnic group	5
W1 White British	120
W2 White Irish	7
W9 Any other white background	17
Unknown / Animal	11
Total Deployments	361

Use of Tasers (2)

Question No: 1347 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Does the MPS refer every instance of the use of tasers to the IPCC?

Written response from the Mayor

No, the MPS does not refer every use of Taser to the IPCC. However, every complaint arising out of the use of Taser is mandatorily referred to the IPCC.

Use of Tasers (3)

Question No: 1348 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Were you consulted on the new operating procedures regarding taser deployment?

Written response from the Mayor

Yes. My Office for Policing and Crime sits on both the Taser Programme Board and the Taser Engagement and Communication meetings that oversee the roll out of Taser to specially trained officers across the MPS.

Dispensation from Riot Damages Act deadline

Question No: 1349 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

One of my local businesses destroyed by the riots in August was Paradise Gems, a pawnbrokers run by Mr Moore, on Tottenham High Road. Although 90% of the stolen stock was owned by customers, the police advised Mr Moore not to inform his customers as it may hinder police investigations. The result is that customers were not advised before the extended 42 day deadline for the Riot Damages Act (RDA) and have therefore missed the opportunity to claim for their stolen valuables. Please can you lobby for a special dispensation be granted to customers of Paradise Gems so that they can claim under the RDA?

Written response from the Mayor

The 42 day deadline was set by the Home Secretary through Regulations issued in 2011. Under the Riot Damages Act, the MOPC has discretion to waive the time limit in exceptional circumstances. If the position as outlined is correct then this would appear to be just such an exceptional circumstance. I have asked the MPS to confirm the advice given by them at the time, so that I can consider exercising my discretion in this particular case.

Funding to cut youth re-offending

Question No: 1350 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Please could you provide me with details of your plans to utilise the £3.5m to tackle youth re-offending. Could you set out the details of programmes targeted at supporting young people? Can you please also explain whether this will be a universal scheme for all 14-17 year olds remanded or sentenced? If not, what criteria will be used to select the young people from this demographic?

Written response from the Mayor

On 1 March, I announced £3.5 million of funding over the next three years to tackle the vicious cycle of youth re-offending. The fund will target 14 - 17 year olds who have either been remanded or sentenced to custody and, support them through the difficult transition on release, motivating them to access education, training or employment. Yes, this is a universal scheme which will be accessible to all 14-17 year olds remanded or sentenced to custody.

Special relationship with The Sun

Question No: 1351 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

What message do you think you convey by lunching with the editor of The Sun the day after it's former editor, Rebekah Brooks, was arrested?

Written response from the Mayor

As you would expect, I meet frequently with a range of journalists, newspaper editors and others in the media and I have made no secret of that fact.

The Sun

Question No: 1352 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

What did you discuss at the meeting with the editor of The Sun and the political editor of The Sun on 14th March 2012? Were any City Hall employees present? Was a minute or note of this meeting kept? Will you publish any such minutes or notes of this meeting?

Written response from the Mayor

Please see my response to MQ 1351 / 2012.

Air Quality

Question No: 1353 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

We know that our poor air quality, caused by high PM10 and NO2 levels, is contributing to the deaths of thousands of Londoners each year. Looking at the current figures from the Bowes Primary School air quality monitoring station in my constituency I can see that the NO2 readings had already exceeded the 2012 Annual limit by April. Just how long are my constituents going to have to wait for you to revise your approach to tackling this most serious issue so that we have an Air Quality Strategy in London that's fit for purpose?

Written response from the Mayor

You are correct that concentrations of NO2 remain above EU limit values in many parts of London. The large NO2 compliance gap is mainly a result of the failure of vehicle Euro standards to deliver the expected emissions reductions. Consequently, the most cost-effective mechanism for improving vehicle emissions, natural turnover in the vehicle fleet, is not available.

Nevertheless, I am committed to improving air quality in London to protect human health and my strategy adopts a combination of Londonwide and targeted local measures. These measures include:

- new and tighter LEZ standards affecting 150,000 vehicles from January 2012;
- tough new age limits for taxis and PHVs retiring 2,600 of the oldest, most polluting taxis this year alone;
- launching a Londonwide no engine idling campaign with targeted outreach to freight vehicles, buses and coaches;
- delivering 300 cleaner hybrid buses by the end of this year and the New Bus for London, which will emit over 50% less NOx than a standard diesel bus;
- adapting up to 1,000 of London's older buses to reduce their NOx emissions.
- record investment in cycling;

- investing heavily in green infrastructure, with a target of a 5% increase in London's tree cover by 2025;
- retrofitting 55,000 homes and 400 public buildings with energy efficiency measures, saving tonnes of NOx emissions;
- reducing emissions from new developments by using the London Plan. I will be providing further guidance on requirements for "air quality neutral" development later this year; and
- creating my first Clean Air Fund with £5m of funding from DfT. This has targeted innovative pollution reduction measures, such as dust suppressants and taxi marshalling, at those central London locations where PM10 concentrations are highest.

I continue to lobby central Government for additional resources to help me to take further action to improve London's air quality. I am also committed to supporting the London boroughs to take more action to improve local air quality and, in partnership with Defra, will be making more resources available to the boroughs by match-funding Defra air quality grants through Local Implementation Plan (LIPs) funding.

Road safety

Question No: 1354 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

On 27 March, one of my constituents, Mr Frank Mugisha, was tragically killed by a car while cycling near the junction of the A10 and White Hart Lane. A police investigation is underway into his death. Is Transport for London undertaking its own investigation into this incident? If so can you advise whether the speed and / or junction layout was a factor in this instance?

Written response from the Mayor

I was deeply saddened to hear of this tragic incident and I extend my condolences to Mr Mugisha's family and friends.

As you note, a Metropolitan Police investigation is ongoing into this collision and, as is normal, TfL is assisting the Police as required.

At this stage there has been no indication that speed or junction layout were a factor, but TfL will closely consider any findings or recommendations produced once the investigation is complete.

Wards Corner

Question No: 1355 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Please could you instruct Transport for London to meet with the Wards Corner Community Coalition regarding their plans for the Wards Corner site in Tottenham.

Written response from the Mayor

Yes, I have asked TfL to contact the Wards Corner Community Coalition about this site.

North London Waste Plan

Question No: 1356 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

The public hearing for the North London Waste Plan is taking place on 12 June 2012. What is

your response to the plan? Has your response been affected by the total opposition by local residents to the proposals regarding the Pinkham Way site?

Written response from the Mayor

I responded to the Inspector's questions for the Examination in Public (EIP) on 15th May 2012 and concluded that the North London Waste Plan is in general conformity with the London Plan, however there are two minor outstanding matters of clarification that will need to be resolved before the EIP.

My response in relation to the designation of the Pinkham Way site as a waste site is set out below:

I supported the designation of the Pinkham Way site as a waste site in the preferred options version of the North London Waste Plan on the basis that there would be no adverse impact on biodiversity. In response to the submission version consultation I submitted the following in relation to this site:

'The site is designated as a defined employment area in Haringey's UDP and as a locally significant industrial site in Haringey's Core Strategy (submission version). However, the site is also designated as a site of importance for nature conservation (SINC). This dual designation presents challenges and it is accepted that the site cannot be developed for employment use without some impact on biodiversity. The level of impact should however be mitigated. It is understood that an outline planning application for a waste management site and vehicle depot has recently been submitted, but not validated, by the North London Waste Authority for this site. The vehicle depot element will not count towards apportionment. The principle of the use of this site for a waste use is accepted.'

Overall, it is not possible to assess whether there would be conflicts with neighbouring uses, the access arrangements, visual intrusion and air quality without assessing the details of the detailed proposal as it comes forward. The site designation does not specify a technology. GLA officers are satisfied that it would be possible to design a scheme with acceptable impacts.

Freedom Pass

Question No: 1357 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Can you provide a timescale for extending eligibility for the Freedom Pass to Londoners on their 60th birthday?

Written response from the Mayor

Please see my response to MQ 1197/ 2012.

Landlord licensing scheme

Question No: 1358 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Will you agree to set up a London wide landlord licensing scheme to combat slum landlords and ensure higher standards in London's private rented sector?

Written response from the Mayor

I have no powers to set up a London wide landlord licensing scheme. It is for boroughs to decide if they wish to license private landlords in their areas and to use their appropriate powers to do so. However, to ensure higher standards in the private rented sector in London I will introduce the London Rental Standard and dramatically increase the number of accredited landlords to 100,000.

Riots

Question No: 1359 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Now that a number of reports have been published exploring the factors that contributed to the shocking disturbances Londoners witnessed in their communities last year, what conclusions have you drawn on the causes of the riots? What steps are you taking to ensure these scenes of destruction are not repeated on London's streets?

Written response from the Mayor

I am making every effort to ensure such disturbances will not take place again, for example by creating 200,000 jobs and 250,000 apprenticeships over the next four years with a focus on young Londoners. I recently launched the GLA's £10 million co-funded European Social Fund Youth Programme. This will support vulnerable young Londoners into training, employment and education, with an emphasis on those at risk of offending. My Deputy Mayor for Education and Culture, Munira Mirza, is leading on a range of work to improve young Londoners' attainment, attendance and good outcomes through the London school system, particularly through my Education Inquiry.

Meanwhile, I am ensuring that those involved are brought to justice. Operation Withern continues to investigate the disturbances and over 4000 arrests have since been made. I am also ensuring that the MPS is responding to the findings of Operation Kirkin, its strategic review of the disturbances. As a result, the MPS is reviewing its mobilisation of public order-trained officers, reviewing community engagement processes, developing a CCTV strategy and developing a group of public order intelligence and investigation specialists. I am confident that these measures will ensure that London is better prepared than ever before for large scale incidents.

Fares

Question No: 1360 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Local people in Enfield & Haringey are increasingly concerned and struggling with high fares, particularly in outer London. Will you please revisit your plans for fare increases of RPI+2%?

Written response from the Mayor

I shall be taking my decision on fares later this year as part of the regular business planning process.

Equality in Marriage

Question No: 1361 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Do you support same sex marriage? If so, what steps will you take to influence Central Government to bring forward legislation as soon as possible so that same sex couples have

equality in marriage?

Written response from the Mayor

I support equalising civil marriage for LGBT people. My officers are currently drafting my response to the relevant Government consultation.

Diversity in the Met (1)

Question No: 1362 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

How many women and how many BME officers/staff sit on the MPS Management Board?

Written response from the Mayor

Details of the Management Board can be found at:

<http://www.met.police.uk/about/leadership.htm>

Diversity in the Met (2)

Question No: 1363 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

How many women and how many BME officers/staff are in senior positions in the MPS? Please can you provide figures broken down by senior rank?

Written response from the Mayor

Please see the table below which is accurate as of 21 May 2012

Police Officer	Overall Total		BME Total		
	Target	Female	Female	Male	Total
Commander & above		8.00	1.00	1.00	2.00
Chief Superintendent		6.00		3.00	3.00
Detective Chief Superintendent		4.00		1.00	1.00
Superintendent		14.00	2.00	6.00	8.00
Detective Superintendent		16.80		4.00	4.00
Police Staff	Overall Total		BME Total		
	Target	Female	Female	Male	Total
Band A & above (H, S)		72.48	5.00	11.00	16.00

Diversity in the Met (3)

Question No: 1364 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Please can you provide figures for new recruits broken down by gender and ethnicity?

Written response from the Mayor

Please see the figures for end of 2011-12 financial year.

Police Officer	Total		Total		Black and Minority Ethnic (BME)			
	Number	% of total recruits	Female	Male	Female	Male	Total	% of BME recruits
Total	1,498.00	100.00%	409.00	1089	44.00	199.00	243.00	100.00%

Diversity in the Met (4)

Question No: 1365 / 2012

Joanne McCartney

Please can you provide figures for women in the Met as at 31st March 2011 and 31st March 2012, broken down into the categories of Police, Staff, PCSO and Special Officers?

Written response from the Mayor

Strength 31/3/12	Overall Total				
	Target	Female	Male	Total	% Female
Police Officer		7,742.78	24,349.51	32,092.29	24.13%
Police Staff		7,447.07	5,689.39	13,136.46	56.69%
PCSO		967.02	1,742.87	2,709.89	35.68%
MSC		1,811.00	3,941.00	5,752.00	31.48%
Traffic Warden		0.69	1.00	1.69	40.83%
MPS Total	0.00	17,968.56	35,723.77	53,692.33	33.47%

Strength 31/3/11	Overall Total				
	Target	Female	Male	Total	% Female
Police Officer		7,595.73	24,774.56	32,370.29	23.47%
Police Staff		7,975.44	5,994.88	13,970.31	57.09%
PCSO		1,380.95	2,582.47	3,963.42	34.84%
MSC		1,524.00	3,422.00	4,946.00	30.81%
Traffic Warden		95.93	87.99	183.92	52.16%
MPS Total	0.00	18,572.05	36,861.90	55,433.95	33.50%

Diversity in the Met (5)

Question No: 1366 / 2012

Joanne McCartney

Please can you provide figures for BME workforce in the Met as 31st March 2011 and 31st March 2012, broken down into the categories of Police, Staff, PCSOs and Special Officers?

Written response from the Mayor

Strength 31/3/12	Black & Minority Ethnic (BME)	
	Total	% BME
Police Officer	3,231.94	10.07%
Police Staff	3,046.45	23.19%

PCSO	928.52	34.26%
MSC	1,604.00	27.89%
Traffic Warden	0.00	0.00%
MPS Total	8,810.91	16.41%

Strength 31/3/11	Black & Minority Ethnic (BME)	
	Total	% BME
Police Officer	3,090.81	9.55%
Police Staff	3,223.74	23.08%
PCSO	1,179.91	29.77%
MSC	1,433.00	28.97%
Traffic Warden	46.00	25.01%
MPS Total	8,973.46	16.19%

Education Maintenance Allowance

Question No: 1367 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Has your office undertaken any research to investigate the effect on London's young people on the scrapping of the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)? If so, has any particular group been identified as being disproportionately effected? If research has not been undertaken, will you commit to commissioning it?

Written response from the Mayor

Please see my response to priority MQ 1313/ 2012.

Remploy

Question No: 1368 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

The Government has announced that the North London Remploy Factory, based in Tottenham, is to close. Under your equalities agenda, what representations are you making to Government to protect the vulnerable workers affected by this funding cut?

Written response from the Mayor

I wrote to Ian Russell, Chair of Remploy, to express my disappointment at the closure of the London-based factories especially as the current economic climate will pose a challenge for the employees to find alternative jobs. As a result of the letter, my officials met with Tim Matthews, Remploy's Chief Executive, to identify what type of support employees of the three London factories will be receiving. Remploy has assured us that they are working closely with JobCentrePlus to provide a high quality, holistic package of support to Remploy's employees to maximise their opportunities for obtaining alternative employment. My officials will also engage with the London JobCentrePlus office to facilitate the process with Remploy.

I have also offered my support to Remploy to support any short-listed organisation that is considering taking over the running and management of the London factories. Our offer of support is to provide them with relevant contacts details of organisations that could help them to maximise their opportunities for success.

My officers will be liaising on regular basis with Remploy's officers to ensure information between both organisations flows smoothly and we provide as much support as we can.

Strangers into Citizens

Question No: 1369 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Do you still support the Strangers into Citizens campaign?

Written response from the Mayor

Please see my response to priority MQ 1307 / 2012.

Beds in Sheds

Question No: 1370 / 2012

[Tom Copley](#)

In respect to the recent coverage of the horrendous problem of "beds in sheds" in London, what action is the Mayor taking to protect private tenants from rogue landlords?

Written response from the Mayor

The practical work of tackling beds in sheds and rogue landlords lies with boroughs, which have a range of powers to enable them to do so. In addition, the Government has recently announced the creation of a national taskforce to tackle the problem of beds in sheds accompanied by £1.8 million to help the worst affected local authorities. Nearly £1.5 million of this has been secured for London, which will be shared between seven boroughs.

Fares

Question No: 1371 / 2012

[Tom Copley](#)

Can the Mayor confirm that he intends to raise fares by 2 per cent above inflation each year until 2015?

Written response from the Mayor

Please see my response to MQ 1360 /2012.

Kings Cross Gyrotory System

Question No: 1372 / 2012

[Tom Copley](#)

Will the Mayor outline the timetable for the Transport for London review of the King's Cross one way gyratory system, as announced earlier in January? Will he agree to fund this review as it affects Transport for London roads and impacts on one of the busiest parts of the road network in London, and will he agree to meet with residents to discuss the impact the gyratory has on their quality of life?

Written response from the Mayor

TfL is to undertake a feasibility study to examine the one-way gyratory system in the Kings Cross area. Aside from the TfL Road Network, this includes the adjacent one-way roads

managed by LB Islington (York Way/Caledonian Road/Wharfedale Road) and LB Camden (Midland Road/Goods Way/Pancras Road).

TfL officers have worked closely with colleagues in Islington and Camden to determine the scope and requirements of the study. A series of key stakeholder workshops will be organised in June which will allow various parties to discuss their aspirations for the work and to highlight the issues that affect local residents. Key stakeholders will again be involved in considering any options that arise from this work to ensure that any proposals for the future have the support of the local community.

Until the planned stakeholder workshops are completed, it is difficult to put a precise timescale on the completion of the work. However, at this stage, completion of the study is expected by the end of this calendar year.

TfL is committed to investigating the feasibility of improvements to the gyratory and will fully fund the study.

Air Quality in London

Question No: 1373 / 2012

[Fiona Twycross](#)

Does the mayor agree with Barry Gardiner MP who stated recently that the use of glue to artificially reduce particulates directly in front of official air quality monitors 'perpetrates a fraud on the public health'. If so, will he act to ensure that the practice is stopped and thereby increase transparency around the issue of the air pollution in London that causes the premature deaths of over 4000 Londoners a year?

Written response from the Mayor

The use dust suppressants at London's air pollution hotspots, including Victoria Embankment, Park Lane, Marylebone, and key industrial sites, is one of the many local measures that I have implemented as part of the Clean Air Fund package that is improving air quality in the areas that currently have the highest concentrations of pollutants. Independent analysis of phase one concluded that concentrations were reduced by up to 14%, leading to real air quality improvements and health benefits for Londoners. Dust suppressant application and evaluation is ongoing with further analysis of the impacts and benefits for Londoner's health and quality of life to be reported this year.

Outside London

Question No: 1374 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

Should Londoners for whom local authorities have a statutory responsibility for housing ever be required to accept accommodation outside of London?

Written response from the Mayor

As I have set out in my draft revised London Housing Strategy, the presumption is that boroughs will seek to discharge their homelessness duty within their local area, always considering the specific needs of households to remain in the locality and the quality and affordability of local private rented housing.

London Borough Population Figures

Question No: 1375 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

Will you join in the demand that Government update population figures ahead of the 2013/14 financial settlement? Given that this will help to determine resources received by London you will I am sure agree that it is critical that under-counting be avoided if at all possible. To this end what resources will you, possibly in partnership with London Councils, be applying to ensure we get our population numbers right?

Written response from the Mayor

DCLG will consult this summer on options for the use of population data in the baseline needs allocation of the financial next settlement. Currently, proposed options will be based on the 2011 Census. I have tasked the Intelligence Unit to assess the accuracy of these data for London upon release of 2011 Census data in July 2012. The outcomes of this assessment will inform next steps.

Remploy

Question No: 1376 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

What steps are you taking, if any, to protect disabled Londoners interests with the proposed Remploy factory closures and redundancies in London?

Written response from the Mayor

Please see my response to MQ 1368/ 2012.

Remuneration 1

Question No: 1377 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

What was the remuneration prior to the election of: the Chair of LFEPA, the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, Each of your 11 advisers, the Chair of the Legacy Development Corporation, The Deputy Chair of the Transport for London Board?

Written response from the Mayor

Remuneration for these roles:

Chair of LFEPA: £26,000

Deputy Mayor of Policing and Crime: A gratuity of £12,214.29 for the period 16/1/2012 – 31/3/12

Mayoral Advisors:

Advisor - Budgets & Performance: £102,227 (29.6 hours per week)

Advisor – Health and Families: £127,784

Advisor – Housing: £110,000

Advisor – Regeneration: £127,784

Advisor - Social Action and Volunteering: £72,000 (29.6 hours per week)

Advisor - Youth and Culture: £127,784

Deputy Mayor - Policy and Planning and Chief of Staff: £127,784

Deputy Mayor - Transport: £127,784

Director for Environment and Digital London: £110,000
Director of External Affairs: £127,784
Director of Marketing and London 2012 Communications: £127,784
Political Adviser to the Mayor: £55,000

Chair of the Legacy Development Corporation: £95,000 (Minimum of 2 days per week)

Deputy Chair of the Transport for London Board: £115,000 (4 days per week)

Remuneration 2

Question No: 1378 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

What appointments which you make attract remuneration?

Written response from the Mayor

The statutory Mayoral appointments which attract remuneration are:

Mayoral Advisors (s.67 (1) (a and b) appointments)
Statutory Deputy Mayor
Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime
LFEPA - Chairman and Vice-Chairman
TfL - Chair, Deputy Chairman, Board Members
London Legacy Development Corporation - Chair and Board Members (excluding borough representatives)
London Pension Fund Authority - Chair and Board Members
London Waste and Recycling Board - Chair

News International

Question No: 1379 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

Can you list your meetings, and those of your advisers, over the past four years with representatives of News International, together with their purpose?

Written response from the Mayor

My meetings with News International have already been made public. Under my transparent administration my advisors' declarations of interest, hospitality and expenses are public.

Jobs

Question No: 1380 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

How many jobs did you 'create' in your first 4 years, other than for biographers? Can you, under general headings, list and account for them? What definition of 'create' do you use – most Londoners will assume it means jobs that would not be created without your intervention?

Written response from the Mayor

In the past, there has not been a consistent measure of job creation across the GLA group, which is why I have set a clear target in my manifesto. Within that, officers will establish a

framework for consistent measurement. Further details on my jobs plan will be announced in due course.

London Local TV franchise

Question No: 1381 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

What steps are you taking to ensure this is adequately funded and an asset to Londoners? Would you agree with me that a high risk exists in its lack of coverage on cable and satellite networks and what can be done to address this?

Written response from the Mayor

Local TV has great potential to add to London's already rich production heritage and promises to not only create jobs but provide communities with the programming they want. I certainly would hope to see the availability increased once fully up and running so that all Londoners are able to benefit.

Riot Damages Act

Question No: 1382 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

How many claims have a. been settled b. remain outstanding and what are the sums paid and total claims outstanding? What percentage of the claim was paid in the case of payments already made?

Written response from the Mayor

As at 23rd May 2012, the MOPC has received 3,438 claims under the RDA. 1,806 of these have been rejected as not claimable under the Act, with 952 being settled. 24 claims are currently inactive in that the claimant has failed to respond to communications. 656 claims are currently ongoing as set out in MQ 1166/2012. Settled claims amount to £6,530,234.69. As the claims are subject to negotiation and loss adjustment it is not possible to say what proportion this represents of the original claim submitted. The value of current claims outstanding is estimated to be in the region of £104m, £103m of this relates to insured claims by insurers or their representatives. The majority of the balance relates to claimants where the claimant was insured, but the insurance cover has been repudiated by the insurer and therefore the claimant has subsequently submitted a claim to the MOPC.

Canary Wharf Jubilee Line Payments

Question No: 1383 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

What payments to date have been made to CWG in response to performance problems? What claim, if known, remains outstanding? What contribution was made by CWG towards the extension and what then is the outstanding net amount of their payment, at present, once compensation payments have been netted off?

Written response from the Mayor

Officers are drafting a response which will be sent shortly.

Cable Car

Question No: 1384 / 2012

John Biggs

When will it open? What fares will apply?

Written response from the Mayor

The testing and commissioning of the Emirates Air Line is making good progress and, as announced, it is expected to open in summer 2012.

The fares arrangements will be announced closer to the opening date.

Business Rates Increase

Question No: 1385 / 2012

John Biggs

I asked you (MQ895/2012) if you had made representations about the proposed 5.6% increase in business rates. You replied that you had. What representations did you make?

Written response from the Mayor

I have made representations to the Government particularly in terms of reforms that could be made to mitigate the impact of business rates on ratepayers in London where rateable values are higher than the national average.

The annual increase in the business rates multiplier is linked to the September Retail Prices Index as prescribed by the 1988 Local Government Finance Act which was amended by the previous Government in the Local Government Act 2003. However I do recognise the impact of the significant 5.6% RPI increase for 2012-13 and share the concerns of the business community about its effects – particularly on the small business sector.

This is why I welcome the Coalition Government's business rates deferral scheme which will allow ratepayers to defer 3.2% (equivalent to 60% of the RPI increase) of their bills this year for up to two years. I have also agreed with the Government that the deferral scheme will also apply to the GLA's Crossrail Business Rate Supplement at the same percentage rate – although the actual 2p multiplier (tax rate) for this in 2012-13 is unchanged.

The Chancellor has also announced that the small business relief scheme – which exempts properties with a rateable value below £6,000 entirely from business rates and provides a substantial extra discount up to £12,000 – will continue until at least April 2013. As a result of the Coalition's Localism Act small business rate relief is now automatic – which will mean that small businesses will no longer have to apply to their local council to benefit from this discount.

In some London boroughs it is estimated 30 per cent or more of ratepayers will benefit from the small business relief scheme. However I have written to the Chancellor alongside the Federation of Small Businesses and London Chamber of Commerce to ask him to increase the rateable value thresholds in London to allow a greater proportion of small businesses in inner and central London to benefit from the scheme.

I am also committed to working with boroughs to see how we can put the new business rate discount powers to best use so we can target reliefs on key sectors following the introduction of business rates retention in April 2013. Ratepayers in the Royal Docks Enterprise Zone in Newham are already benefitting from a 100% discount on their rates bills (subject to a maximum discount of £55,000 per annum).

Mental Health & Training (1)

Question No: 1386 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

How many staff has the Metropolitan Police dedicated to Mental Health in each of the last four years?

Is there any compulsory training for Police Officers around Mental Health issues?

Written response from the Mayor

I am informed that there are six staff with specific responsibilities around mental health across the Met's Business Groups.

There are a number of courses raising awareness of mental health and providing training in dealing with those with mental health issues. Recently the NPIA launched an e learning package 'Mental Health and Disability Awareness'. For detectives it features in interview training which focuses on emotional disorders.

Mental Health & Training (2)

Question No: 1387 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

How many staff has Transport for London dedicated to Mental Health in each of the last four years?

Is there any training provided to Transport for London staff around Mental Health issues?

Written response from the Mayor

Officers are drafting a response which will be sent shortly.

Mental Health & Training (3)

Question No: 1388 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

How many staff has The London Fire Brigade dedicated to Mental Health in each of the last four years?

Is there any training provided for the London Fire Brigade around Mental Health issues?

Written response from the Mayor

LFB currently has an Advisory and Counselling Services (ACS) team of eight which, includes six qualified counsellors. In the previous three years there were seven counsellors; a total of nine in the team. ACS staff are fully trained in therapeutic techniques and coach staff working in areas with specific psychological challenges.

LFB provide stress management training for station managers and a 6-week 'Fit for Life' course open to all staff which promotes psychological well-being and resilience.

Some LFB officers work with children who are potential fire setters these officers are trained though not fully dedicated to working on mental health issues.

Mental Health & Training (4)

Question No: 1389 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

How many staff has the GLA dedicated to Mental Health in each of the last four years? Is there any training provided to GLA staff around mental health issues?

Written response from the Mayor

A member of my health team is designated as the GLA's mental health lead, though any or all members of the team may work on projects affecting mental health. In April the GLA held a presentation for staff on stress in the workplace, and we are currently in the process of procuring mental health first aid training to skill up members of staff to identify colleagues experiencing crisis or mental health issues and to respond accordingly.

Mental Health Act (1)

Question No: 1390 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

How many times has Section 135 of the Mental Health Act been used by the Metropolitan Police in each of the last four years, broken down by age, ethnicity and gender.

Written response from the Mayor

Police officers are empowered under sections 135 and 136 of the Mental Health Act to remove mentally disordered persons to places of safety under specific conditions set out in the act. This process is distinct from an arrest for a criminal offence under any other legislation.

The tables attached in Appendix B (1390) include data on the total number of arrests under the Mental Health Act by age, gender and ethnicity for the financial years 2008/09 to 2011/12. It was not possible to break the data down by different sections within the Mental Health Act.

Mental Health Act (2)

Question No: 1391 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

How many times has Section 136 of the Mental Health Act been used by the Metropolitan Police in each of the last four years, broken down by age, ethnicity and gender.

Written response from the Mayor

Please see my response to MQ 1390/ 2012

Mental Health Day

Question No: 1392 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

How are you, s Mayor of London and Chair of the London Health Improvement Board, intending to mark World Mental Health Day on 10th October 2012?

Written response from the Mayor

I have not yet made any decisions regarding World Mental Health Day.

Children's Commissioners Takeover Day

Question No: 1393 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

What are your plans for the Children's Commissioners Takeover Day, which will take place on November 23rd this year?

Written response from the Mayor

I have not yet received an invitation to take part in the 2012 Children's Commissioner's Takeover Day. On an ongoing basis, I support and engage with my Peer Outreach Workers team, who are at the centre of the GLA's highly regarded youth engagement and participation programme. Currently 3,000 young people are effectively engaged across five priority areas of safety, London 2012, education, citizenship and health.

Training for Police Officers

Question No: 1394 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

In January this year the IPPC upheld three complaints, made on behalf of an autistic Barking resident who had been traumatised by a police raid in June 2011. One of their recommendations was to MPS Training Management. "that they consider the feasibility of delivering training to all MPS officers on dealing with people with autism." Has this recommendation been implemented and if not, will you guarantee that you will demand it be implemented as a matter of urgency.

Written response from the Mayor

I will raise the appropriate treatment of anyone with mental health problems through the MOPC.

Nevertheless, earlier this month the NPIA launched an e learning package 'Mental Health and Disability Awareness' which includes communication and socialisation disorders such as autism and Asperger's syndrome. In addition, post foundation critical incident training for PCs, includes a scenario- specifically based upon an autistic child.

Ticket Office Opening Hours at Canary Wharf

Question No: 1395 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

Last years reduction in ticket office opening hours saw the closure of Canary Wharf West and reduced opening hours at Canary Wharf East. I receive regular complaints from constituents who inform me that even the reduced hours are not being honoured, that on many occasions the ticket offices remain closed for up to 2 hours after the scheduled opening time and are closed equally earlier than they should be. Furthermore, on most occasions only one window is open. It is clear that staff cuts are to blame for these failings in the service to passengers using this station. As you will be aware, Canary Wharf is a very busy station and is now attracting large numbers of tourists. What action are you going to take to address these problems?

Written response from the Mayor

Officers are drafting a response which will be sent shortly.

Road Casualties

Question No: 1396 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

Have Transport for London sent any of the 2011 accident data to any of the London Boroughs? If so, when was this done?

Written response from the Mayor

Provisional casualty and collision data for London (as provided by the Police to TfL in accordance with STATS19) is supplied to all London Boroughs on a monthly basis throughout the year.

Yearly casualty and collision data is finalised each year, with publication of the "Casualties and collisions in Greater London" factsheet at www.tfl.gov.uk/roadsafety.

It is anticipated that final 2011 casualty and collision data for London will be published later this summer.

Charlie Brown Roundabout

Question No: 1397 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

Can you tell me what you are going to do to address the absence of pedestrian crossings at this roundabout at the junction of Chigwell Road and the A1400 Southend Road?

Written response from the Mayor

TfL is currently undertaking an initial modelling exercise to look at potential options for improving pedestrian provision at this location.

Health priorities for the new term

Question No: 1398 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

What will be your public health priorities during your second term?

Written response from the Mayor

As chair of the London Health Improvement Board I look forward to continuing to work with London Councils, NHS London and other partners to deliver action against our four current priorities: alcohol; childhood obesity; the prevention and early diagnosis of cancer; and information transparency. Over time work programmes on additional priorities may be considered by board members.

My health team will continue to work with the GLA Group and partners to deliver action against my Health Inequalities Strategy.

Unfit Police Officers

Question No: 1399 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

A recent Government report has highlighted the high number of overweight and obese officers in the Metropolitan Police Service, 52% and 22% respectively. What action are you taking to reverse this trend and how will you ensure officers remain fit throughout their career and better

able to cope with the physical demands of their job?

Written response from the Mayor

Information in the report referred to was provided by the MPS and was based on the outcomes of a health promotion campaign, designed to encourage officers and staff to adopt healthier lifestyles. The report unfortunately misinterpreted data it received; the figures quoted are not representative of the MPS as a whole. The promotion attracted 11,548 attendees; feedback and results were very positive. Since then work has begun to upgrade existing fitness facilities across the MPS, and latterly approval was given to extend the annual job related fitness testing regime to additional specialist groups. The Winsor review has recommended annual fitness testing for all other officers but how that is progressed is a matter for the Police Advisory Board for England and Wales.

Thames Estuary Airport (1) – cost to GLA

Question No: 1400 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Can you confirm what the cost to the GLA was during your last term in developing the idea for an airport in the Thames Estuary?

Written response from the Mayor

Officers are drafting a response which will be sent shortly.

Thames Estuary Airport (2) – cost to GLA

Question No: 1401 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Will there been any GLA resources used to develop the idea of a Thames Estuary airport during your second term?

Written response from the Mayor

Officers are drafting a response which will be sent shortly.

Suicides on the transport network

Question No: 1402 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

During your last term, how many reported incidents were there of people hit by trains?

Written response from the Mayor

Officers are drafting a response which will be sent shortly.

Great Portland Street bus stop

Question No: 1403 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Why has the bus shelter outside Great Portland Street tube station (along Marylebone Road)

been removed?

Written response from the Mayor

The life-expired shelter originally at this location was removed in March 2012 in readiness for a new upgrade shelter to be installed. However, as Marylebone Road forms part of the Olympic Route Network, the embargo on street works came into force before the replacement shelter could be installed.

TfL is nonetheless seeking to establish if it is possible to install the replacement shelter before the start of the Olympics. If this is not possible, it will be completed as soon as possible after the embargo is lifted in October 2012.

Racism in the Metropolitan Police Service

Question No: 1404 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

What steps do you plan to take to stamp out the incidence of racism in the Metropolitan Police Service? This is in light of the 13 cases currently being investigated but only one prosecution.

Written response from the Mayor

The planned steps are covered in the Police and Crime Committee report for the meeting on the 31st May. This will provide more detail.

Judicial challenge of HS2

Question No: 1405 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Will you be supporting local authorities like Camden and Hillingdon in their application for judicial review of HS2 and if yes, in what way will you support them and on what grounds?

Written response from the Mayor

In my response to the Secretary of State's consultation on the HS2 plans I made it clear my support for HS2 was conditional on a number of changes being made which would make HS2 more acceptable to London. This includes:

- providing for sufficient onward dispersal at London Euston;
- ensuring the new station at Old Oak Common is planned to minimise the impact on Crossrail and is connected to the rest of London;
- Securing a connection between HS2 and HS1 that does not impact negatively on the North London Line; and
- minimising the environmental impact of the route in those affected parts of London.

These issues are currently being considered by the HS2 project team and at this stage it is premature to say whether they are going to be addressed or not. I plan to discuss them again with the Secretary of State at our next meeting. As such, currently I do not intend to support Camden and Hillingdon in their JR applications.

However, I do have sympathy for residents of Camden and Hillingdon, and I will do my utmost to ensure that the scheme has minimal impacts on residents and businesses in these boroughs.

Sufferers with bladder problems on public transport

Question No: 1406 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

There are estimated to be 5 million people in the UK who suffer with bladder problems and therefore find it extremely difficult to make journeys using London Transport without access to a public convenience. What advice would you currently give to people who suffer with this problem and who have to travel on the network, particularly underground; and what do intend to do improve access to toilets on London's transport network?

Written response from the Mayor

TfL is committed to providing safe, clean and accessible toilet facilities across the transport network, whenever practicable and affordable.

The pocket Tube map includes details of toilet facilities at 135 Underground, DLR and London Overground stations, and a 'toilet map' (<http://www.tfl.gov.uk/assets/downloads/toilets-map.pdf>) is available on the TfL website.

Additionally, station staff are able to direct customers to the nearest public toilets, and toilets are provided at a number of major bus stations.

Crossrail will provide a further boost to toilet provision at London stations.

I outlined in my answer to MQ 3916/2011, the steps I am taking to improve toilet provision on the transport network.

A4 flyover

Question No: 1407 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Given current concerns over the Hammersmith flyover, do you or Transport for London have any similar concerns about the A4 flyover in West London or do you anticipate any such similar concerns to arise in the foreseeable future?

Written response from the Mayor

Officers are drafting a response which will be sent shortly.

St Georges day bank holiday

Question No: 1408 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

England lags behind Europe for the average number of bank holidays afforded to its workers. Will you support the campaign to make the 23rd of April a bank holiday to celebrate St Georges day?

Written response from the Mayor

I am not responsible for Bank Holidays. This would be an issue for the Government to consider.

Cycle Superhighway 11

Question No: 1409 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Will you urgently commit to consider the suggestion recently made by the London Jewish Forum which is cited below?

“The proposed Cycle Superhighway11, running from Marylebone will stop at border of Camden and Barnet, avoiding the Brent Cross Cricklewood development, and not crossing the North Circular, the biggest physical barrier to cycling in North West London. Transport for London should seriously consider extending the route of CS11 to ensure that residents in Barnet can benefit from better access to a safe and faster cycle network”

Written response from the Mayor

This is currently under review and more information on plans for CS11 will be available later this year.

Westbourne Park Tube Station Kiosk

Question No: 1410 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Can you explain why it is that the much loved kiosk at Westbourne Park tube station has been left vacant for so long?

Written response from the Mayor

The kiosk at Westbourne Park was needed to facilitate work at the station. TfL is currently exploring the feasibility of leasing out the kiosk again.

Jubilee line speed

Question No: 1411 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

You boasted during the recent campaign that the Jubilee line has increased its speed by 3 miles per an hour. How much longer will we have to wait until this line is up to speed, 2040 maybe?

Written response from the Mayor

With the completion of the upgrade last year and the introduction of a second new timetable in late March, TfL is now running a vastly improved service on the Jubilee line. There is now a train every two minutes or less at the busiest times during weekday peaks. The new timetable also sees boosts to off-peak daytime, evening and weekend frequencies. On Saturdays for example, the line now offers the same frequency of service TfL was able to run during the weekday peaks under the old signalling system.

In addition to the increased frequencies throughout the week, on-board journey times are quicker thanks in large part to the higher speeds that the new signalling system allows trains to run at. Average customer journeys are now around two minutes quicker than they were before the upgrade, while the average scheduled time allowed for a train to complete a journey from one end of the line to the other is just under six minutes shorter than before the upgrade.

War criminals living in London

Question No: 1412 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

What resources will the Metropolitan Police dedicate to the investigation of possible war criminals living in the UK and will you agree to make this a policing priority during this term.

Written response from the Mayor

The Metropolitan Police Service will continue to pursue all such allegations of crime and will allocate the appropriate resources as required.

The responsibility for the investigation of war crimes and crimes against humanity sits with the MPS Counter Terrorism Command. The coordination and investigation of these matters is managed by specially trained detectives who have access to the full range of investigative assets and who work closely with a range of partners to effectively deal with war criminals.

£20,000 for obesity expert

Question No: 1413 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Director's Decision (DD702) dated 6th March 2012 awarded up to £20,000 to Professor Harry Rutter "for the provision of specialist expertise in obesity until 31st March 2012". How much has been paid to Professor Rutter for this contract? What specific expertise has been provided for this sum, and can I please have a copy?

Written response from the Mayor

Professor Rutter has been paid a total of £20,535.70 for his work up to 31st March 2012.

Throughout this period, Professor Rutter has worked closely with policy experts in the London Health Improvement Board Childhood Obesity team to develop proposals for action to tackle child obesity for the shadow London Health Improvement Board (LHIB). These papers are publicly available on the LHIB's website (www.lhib.org.uk). Professor Rutter has continued to work with the LHIB Team to develop a "London Obesity Framework" that will support London boroughs to tackle child obesity. This work will be published later this year.

Professor Rutter is respected internationally for his expertise in the epidemiology and environmental causes of child obesity; and the national and international evidence base for tackling obesity. He has used this expertise to assist the work of the London Health Improvement Board Childhood Obesity team, has led stakeholder and expert workshops, and presented to the LHIB and the London Food Board.

Cleaning chewing gum

Question No: 1414 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

How much has been spent by public bodies across London cleaning up chewing gum in each of the last five years?

Written response from the Mayor

London Councils estimate that it costs London £10m per year to cleanse chewing gum from our streets. It is for this reason I am working with partners such as Keep Britain Tidy, DEFRA, London Councils, and the Chewing Gum Action Group to help change public behaviour and influence key industry players to be more responsible.

£60,000 to evaluate the Mayor's Sports Legacy Fund

Question No: 1415 / 2012

Murad Qureshi

I notice Director's Decision 665 allocates £60,000 for an independent evaluation of the Mayor's Sports Legacy Fund. Has this contract now been allocated and to whom? When will the report be available and can I please be sent a copy?

Written response from the Mayor

The independent evaluation of my Sports Legacy Fund will be undertaken in two parts, with an interim report completed by July. Following a competitive tender process, the first part of the contract has been awarded to Ecorys with a value of £16,650+VAT. The report's findings will be available and I will send you details as requested.

The approach for the second phase of the evaluation is contingent on the successful completion of the first and so has not yet been tendered yet. The activities within my Sport's Legacy Fund are set to run until December 2013. Thus the findings of the final report will be available after that time.

Evaluation of RE:NEW

Question No: 1416 / 2012

Murad Qureshi

In answer to MQ 172 / 2012 you advised that a formal evaluation of your RE:NEW home energy efficiency programme would be undertaken once the then current roll-out was complete. As roll-out of your target to reach 55,000 homes should now be complete, when will the formal evaluation take place, when will it report and may I please have a copy?

Written response from the Mayor

The formal evaluation of the initial data is underway. I will be making the report available on the RE:NEW webpage as soon as it is available: www.london.gov.uk/renew. In the meantime, I can confirm that as of 30 April 2012, 65,504 homes have been treated under RE:NEW.

RE:NEW home energy efficiency programme

Question No: 1417 / 2012

Murad Qureshi

How many homes in total were treated under your RE:NEW home energy efficiency programme in your first term in office, and what was the final bill to the GLA for the programme?

Written response from the Mayor

In my first term of office, 65,504 homes were treated under my RE:NEW programme. The programme spend for the whole project was £7,799,633.

Carbon savings of RE:NEW home energy efficiency programme

Question No: 1418 / 2012

Murad Qureshi

How much carbon was saved throughout London by your RE:NEW energy efficiency programme

in your first term in office? How has this been measured?

Written response from the Mayor

The formal evaluation of the initial data is underway and I will provide the carbon savings once this has been completed. I will be making the report available on the RE:NEW webpage as soon as it is available: www.london.gov.uk/renew. In the meantime, I can confirm that as of 30 April 2012, 65,504 homes have been treated under RE:NEW.

Housing Benefit

Question No: 1419 / 2012

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Boroughs of all political colours in both inner and outer-London – including Croydon, Newham, Waltham Forest and Westminster – have publicly stated that as a result of the welfare reforms they are seeking homes for claimants in other parts of the country. Kit Malthouse AM, your deputy Mayor for Business and Enterprise, claimed on the April 29th Sunday Politics that you do not believe there is a need for boroughs to move residents out of London because of the welfare reforms as you have secured “transitional arrangements”. Why do you think you are right and the councils are wrong?

Written response from the Mayor

The main political parties agreed that welfare reform, in particular housing benefit reform, was overdue and necessary. I have had and will continue to have a constructive and positive dialogue with Government about its programme of welfare reform. These discussions have secured transitional arrangements for London, including more time for existing claimants, more funding for boroughs, and incentives for landlords to reduce their rents.

Phone Hacking

Question No: 1420 / 2012

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Shortly before stepping down as Chair of the Met on 27 January 2010, you met with Rebecca Brooks (23 November 2009) and Rupert Murdoch (16 December 2009). You were a victim of phone hacking. Did you discuss phone hacking with them?

Written response from the Mayor

No.

Addison Lee

Question No: 1421 / 2012

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Do you agree with John Griffin, Chairman of Addison Lee and a “premier league” donor to your party that cyclists should have to pay to use roads?

Written response from the Mayor

No.

Rent

Question No: 1422 / 2012

[Nicky Gavron](#)

A constituent asks “whether a similar system to that operated in the USA in major cities could be implemented in London – rent control? This system has been operated for nearly a century and ensures those who rent properties especially in the private sector pay a fair price. I previously moved due to an increase in rents for a property whose value had not changed nor had any services or features.

I also believe if rents were controlled then less skilled/key workers would be forced away from areas where they are needed most and would also give stability to areas – something which parts of London is missing to be honest.”

Written response from the Mayor

Where rent control has been tried, it has limited the supply of rented homes and led to the deterioration in the quality of properties. My focus is on looking at ways to increase supply and improve quality in the private rented sector, through encouraging investment and extending landlord accreditation.

Olympic Rent

Question No: 1423 / 2012

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Since I asked you in December about landlords evicting tenants from their homes in order to profit from higher rents during the Olympics, evidence has emerged to show that the problem is becoming more widespread.

Why have you been silent on this issue so far and what are you doing to address this issue?

Written response from the Mayor

I thank you for bringing this matter to my attention and I would be grateful if you could share this evidence with my office and the relevant local authorities, as they have the powers and resources to tackle unlawful evictions, should that be what is happening.

Deputy Mayor for Policing

Question No: 1424 / 2012

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Is the appointment of Stephen Greenhalgh as Deputy Mayor for Crime and Policing appropriate considering his opinion that council homes are a “barracks for the poor” that are “warehousing poverty”?

Written response from the Mayor

Stephen Greenhalgh was the pioneer of real change at Fulham Court, making the decision to invest another £14 million in extensive environmental works, following the comprehensive renovation of the estate through the decent homes programme and the provision of a wonderful new children and residents centre.

It was Stephen and the Conservative Council in Hammersmith and Fulham that had the courage to devolve the management decisions to Fulham Court residents to take this action through very active tenant participation. He was the one who actually did something about the neglect of the estate after decades of indifference by the previous administration.

In addition, Stephen did not make these comments. I am informed that they were made by a housing professional during a Localis roundtable, which Stephen was chairing. They have been taken completely out of context in a very full and interesting discussion about the need for tenants and leaseholders to have better housing in London.

Our public life is debased by such smearing of London's senior public servants.

Waste

Question No: 1425 / 2012

[Nicky Gavron](#)

A constituent is concerned about the closure of major landfill sites in Bedfordshire and Essex. How will your waste strategy respond to these changes and what are you doing about hazardous waste?

Written response from the Mayor

I am committed to working with partners to reduce the amount of London's waste sent to landfill and manage as much of London's waste within London as practicable.

As set out in the London Plan and my Municipal Waste Management Strategy my key objectives for the management of London's waste include achieving zero municipal waste direct to landfill by 2025 and working with partners towards managing the equivalent of 100 per cent of London's waste within London by 2031. These targets are being achieved through waste apportionment as set out in the London Plan and by working with LWARB and the London Green Fund to increase London's waste management infrastructure and reduce the capacity gap.

I have committed to prepare a Hazardous Waste Strategy for London - to work with partners to identify the capacity gap for dealing with hazardous waste and to provide and maintain direction on the need for hazardous waste management capacity. This Strategy is currently being prepared.

Law Commission

Question No: 1426 / 2012

[Nicky Gavron](#)

The Law Commission's is undertaking a review of the distinction between taxis and private hire vehicles in London. As chair of TfL, have you taken a view on this and what representations will you be making to the commission?

Written response from the Mayor

TfL and my team are currently reviewing the great many proposals and questions set out by the Law Commission in their extensive review of taxi and private hire legislation.

TfL will be responding to the consultation as well as meeting with the Law Commission during the consultation process. I am concerned at a number of the proposals in the consultation, and in the lead up to the consultation I wrote to the Law Commission to make it quite clear I would strongly oppose any move away from the current well established system in London of taxis and private hire vehicles being classed as different services, with only Licensed London taxis being allowed to ply for hire.

While TfL will respond in full in due course, I will oppose any erosion of the distinction between taxis that can ply for hire and private hire vehicles which must be pre-booked or the removal of any ability for TfL to be able to set standards appropriate to the needs of London.

Bureaucracy

Question No: 1427 / 2012

[Nicky Gavron](#)

A constituent asks what you are going to do to reduce bureaucracy during your second term?

Written response from the Mayor

As I have stated in the manifesto on which I was re-elected by Londoners I will:

- Cut waste and bureaucracy to save a further £1.5 billion across the GLA Group this year alone.
- Establish a collaborative procurement process across the GLA Group, which together with other shared service initiatives will result in cumulative savings worth £600 million.
- Publish online a list of all assets held by the GLA Group for the public, investors and developers to see and create a single property unit.
- Publish details of all spending over £250 across the GLA Group.

Commitment to Mainstream Equality (1)

Question No: 1428 / 2012

[Jennette Arnold](#)

I was disappointed to find no mention of equalities in any of your manifestoes during the election campaign. Will you commit to rigorously assessing the impact on women, BAME communities, Londoners with disability and London's elders of all your policies and spending decisions in the coming term?

Written response from the Mayor

I represent and unite all Londoners rather than seeking to divide communities. London is one city, with all Londoners - regardless of their age, sexual orientation, religion, gender, race or disability - being able to benefit from the implementation of my policies to create jobs and growth. My manifesto *Uniting Londoners* sets out aspects of my policies that are particularly relevant to a range of disadvantaged groups. Not only will I deliver on the commitments that I make in that manifesto, but I will also ensure that my policies and decisions are subject to the relevant provisions of the Equality Act 2010.

Commitment to Mainstream Equality (2)

Question No: 1429 / 2012

[Jennette Arnold](#)

Will you commit to publishing all of these equality impact assessments on all your policies and spending decisions in the coming term on the GLA website so that Londoners may scrutinise your commitment to equality?

Written response from the Mayor

I am committed to transparency and accountability. I will ensure that my policies and decisions are subject to the relevant provisions in the Equality Act 2010 and that the relevant documents are published on our website for all to see.

Equality Impact Assessment Following 2012 Fare Rise

Question No: 1430 / 2012

[Jennette Arnold](#)

Following repeated questions from me regarding the Equality Impact of your 2012 Fare Rise (3940/2011, 3549/2011, 2984/2011) you finally revealed that the Equality Impact Assessment you promised Londoners on the major policy decision of your 2012 fare rise was covered in the Equality Impact Assessment of your 2010 Transport for London Business Plan.

Despite repeated requests Transport for London will not share this Equality Impact Assessment.

Following my question to you 0971/2012 you assured me that Transport for London would write to me to clarify the situation. This has not happened.

It is now 8 months since I first requested this data.

I ask again, and request that you fully respond to both parts of this question:

A) Why is Transport for London withholding this document from the public?

B) Through your role as Chair of Transport for London will you ensure this document is made public?

Written response from the Mayor

I understand TfL has already written to you about this matter.

Violence Against Women and Girls Panel

Question No: 1431 / 2012

[Jennette Arnold](#)

I note with concern that the Violence Against Women and Girls Panel has not met so far in 2012. Why is this and when do you expect it to meet again?

Written response from the Mayor

My Violence Against Women and Girls Panel meets quarterly and had its last meeting on 14th March 2012. Future meetings will be determined once my Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime is in post.

Affordable Childcare in London

Question No: 1432 / 2012

[Jennette Arnold](#)

The costs of childcare in the UK are among the highest in the world. And the cost of Childcare in London is between 25 and 35% more expensive than in the rest of the UK. Over the course of your last term you stripped down and then scrapped London's Childcare Affordability Programme. What plans do you have to help low paid Londoners in their struggle to afford decent care for their children?

Written response from the Mayor

The LDA terminated the second phase of the Childcare Affordability Programme due to continued under-performance at the overall programme and individual borough level. Officers are carrying forward work on the promotion of childcare vouchers to employers, as recommended in the Health and Public Services Committee's report on Childcare Affordability. I have pledged to increase the number of part-time jobs for parents in London, so that they have a better opportunity to combine employment with their children's hours in free early education. I have made the case to Government about the challenge of high childcare costs in London and

will continue to do so when appropriate.

Worklessness and London's Women

Question No: 1433 / 2012

[Jennette Arnold](#)

The number of unemployed women has skyrocketed in London from 39,813 in March 2008 to 90,459 in March 2012 with significant increases every year. I am sure you will agree that this is crisis situation for London's women. In your election campaign you emphasised job creation. What plans do you have, specifically targeted at women, to get them back into the working world?

Written response from the Mayor

Rising unemployment is a challenge for many Londoners, including women. We need to create more jobs in London, which is why I have committed to creating 200,000 jobs over the next four years, including a specific element to increase the number of quality part-time jobs in the London's economy. This measure will support women back into the labour market. I have also announced a wide-ranging review of the major barriers to employment for Londoners. Where there are specific recommendations, I will seek to implement practical solutions and work with the Government to ensure that London's women are not left behind in the labour market.

Review of Bus Driver's "Red Book" regarding Accessibility

Question No: 1434 / 2012

[Jennette Arnold](#)

I welcome the pledge in your 2012 Manifesto to conduct a review of the London Bus Driver's "Red Book", given the evidence we have presented regarding the horrific accessibility experience of just one of my constituents, will you commit to conducting this review in consultation with user groups and stakeholder associations representing London's elders and those with disability?

Written response from the Mayor

TfL regularly reviews the Big Red Book. In doing so, TfL consults with a number of stakeholders including Transport for All, Age UK London, the Royal National Institute for the Blind and Guide Dogs for the Blind. TfL also consults its own Independent Disability Advisory Group.

Accessibility on London's Buses

Question No: 1435 / 2012

[Jennette Arnold](#)

In your 2012 Manifesto you have stated that you have introduced a 'more rigorous training regime to make sure bus drivers should always deploy wheelchair ramps, with regular inspections at bus depots to ensure the ramps work and that they are checked whilst in service.' As you know my constituent Angela Dobson has been rigorously documenting every experience she has as a wheelchair user on London's buses where ramps are not deployed, bus drivers don't stop, bus drivers refuse to ask buggies to fold or luggage to be moved, ramps are too steep or not working at all.

We must report back that the frequency of these incidences has increased particularly with bus drivers refusing to stop or refusing to deploy the wheelchair ramp.

Will you look again at your training regime for London's bus drivers and commit to an

assessment of how this training is employed by drivers on a day-to-day basis?

Written response from the Mayor

I believe the statement in the manifesto should be sufficient to reassure you on this front, yes.

Redevelopment of Walthamstow Stadium

Question No: 1436 / 2012

[Jennette Arnold](#)

Following the decision of Waltham Forest Council's Planning Committee to approve the L&Q proposal for the re-development of Walthamstow Stadium, will you commit to listening to the concerns expressed by local campaigners regarding any future development plans for this historic site?

Written response from the Mayor

I have been and continue to listen to local campaigners. My officers have held a number of meetings with them over the past year and I will fully consider all of their representations before making a final decision on the application.

Support for SMEs in Hackney Wick

Question No: 1437 / 2012

[Jennette Arnold](#)

Can the Mayor re-assure SMEs in Hackney Wick that should a serious incident occur during the Games, strong and effective systems will be in place to support them to quickly get back on their feet?

Written response from the Mayor

We all of course hope that no such incident would occur. However, if a major incident were to happen during Games-time a Recovery Coordinating Group would be set up as part of our response/recovery structures which would look at the impact on the business community and what was needed to support their recovery. This procedure was followed during the disorder last August.

The new Cross-sector Safety and Security Communications Hub will be up and running during the games, this will provide a greater opportunity for the business community to feedback information on the impacts of any incident and what support they require, which can then be fed into the Recovery Group.

Meeting with Rt Hon Iain Duncan-Smith

Question No: 1438 / 2012

[Jennette Arnold](#)

I note that on the 6th March 2012 you met with Rt Hon Iain Duncan-Smith to discuss local issues. Will you share with Londoners which local issues were discussed at this meeting?

Written response from the Mayor

As outlined in my 1st Mayor's Report, we discussed local issues in his constituency.

Dangerous junction review

Question No: 1439 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Please provide an update on Transport for London's review of London's most dangerous junctions.

Written response from the Mayor

There is no review of "London's most dangerous junctions". The review to which I think you are referring is progressing well, and external stakeholders are meeting regularly to discuss designs for potential improvements at junctions. All the latest information including updates can be found at www.tfl.gov.uk/junctionreview.

Crystal Palace Tramlink

Question No: 1440 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

What is the timetable for the proposed reinstatement of the Tramlink extension to Crystal Palace? When do you envisage the new service opening?

Written response from the Mayor

Please see my response to priority MQ 1125/ 2012.

Crystal Palace Tramlink 2

Question No: 1441 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Will the boroughs concerned be required to make financial contributions to the work on the proposed Tramlink extension and if so, how much or what proportion of the a) feasibility/development work and b) delivery of the project will they be contributing to?

Written response from the Mayor

Please see my response to priority MQ 1125/ 2012.

DLR extension to Bromley

Question No: 1442 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

What is the delivery timetable for your proposal for a DLR extension from Lewisham to Bromley?

Written response from the Mayor

TfL is carrying out feasibility and engineering studies for a possible extension from Lewisham towards Bromley. The timetable for further progress will depend on the outcome of this initial work.

DLR extension to Bromley 2

Question No: 1443 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

What are the projected costs for the proposed DLR extension to Bromley?

Written response from the Mayor

TfL is carrying out feasibility and engineering studies for a possible extension from Lewisham towards Bromley, which will determine initial costings and benefits.

DLR extension to Bromley 3

Question No: 1444 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Will the relevant boroughs be expected to contribute financially to the development work? If so, how much?

Written response from the Mayor

The feasibility and engineering studies for a possible extension from Lewisham towards Bromley, looking at initial costing and benefits, are being funded by TfL.

Shared space

Question No: 1445 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

You have pledged more shared space improvements to London streets. What is your response to Guide Dogs for the Blind's concerns about the impact of these developments for blind and visually impaired people?

Written response from the Mayor

TfL and London's boroughs are committed to improving London's streets and spaces under my Better Streets programme. The underlying principles of Better Streets include allowing a better balance to emerge between the different users of London's streets and spaces, and improving the connectivity and appearance of streets by stripping away clutter and using good quality materials that reflect the local character of places. This approach is applicable to all of London's streets and spaces. In addition, there are locations where an approach based on shared space, of which there are now many working examples in the UK and abroad, can reduce traffic speeds (while maintaining vehicular throughput) and empower pedestrians, cyclists and other road-users to negotiate their way through a busy environment that would in normal circumstances be excessively dominated by motor-vehicles.

This will not always involve level surfaces, but it may. Level surfaces, where kerbs are removed, can offer significant benefits to mobility-impaired people and those with other disabilities. I accept that the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association has a particular issue with an absence of kerbs, because of the role they play in the training of guide dogs. That is why I have asked TfL to work closely with the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea to monitor the results of the shared space improvements made to Exhibition Road, one of the largest and busiest shared spaces in the country. I will be happy to study any lessons that arise from that monitoring and to take them into account when striking a balance between the needs of all road-users as we improve London's public realm.

Rickshaws

Question No: 1446 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

You have pledged to 'crack down on rickshaws'. How do you plan to respond to the Law Commission for England and Wales proposals to licence them?

Written response from the Mayor

TfL is already cracking down on rickshaws through a coordinated initiative with the Metropolitan Police.

I intend to submit a response to the Law Commission consultation which will contain my considered position.

Cabbie Cabinet

Question No: 1447 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

When will the Cabbie Cabinet first meet? What Transport for London resources, financial or otherwise, will be provided for the administration of this new forum?

Written response from the Mayor

TfL is currently working through the exact details of how the Cabbie's Cabinet will work in practice and will provide further details in due course.

Cabbie Cabinet 2

Question No: 1448 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

How will the 'Cabbie Cabinet' be appointed/elected?

Written response from the Mayor

TfL is currently working through the exact details of how the Cabbie's Cabinet will work in practice and will provide further details in due course.

Cycle Superhighways

Question No: 1449 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

You have pledged to 'triple the number of cycle superhighways'. What lessons from the first superhighways will be taken forward and implemented with the new ones, particularly in terms of safety?

Written response from the Mayor

I can confirm that the current plan is that eight new Barclays Cycle Superhighways will be implemented to compliment the existing four.

A report outlining the lessons learnt from CS3 and CS7 has been published by TfL and is available on line at <http://www.tfl.gov.uk/assets/downloads/roadusers/BCS-pilot-evaluation-report.pdf>.

TfL will also be applying learning from the Cycle Safety Junction Review to future Cycle Superhighways and will continue to trial innovations such as blind spot safety mirrors (which are now being rolled out on a wider basis) and cycle 'early-start' facilities.

Silvertown tunnel

Question No: 1450 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

What is the timescale for delivery of the new Silvertown crossing? When do you expect it to be open?

Written response from the Mayor

Please see my response to priority MQ 1121/ 2012.

New car ferry service

Question No: 1451 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

What is the timetable for delivery of a new car ferry service between Thamesmead and Gallions Reach?

Written response from the Mayor

Officers are drafting a response which will be sent shortly.

New car ferry service 2

Question No: 1452 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Will the relevant boroughs with regard to proposals for a new car ferry service between Thamesmead and Gallions Reach be expected to contribute financially to either the feasibility work or delivery of the project and if so how much?

Written response from the Mayor

The cost of the work to develop the Gallions Reach Ferry scheme is being borne directly by TfL, and no contribution is being sought from any other authorities. Options for funding the implementation of the river crossings package are still being developed.

New car ferry service 3

Question No: 1453 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

What will the capacity of the new car ferry service be, in comparison with the current service at Woolwich?

Written response from the Mayor

TfL is currently developing the details of the proposed ferry scheme, and the configuration, size and capacity of the vessels which would be used are not yet known.

A number of options are currently being considered and subject to ongoing assessment. This includes consideration of different types of ferry operation including a chain ferry and conventionally-propelled vessels.

In designing the scheme, TfL will seek opportunities to improve capacity, reliability and performance currently achieved at the Woolwich service.

New footbridge

Question No: 1454 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

What discussions have taken place/will be taking place about your proposal for a new pedestrian bridge between Chelsea and Vauxhall?

Written response from the Mayor

On behalf of the Vauxhall Nine Elms Strategy Board, TfL has been working with all the key stakeholders to prepare an initial, high level feasibility study.

Discussions have taken place at an officer level between TfL, the GLA, Westminster City Council, Lambeth and Wandsworth Councils and the PLA. This is in addition to discussions with landowner representatives through the Nine Elms Public Realm Working Group.

A further detailed feasibility study will expand on discussions and consultation with all relevant stakeholders.

New footbridge 2

Question No: 1455 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

What work has been done to assess the need for a new pedestrian river crossing?

Written response from the Mayor

The Vauxhall Nine Elms Battersea (VNEB) Opportunity Area Planning Framework sets out a need for a crossing through the public realm strategy in order to connect the Nine Elms area to the North Bank which could provide extra capacity for pedestrian and cycle trips across the Thames.

Initial pedestrian analysis, undertaken for the VNEB Public Realm and Highways Study has been used which demonstrates the level of demand which will generate by future development in VNEB.

New footbridge 3

Question No: 1456 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Will the relevant boroughs be expected to contribute to the costs of either the feasibility work or delivery of the new footbridge or both? If so, what are the sums involved?

Written response from the Mayor

Discussions are ongoing with all key stakeholders in respect of how this project will progress. The priority is to complete the feasibility study; this would include further consideration of funding sources for the delivery of the bridge if the bridge is deemed a viable project.

New Bus for London roll out

Question No: 1457 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Please provide details of how much Transport for London will be paying for the roll out of the new buses for each of the next four financial years.

Written response from the Mayor

Once the programme has been determined following negotiation with the bus operators and manufacturer, the phasing and actual costs will be established.

Olympic Games Lanes

Question No: 1458 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Please provide a list of categories of vehicle which will be permitted to use the Olympic Games Lanes during the Olympics.

Written response from the Mayor

While any vehicle can drive on roads designated as the Olympic Route Network, only accredited vehicles will be allowed to drive on Games Lanes in hours of operation. LOCOG is working through the detail of the number of its fleet, plus vehicles of other delivery partners, that will require vehicle accreditation providing them access to Games Lanes. However, it estimates that these will be made up of the following categories:

- Around 5,000 media and broadcast vehicles. Once in position, many of these will not move for the duration of the Games.
- Nearly 7,000 operational vehicles, including logistics, services and delivery. Many of these will not end up accessing Games Lanes at all, and will operate out of normal venue operating hours.
- A fleet of 1,600 buses and coaches and 4,600 cars and MPVs to move the Games Family (athletes, media, broadcasters, technical officials, marketing partners, National Olympic Committees, International Olympic Committee, International Sports Federations, and Protected People). Not all of these vehicles will access Games Lanes, and LOCOG is currently working through detailed access levels for each vehicle in line with contractual commitments in terms of journey time and other obligations.

LOCOG believes that less than half of these vehicles will routinely access Games Lanes. But at some point each will need to be controlled in or around venues both for security reasons and for control of traffic and so will be accredited.

Emergency vehicles travelling on a blue light will have access to Games Lanes to ensure they reach their destination unimpeded

Electric Cars

Question No: 1459 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

How many electric cars are currently in use in London?

Written response from the Mayor

From the data that is available to TfL, it has been determined that some 2,400 pure electric vehicles and some 27,500 hybrid vehicles are registered in Greater London.

This equates to 16 per cent and 23 per cent respectively of all such vehicles registered in the UK.

Discounted Travel for Apprentices

Question No: 1460 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

I welcome the proposal for discounted travel for apprentices. How much will this scheme cost a) Transport for London and b) the boroughs?

Written response from the Mayor

TfL is currently drawing up the programme and scope for this scheme. Details will be published in due course.

Suburban bus network

Question No: 1461 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Please list, by route, the service gaps and pressures which Transport for London have identified in the suburban network and specify what measures you propose to rectify these?

Written response from the Mayor

TfL keeps the whole bus network, including that in the suburbs, under regular review both in terms of capacity and the links between areas.

As a result currently over 90 per cent of Londoners are within five minutes walk of a bus stop. If there are any specific gaps and pressures that you would like TfL to consider, then please let them know and they will be happy to investigate them.

Courtesy Card

Question No: 1462 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

When will your courtesy cards for young people on public transport be available? How will they be enforced? Please give details on how the scheme will be administered.

Written response from the Mayor

Officers are drafting a response which will be sent shortly.

British Transport Police

Question No: 1463 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Is Transport for London making financial contributions to the British Transport Police to pay for additional 'blue light' escorts to transport incidents? If so, how much?

Written response from the Mayor

The entire year's trial is costing TfL £420,000. It has already led to a significant reduction in passenger delay time from these types of incidents.

Bus strike negotiations

Question No: 1464 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Please give an updates on meetings which a) you and b) your staff have held with Unite to seek a resolution to their concerns about Olympic pay for bus drivers.

Written response from the Mayor

Drivers are employed by independent bus companies who set driver pay and conditions.

Automatic Train Control

Question No: 1465 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

What percentage of the LU network currently has ATC?

Written response from the Mayor

Automatic Train Control (ATC) is currently used on Central, Jubilee and Victoria lines, representing 30.9 per cent of the London Underground network.

Cycle Hire Scheme

Question No: 1466 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

I welcome the further roll out of the Cycle Hire Scheme in Lambeth, Hammersmith and Fulham, Wandsworth and Kensington and Chelsea. Please clarify how much funding a) each borough involved has contributed b) how much Transport for London has contributed and c) how much Barclays have contributed.

Written response from the Mayor

TfL has project approval and a budget of £1.5m to undertake initial site identification and design and liaison work to enable delivery of the Phase 3 expansion in 2013.

Barclays and borough funding discussions are continuing and will be presented to the TfL Board as part of the detailed business case.

Cycle Hire Scheme 2

Question No: 1467 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

What is the timetable for the roll out of the Cycle Hire Scheme to every London borough?

Please list when each borough can expect to have Cycle Hire available.

Written response from the Mayor

I stated in my manifesto that it is my intention to expand the Barclays Cycle Hire scheme to the west and east, and to explore expansion to parts of south London and town centres in outer London, including Bromley, Croydon, Hounslow, Kingston, Richmond and Romford town centres.

I have instructed TfL to evaluate the options for meeting these manifesto commitments.

Delay-busting plan

Question No: 1468 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

How much additional Transport for London resources will be allocated to delivering your 'delay busting plan'?

Written response from the Mayor

Over the coming months TfL and I will be working through the detail of a number of reliability projects which will further improve Tube services over the next few years. Any costs or savings will be included in the TfL budget in November.

Victoria train services

Question No: 1469 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Further to my question 0950/2012 do you share my concerns regarding the forthcoming loss, post December 2012, of direct trains to Victoria from Peckham Rye and Denmark Hill during the evenings and all day on Sundays? What plans do you have to lobby your government colleagues on this, particularly considering that reasonable mitigation measures have been proposed by Southeastern, but have apparently fallen on deaf ears with ministers?

Written response from the Mayor

Passengers using Denmark Hill and Peckham Rye stations will still have a regular service during the evenings and on Sundays from December 2012 at frequencies greater than provided today, with half-hourly services to and from Blackfriars alongside regular Thameslink services giving journey opportunities across central London and beyond, and the new 15 minute frequency London Overground services to Clapham Junction and Highbury & Islington.

However, I do recognise that the lack of direct services between Denmark Hill/Peckham Rye and Victoria during evenings and Sundays is a gap in service provision, and some passengers would benefit from proposals to maintain direct Victoria services. This could be achieved, for example, by operating Dartford – Victoria services in the evenings and on Sundays. The DfT rather than the Mayor is responsible for making a decision about whether these additional services should operate.

I would strongly welcome enhancements of this type during evenings and weekends. Indeed, as explained in my answer to 0950/2012, I have been calling for some time for a new off-peak service to operate, from 2014, between Bromley South and Victoria via Peckham Rye and Denmark Hill. This proposal has been raised in discussions between my office, TfL and the DfT at various levels up to and including ministerial level. The consultation at the time of the forthcoming franchise renewal will provide a further opportunity. I look forward to your continued support in making the case for this.

South London Line

Question No: 1470 / 2012

Valerie Shawcross

What plans do you have to meet with ministers to discuss proposals to mitigate the withdrawal of the South London Line train service?

Written response from the Mayor

My Deputy Mayor for Transport wrote to the Minister of State in February 2012 to call again for additional stops to be included in selected Southeastern services at Peckham Rye and Denmark Hill. The additional station calls would help mitigate the reduced frequency of service between these stations and Victoria.

A response was received on 14 May. Disappointingly, the Minister has responded that trains from Kent should not make the additional calls. This is despite the large amount of evidence that was provided to demonstrate that it is feasible at no extra cost, and provides benefits to passengers in both London and Kent. The additional calls would have created significant new journey opportunities to more of central London for Kent passengers. Both TfL and Southeastern agreed that the additional calls would result in at least slight increased revenue for the train operator.

I am extremely disappointed by the Minister's decision. Both my office, TfL officers, stakeholders and you personally have done as much as possible to make the case for these additional calls, but the decision to change the existing franchise is in the Minister's gift alone.

Given this outcome, the next opportunity to achieve this change is through the South Eastern franchise renewal process, with the new operator in place in April 2014. I will be raising this with the Secretary of State when I next meet with her.

Tube disruption

Question No: 1471 / 2012

Valerie Shawcross

Please list the number of severe tube delays month by month, since the beginning of 2012 by each tube line and across the tube network.

Written response from the Mayor

Information on the number of Tube delays of more than 15 minutes (for all lines and across the network for all available reporting periods) is publicly available in the performance data almanac on the TfL website.

You will find this information at the following link:

<http://www.tfl.gov.uk/corporate/modesoftransport/londonunderground/1592.aspx>

The number of Tube delays of more than 15 minutes in 2011/12 was reduced by 11.9 per cent compared to the previous year despite record breaking passenger numbers.

Tube complaints

Question No: 1472 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Please advise how many complaints were received about London Underground services, by line and in total, for the latest available reporting periods.

Written response from the Mayor

Officers are drafting a response which will be sent shortly.

Thames Tunnel consultation

Question No: 1473 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Your response to Thames Water's Phase 2 consultation on the Thames Tunnel indicated your 'acceptance' of the use of the Chambers Wharf site, subject to 'further appropriate work' and stated your support for the use of Chambers Wharf instead of Kings Stairs Gardens. In a letter to Thames Water dated 27th March you stated that the use of Chambers Wharf was 'intolerable' to residents and demanded a reassessment of alternative sites. Please clarify your position on this. Have you withdrawn your consultation response as Mayor in light of your subsequent statements?

Written response from the Mayor

I have not withdrawn my consultation response as this contained a great many generic points relating to the proposals as well as over 200 specific points relating to the numerous proposed construction sites.

It has become clear to me that both the overall cost of the project and the impact at a number of specific sites, Chambers Wharf being one, appeared excessive.

Thames Water has recently published its response to the consultation exercise and I will closely examine the company's report on the issues raised but I am disappointed that there is not more within it to limit disruption and reduce costs.

Thames Cable Car

Question No: 1474 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

When can we expect more information on fares for the cable car and details on how this will integrate with Oyster technology etc.?

Written response from the Mayor

The fares arrangements for the Emirates Air Line will be announced closer to the opening date.

Surrey Canal Road Station

Question No: 1475 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Please give an update on the plans for a new station at Surrey Canal Road on the new East London Line phase 2 extension.

Written response from the Mayor

The recent planning permission for the redevelopment of Surrey Canal Triangle required the developer to contribute up to £10m towards the costs of a new station at Surrey Canal Road.

TfL estimates that a station could open approximately two years after the developer commences work on its scheme, which I understand the developer has currently scheduled for 2013.

Traffic signals

Question No: 1476 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Do you have further plans to rephase and remove traffic signals during this administration?

Written response from the Mayor

It is my intention to continue the highly successful signal timing review programme for at least 1,000 traffic signals every year. London's network needs to operate efficiently for all road users and the Timing Review Programme is fundamental to achieve this.

Last year, the programme brought a 7.84 per cent reduction in delays for traffic at the signals that had been reviewed. This was achieved alongside an increase in the number of occasions when all pedestrians waiting to cross the road were able to do so on the first green man period.

Throughout my last term, fourteen traffic signal locations were publically consulted on for removal. Of these, eight were removed, resulting in zero growth in new signal locations on TfL's road network.

Elderly Care

Question No: 1477 / 2012

[Navin Shah](#)

Following the revelations from the recent Panorama undercover report regarding elderly care homes, I have been contacted by a constituent calling for a regional response to this malpractice. Will you consider establishing a secondary, regional inspection of the facilities and staff at care homes?

Written response from the Mayor

Like everyone else I was appalled at the revelations in the programme. Unfortunately it is not within my remit to be able to establish a regional inspection regime. However, I would encourage anyone, who is aware of abusive behaviour towards people or of poor facilities, in care homes, to report these to the relevant bodies.

Showtime (1)

Question No: 1478 / 2012

[Navin Shah](#)

Please can you list the names of the artists performing at the Showtime event series?

Written response from the Mayor

Please see Appendix C (1478 and 1479).

Showtime (2)

Question No: 1479 / 2012

[Navin Shah](#)

Please can you list what the criterion was for selecting artists for the Showtime event series?

Written response from the Mayor

Please see Appendix C (1478 and 1479).

Public Toilets at Olympic Venues (1)

Question No: 1480 / 2012

[Navin Shah](#)

Have you ensured there are adequate public toilets around the Olympic venues?

Written response from the Mayor

LOCOG is responsible for staging the London 2012 Games events and managing the movements of spectators along the 'Last Mile', the spectator route from each of the 36 competition venues to the nearby transport interchanges. LOCOG works closely with each venue, the local borough and my GLA City Operations team on spectator flows through these areas to manage people arriving at and leaving Games events. This includes ensuring the right level of toilet provision appropriate for that venue.

LOCOG has now completed its programme of 42 test events at Games venues. Field of Play and Results/Scoring systems were tested at all events, and at many events the spectator experience has also been observed, including services, facilities and toilet provision.

Public Toilets at Olympic Venues (2)

Question No: 1481 / 2012

[Navin Shah](#)

I have been contacted by constituents living around Wembley Stadium who are concerned that there is not currently, and will not be, an adequate provision of public toilets for the number of visitors to the stadium. On match days at the moment, visitors to the stadium use residents' gardens because of the lack of facilities. Will you ensure this issue is addressed?

Written response from the Mayor

Please see my response to MQ 1294/ 2012.

Care workers in Brent and Harrow

Question No: 1482 / 2012

[Navin Shah](#)

I have been contacted by a constituent who is a care worker and concerned about the mobility of care workers during the Olympics. Her and her colleagues visit patients nearing the end of their lives across Brent and Harrow and they are worried they will be prohibited from visiting their patients because of restrictions to parking. Can you tell me if there is going to be any provision for Home care services and parking solutions in Brent, especially for Palliative and Hospice care patients?

Written response from the Mayor

Officers are drafting a response which will be sent shortly.

Agency staff on London Underground (1)

Question No: 1483 / 2012

Navin Shah

When using agency staff on the London Underground, what terms and conditions are they subject to?

Written response from the Mayor

Officers are drafting a response which will be sent shortly.

Agency staff on London Underground (2)

Question No: 1484 / 2012

Navin Shah

Why does London Underground use Agency Supervisors to train its own Managers and Supervisors for their roles in ticket offices?

Written response from the Mayor

Officers are drafting a response which will be sent shortly.

Diversity of London Ambassadors

Question No: 1485 / 2012

Navin Shah

Please can you provide details of the ethnic diversity of the London Ambassadors?

Written response from the Mayor

The ethnicity of London Ambassadors is set out below. 190 individuals chose not to answer.

Ethnicity	Count	Percentage
Any other Asian background	250	3.51%
Any other black background	28	0.39%
Any other mixed background	109	1.53%
Any other white background	726	10.18%
Asian - Bangladeshi	69	0.97%
Asian - Chinese	297	4.16%
Asian - Indian	558	7.82%
Asian - Pakistani	141	1.98%
Black - African	400	5.61%
Black - Caribbean	234	3.28%
Mixed - White & Asian	89	1.25%
Mixed - White & Black African	25	0.35%

Mixed - White & Black Caribbean	36	0.50%
Other ethnic group	154	2.16%
Rather not say	107	1.50%
White - English	3,506	49.16%
White - Irish	183	2.57%
White - Scottish	118	1.65%
White - Welsh	102	1.43%

Drinking Fountains

Question No: 1486 / 2012

Navin Shah

Is there any reason why drinking water fountains cannot be installed inside parks, at entrances to parks and in lobbies of public buildings such as libraries, town halls and schools?

Written response from the Mayor

The main barrier to installing drinking fountains, assuming availability of public water supply, is the cost, including the initial capital cost and the ongoing maintenance cost. Maintenance is required to ensure compliance with health and safety legislation. Where funding can be obtained then it should in principle be possible to install drinking water fountains in these localities.

New Front Counter facilities

Question No: 1487 / 2012

Navin Shah

Thank you for your response to Question No. 910/2012. Where will the new front counter facilities for Willesden and Wealdstone Police Stations be located?

Written response from the Mayor

Officers are drafting a response which will be sent shortly.

Promotional taxis

Question No: 1488 / 2012

Navin Shah

I was contacted by a taxi driver angry about a Private Hire Company offering a 'free' "Taxi Service" from selected "Taxi Stops" in Central London having been hired by Hewlett Packard as a promotion for their new laptop. When I contacted TfL about this I was advised that TfL was issuing guidance and advice to avoid any future misunderstandings. I would be grateful to see sight of this advice and guidance and would like a list of who this has been sent to.

Written response from the Mayor

A number of taxi drivers contacted TfL regarding this week long Hewlett Packard promotion which included a free courtesy shuttle service to a number of locations while passengers experienced their new lap top. The service provided was incorrectly reported in the Evening Standard as a free "taxi service".

TfL investigated the circumstances of the “service” and it was apparent that the activity was to promote their new laptop, rather than offer a traditional passenger transport service. Passengers were not paying any money for the service and, in line with guidelines issued by the DfT to licensing authorities such as TfL, they concluded that licensing was not required. While the Private Hire operator concerned used licensed vehicles and drivers, they were firmly of the view that the service did not require licensing by TfL.

The guidance you refer to was verbal guidance issued to the Private Hire operator concerned requesting they check with TfL as to whether licensing is required prior to entering into any arrangements such as this in future.

Canons Ward Safer Neighbourhood Team (1)

Question No: 1489 / 2012

[Navin Shah](#)

I have been contacted by a chair of the Safer Neighbourhood Panel for Canons Ward Safer Neighbourhood Team who is concerned about staffing, which has reduced from 6 to 3.5 over the last few months, while the level of crime has increased. Statistics provided by the SNT Sergeant for the period 5 December 2011 to 25 March 2012, compared to the same period a year ago indicate that residential burglary in the ward has doubled (from 17 to 35), non-residential burglary has tripled (from 7 to 23) and theft from motor vehicles has also nearly tripled (from 8 to 23). When will you reinstate this SNT to its full 6 members of staff in Canons Ward and across London where teams have been depleted?

Written response from the Mayor

Harrow police’s overall establishment will be increased by 20 additional PCs in June 2012 to be deployed across the Borough, and recruitment for additional PCSOs is ongoing across the MPS. These new officers, together with the implementation of the new Neighbourhood Policing Team in October 2012, will see a considerable uplift of resources increasing the number of sergeants and constables in Harrow SNTs, including Canons Ward.

In addition, through the use of SNT flex, additional resources are available to any ward as necessary through the daily tasking process.

Canons Ward Safer Neighbourhood Team (2)

Question No: 1490 / 2012

[Navin Shah](#)

The SNT has informed residents that the reduced team is no longer able to cover the three local priorities set by the Safer Neighbourhood Panel and has asked that it is reduced to one priority. Why should residents have to compromise their priorities because of your police cuts?

Written response from the Mayor

I expect all senior police officers to use their professional judgement, working in partnership with their communities, to manage effectively their resources so as to ensure delivery of the local ward priorities that matter most in those communities.

In consultation with Harrow ward chairs, it has been agreed that there will be a more focussed approach to priority setting and almost all ward priorities are focused towards either specific burglary hot-spots or ASB.

Canons Ward currently has one ward priority (ASB), together with the borough-wide Problem Solving Partnership focus on burglary, which is overseen by the Borough Problem Solving

Advisor. The residents have not therefore compromised on their priorities.

Canons Ward Safer Neighbourhood Team (3)

Question No: 1491 / 2012

[Navin Shah](#)

Some residents are paying for private security because they do not have confidence in the service provided by Harrow Police. Do you think this is fair?

Written response from the Mayor

I am aware that some residents are purchasing private security and that is their prerogative. However, Harrow is the sixth safest borough in London, most residents, 75%, think Harrow police are doing a good job and overall user satisfaction is at 76% - both above the MPS average.

Where residents choose to exercise their right to purchase additional security, the MPS will engage and welcomes any dialogue with such groups.

Canons Ward Safer Neighbourhood Team (4)

Question No: 1492 / 2012

[Navin Shah](#)

Canons ward is geographically difficult to police and, because of the reduction in staffing, it is no longer possible for our SNT staff to patrol parts of the ward. Is it fair that some residents should be adversely affected because of your police cuts?

Written response from the Mayor

It is for precisely this kind of situation that I want senior officers to have the flexibility to manage, and to realign as necessary, resources across their boroughs.

Harrow has a SNT tasking team of 5 PCs and 10 PCSOs, focussing on serious acquisitive crime and ward-specific priority crime, and which can be moved quickly to where it is most needed.

This flex resource, introduced during my first term of office, has significantly increased Harrow's capability to respond to any problems in specific wards, including Canons Ward.

Weekend closures

Question No: 1493 / 2012

[Navin Shah](#)

Please confirm that you have non plans for weekend closures on the Jubilee, Metropolitan and Bakerloo Lines?

Written response from the Mayor

Officers are drafting a response which will be sent shortly.

Step-free access

Question No: 1494 / 2012

[Navin Shah](#)

In your manifesto you state that you to make half of the rail network 'step-free by the end of this decade'. Which stations are you planning on making step-free?

Written response from the Mayor

This information is already in the public domain. You will find it contained in my Physical Accessibility Implementation Plan that can be found via the following link:

<http://www.tfl.gov.uk/corporate/11610.aspx#page-link-transport-system-accessibility>

Olympic Legacy Commitments

Question No: 1496 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

You have said that you fully support each of the Five Legacy Commitments that the Mayor of London published in January 2008. Can you explain what you have done during your term in office to support each commitment?

Written response from the Mayor

I have established the LLDC as a Mayoral Development Corporation, the right vehicle through which to ensure that the transformation of east London continues; I have invested £15.5m through my PlaySport fund leading to more qualified coaches, higher participation numbers and improved grass roots facilities; I have established the Team London Ambassador programme to encourage more Londoners to volunteer.

We have already shown the world that London has the expertise to deliver huge infrastructure projects on time and on budget, when the eyes of the world are on us. In just a few weeks time I am confident that we'll demonstrate we can put on a great event and a great celebration too.

Freedom Pass

Question No: 1497 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Do you intend to honour your election pledge to reduce the qualifying age for the Freedom Pass to age 60 by the start of the next financial year, and if not by what date do you intend to implement this policy?

Written response from the Mayor

Please see my response to MQ 1197/ 2012.

Serving Police Officers

Question No: 1498 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

How many fully sworn full-time police officers (excluding specials) do you expect to be serving in the Metropolitan Police in 12 months' time?

Written response from the Mayor

Officers are drafting a response which will be sent shortly.

Your mandate & strike ballot

Question No: 1499 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

In light of turnout at May's 2012 London elections being well below 50%, will you continue to argue for a minimum 50 per cent participation for a strike ballot?

Written response from the Mayor

Please see my response to oral MQ 1127 /2012.

Promise to create 200,000 jobs

Question No: 1500 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

The economy is in a double dip recession, how likely is it that you will succeed in your pledge to create 200,000 jobs? How many of these jobs will be directly created by the GLA family and how long will these jobs last for?

Written response from the Mayor

Please refer to oral MQ 1249 / 2012 and MQ 776/ 2012.

UK Statistics Authority

Question No: 1501 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Three times I have asked you if you will sign up to the UK Statistics Authority's Code of Practice for Official Statistics, and three times you have refused. Given this is the start of a new Mayoral term, will you commit to transparency and finally agree to sign up to the Code?

Written response from the Mayor

Please refer to my answers to MQ 3890 /2011 (Meeting date 14/12/2011) and MQ 638 /2012 (Meeting date 22/02/2012).

Election Pledges

Question No: 1502 / 2012

[Nicky Gavron](#)

How many election pledges have you already broken?

Written response from the Mayor

I have not broken any election pledges.

Overground franchising

Question No: 1503 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

I support the proposal that responsibility for London's suburban rail network should be placed

with the Mayor. Please give an update on your discussions with the government in this regard and your indicative timetable for this proposal to be instigated.

Written response from the Mayor

I am pleased that you support the proposal for devolving responsibility for London's suburban network and I hope you will respond to the DfT's consultation on Rail Decentralisation.

Since my meeting with Justine Greening, Secretary of State for Transport, on 30 January 2012, my officers have continued to discuss the means by which franchises can be devolved with DfT officials and with other key stakeholders. I will respond to the DfT consultation by the closing date of 28 June.

My proposals are described in my Rail Vision published in February 2012. This document prioritises the West Anglia and Southeastern inner suburban routes for devolution. Both of these routes are due for refranchising in 2014 and transfer of responsibility for the inner suburban routes could take place at a suitable timetable change date in 2014/15.

I will be discussing this with the Secretary of State as soon as possible.

Custody Suites (1)

Question No: 1504 / 2012

[Navin Shah](#)

How will the closing of Harrow's police custody suites benefit the borough's police if they are continually travelling to and from Brent?

Written response from the Mayor

The larger, modernised custody facilities in Brent offer significant advantages over the available facilities in Harrow. These have been designed with modern policing in mind and will enable detainees to be processed more quickly with the co-location of bespoke investigative teams who will deal with the detainee on behalf of the arresting officer. This will release front line officers back onto the street at a pace that will more than compensate for the additional travelling time and will be of particular benefit to Harrow officers as they do not currently have a separate prisoner handling team.

HS2

Question No: 1505 / 2012

[Dr Onkar Sahota](#)

What actions have you taken to protect parts of Ealing and Hillingdon that will be affected by HS2?

Written response from the Mayor

My support for the HS2 scheme is predicated on a number of conditions being met, including the need to reduce the environmental impacts across London. In West London where much of the alignment is on the surface, there are specific issues with noise/vibration and visual impact to be addressed.

I successfully lobbied for further environmental mitigation through west London, with the Government announcing that a new 4.4km tunnel in the Ruislip area would be included in the plans for the project. However, the current plans still do not go far enough, with additional mitigation measures required across west London and on the approaches to Euston.

Over the coming months, I will continue to lobby for further environmental mitigation of HS2, including further measures to minimise noise and visual impacts of the route as it passes through Ealing and Hillingdon.

W14 Bus Service

Question No: 1507 / 2012

[Roger Evans](#)

The W14 has recently provided a poor service with early termination at Charlie Browns Roundabout and delays of up to 30 minutes. What steps are being taken to improve the service?

Written response from the Mayor

Route W14 normally performs well. However, there has been some recent disruption due to work to build a new footbridge for the 2012 Games in Ruckholt Road, Leyton which caused some disruption and delay to the service. However, the route is now running well and the operator will keep it under review.

Disabled passengers and black cabs

Question No: 1508 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

I was appalled to hear recently from a constituent about the experience of disabled people hailing taxis in London. The constituent states:

"I am writing as a Londoner about a matter that is very close to my heart and has been troubling me for several months now. The issue is the refusal of London taxi drivers to take on disabled passengers because often they are too lazy to take the time to work the ramps they have in place:

The writer goes on to provide a list of some of the reasons given by taxis drivers when they refuse to accept the fare. They include:

'My ramp is broken', 'I don't have a ramp', 'it's my friend's cab I don't know how it works', 'you'll break the ramp', 'I don't want to get my hands dirty'...

Transport for London's response to the writer about this has been to say that they will make a note of the complaint on the driver's file and action will only be taken if the driver has another complaint. However, the writer points out, it took several such incidents before she bothered to make a complaint, the process for complaining to the right person can be challenging for some people and there will inevitably be a proportion of tourists or others who will not think it worth their while to complain.

Will you review the policy adopted by Transport for London in the case of any complaint of this nature being made against a taxi driver and will you consider introducing automatic fines for drivers who receive more than one complaint?

Written response from the Mayor

I agree such behaviour is appalling. There is simply no excuse for taxi drivers refusing to take a passenger in a wheelchair or trotting out weak excuses why they can not take someone in wheelchair. All drivers have very clear responsibilities in this respect and if their ramps are not working or missing then the taxi is not fit to be licensed and TfL will suspend the vehicle's licence until the ramps have been fixed.

Details of how to complain can be found on both the tariff chart and information sticker inside a taxi and complaints can also be made via the TfL website at www.tfl.gov.uk/contact. I would

strongly encourage passengers to make complaints so we can address poor service provided by taxi drivers.

I can assure you TfL takes assisting disabled passengers very seriously, and in October 2011, TfL launched the first stage of a new Taxi Driver Disability Awareness Campaign to ensure that the taxi trade offers a professional and first class service to customers with disabilities, especially with the forthcoming London 2012 Games. TfL officers have been deployed on dedicated exercises to ensure all ramps, harnesses and equipment are present, in good working order and that the drivers know how to operate the equipment. Many busy ranks were targeted in London including mainline stations, Heathrow Airport and Wembley Stadium, to hand out leaflets that provided advice and guidance to drivers and passengers.

The leaflet in Appendix D (1508) has been commended by the disability group Trailblazers and the DfT who have asked TfL to work with them on encouraging other Licensing Authorities to do the same.

Phase two and three of the campaign commenced in February where a tougher approach was taken. The compliance team are now being deployed more frequently until Games time; and any drivers that are not conforming by having fully functioning ramps and equipment will have their taxis taken out of commission until all defects have been rectified.

While TfL has no power to fine drivers, any driver who is found to have refused disabled passengers on more than one occasion risks having their licence suspended or revoked. There is a provision in the Equality Act 2010 that will place additional obligations on taxi drivers regarding wheelchair using passengers, but to date, this section of the Act has not been enacted. When the relevant sections are enacted TfL will then have the option of prosecuting drivers who refuse wheelchair users.

**London Assembly
MQT – 13 June 2012
2nd Mayor's Report to the Assembly**

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Executive Summary

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After the Games, following a period of transformation, the Legacy Corporation will run the ArcelorMittal Orbit as a visitor attraction, which can accommodate around 5,000 visitors a day, with potential to attract around 1 million people during its first year of operation.

ArcelorMittal has committed to funding up to £19.6 million of the £22.7 million cost of the Orbit, with the outstanding £3.1 million provided by the LDA. It has been estimated that the resulting visitor attraction will generate up to £10 million of revenue per annum and create up to 50 new jobs following the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Handover of the Olympic Flame

On 17 May, I attended the official handover of the Olympic flame at the Panathenaic Stadium in Athens. I joined Her Royal Highness Princess Anne, LOCOG Chairman Sebastian Coe, Olympics Minister Hugh Robertson and David Beckham OBE.

On 18 May, I landed at RNAS Cudrose in Cornwall on board a chartered British Airways A319 aircraft, specially named The Firefly, where I attended a special ceremony welcoming the flame and marking the beginning of the 70 day journey, which will see the torch cross the UK before arriving at the Olympic Stadium on July 27.

Further appointments to my top team

On 15 May, I confirmed further appointments to the team set to deliver my key priorities, including more jobs and economic growth in a cleaner, greener and healthier city.

I have appointed Matthew Pencharz as my Environment Advisor, both to coordinate essential green programmes across my top team and to focus on particular areas, including delivering a high quality of life in the capital through the continued protection and creation of green space, boosting recycling, turning London's waste into a resource, planting more trees and delivering further improvements to air quality.

Rosie Boycott will continue in her role as Chair of the London Food Board and Kate Hoey MP will continue as my Commissioner for Sport. Barbara Windsor will retain her role as my Ambassador for street parties and Annie Lennox will continue as my HIV Ambassador.

On 25 May, I appointed Will Walden to be my new Director of Communications. Will, who is the BBC's Westminster News Editor, has been a broadcast journalist with 20 years' experience in both the public and commercial sector. For the last five years he has directed the BBC's day to day coverage of political news. He will begin his new role in early July.

Policing and Community Safety

Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime

On 10 May, I proposed Stephen Greenhalgh as my Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime. As leader of Hammersmith and Fulham Council, Stephen has a wealth of experience in helping to drive down crime and make communities safer. His appointment is subject to a confirmation hearing to be held by the Police and Crime Committee on 31 May 2012.

Crime has fallen significantly across Hammersmith and Fulham, following an enhanced 24 hour a day local policing operation across three of the busiest town centres. Over the last 12 months youth violence has fallen by 26 per cent, business robbery by 47 per cent and gun crime has almost halved (49 per cent.) Hammersmith and Fulham was one of the first boroughs to take up my 'buy one get one free' scheme and gained an additional 44 fully warranted police officers.

If Stephen is confirmed, he will ensure London is safer than ever, by boosting the roll out of an extra three police officers and three Special Constables in every Safer Neighbourhood Team. His focus on community policing resulted in the Boroughs neighbourhood watch projects soaring from 6 to 150 schemes.

Police and Racism

I am deeply concerned about the recent reports of racist behaviour amongst police officers. As a result, I have prepared a report that outlines how these allegations are being responded to. Through the MOPC, I am exploring how racist officers or staff are swiftly identified and rooted out. It remains my imperative not to allow confidence in London's police force to be jeopardised by the behaviour of a small minority of individuals.

Transport

TfL seek consultants to join new architecture, design and urbanism procurement panel

On 16 May, architects and design professionals were invited to apply for membership of a new consultants' procurement panel which is being set up by TfL and I to promote quality architecture, public realm, urban regeneration and sustainable development in the capital.

The Architecture, Design and Urbanism Panel will be a joint GLA and TfL panel, also open to use by London boroughs, housing associations and other public sector organisations involved with the built environment in the capital. Up to £30 million of work is expected to be procured through the new panel, which will run for three years from 2012, with an option to extend for a further year. The new panel will replace the current LDA Architecture, Landscape and Urban Design Panel from 2008 and the TfL Urban Realm Design Framework from 2005.

Interested consultants need to complete and return a Pre-Qualification Questionnaire by 7 June 2012 and invitations to tender will be issued in the summer, with contracts awarded by October 2012.

Vital investment and reliability programme result in record year of Tube performance

On 15 May, I welcomed the latest performance figures for London Underground, which confirmed that the Tube had attained record levels of performance and improved reliability over the last twelve months.

These improvements are the result of the reliability programme introduced last year and also my massive programme of investment. To further improve reliability, work is being undertaken to cut delays on the Tube by an additional 30 per cent.

Performance statistics recorded during 2011/12 showed that more passenger journeys were made on the Tube than ever before, with 1.171 billion last year, while the volume of train services operated increased by 5 per cent to 72.4 million train kilometres.

The important indicator of reliability, measured by the amount of delays to customers, is also at record lows, with the number of customers hours lost to delays at their lowest since measurements began in 1999. Across the network, Lost Customers Hours have been reduced by almost 40 per cent since 2007/08.

Diamond Jubilee spirit on London's transport network

From 14 May, Londoners and visitors coming to the city to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee were able to get their hands on a collectable limited edition Diamond Jubilee Oyster card.

The cards were made available from London Underground stations in Zone 1 and at Heathrow Terminals 1, 2, 3 and 4, and TfL Travel Information Centres.

TfL produced 250,000 of the limited edition Oyster cards, that feature a portrait of The Queen, marking sixty years of Her reign.

Alongside the launch of the Oyster card, the first of two Jubilee line trains, wrapped in decorative Jubilee livery to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations entered service. The trains will run along the Jubilee line up to and during the Diamond Jubilee weekend.

UK's top free runners show commuters it's just a 'hop, skip and a jump' between stations ahead of the Games

On 14 May, commuters between London Bridge and Monument stations witnessed parkour (also known as free-running) acrobats performing a spectacular series of aerial stunts, jumps and leaps between the two stations. The team of free runners showed that the two sites are but a 'hop, skip and a jump' apart as they travelled across London Bridge, with the aim of encouraging commuters to walk rather than get the Tube where possible during the London 2012 Games.

TfL handed out free local walking maps to commuters arriving at London's mainline railway stations. The maps have been created to encourage people to swap short Tube journeys for walking ones during Games time, and were handed out to rail commuters throughout Walk to Work Week (16-24 May), as well as being available at mainline and some London Underground stations during Games-time.

Walking will be one of the simplest and quickest ways to make short journeys in London during this summer's Olympic and Paralympic Games, when 'hotspot' stations such as London Bridge will be exceptionally busy at certain times of the day.

Emirates Air Line flying high as all 34 cabins undergo rigorous safety testing

On 15 May, TfL announced that the construction of London's newest transport link had reached another milestone, as all 34 cabins of the Emirates Air Line took off for their inaugural load testing flight.

The extensive testing programme is part of a series of rigorous safety trials and follows the completion in April of the Emirates Air Line's three towers, with cabling extended across the river. The cabins will travel across 1.1km of cable, gliding 90m above the Thames with weights representing the maximum number of passengers before the Emirates Air Line opens for passenger service in summer 2012.

The innovative Emirates Air Line is a key plank of my plan to revitalise east London, create jobs for Londoners and attract investment into the capital. It will be a much needed new river crossing with the capacity to carry up to 2,500 people per hour in each direction, the equivalent of 30 buses per hour.

Hammersmith Flyover to fully reopen to traffic on 30 May

Vital repair work to the Hammersmith Flyover was completed on 30 May, allowing the structure to be fully reopened to all traffic well ahead of the London 2012 Games.

TfL will return to the structure during 2013 to strengthen the remaining spans. This work will be carried out, where possible, with no weight or lane restrictions and minimal closures to the flyover, which will be coordinated by TfL to minimise traffic disruption.

Wembley Central becomes the 65th step-free Tube station

On 16 May, TfL announced that three new lifts and one new stair lift have now been installed at Wembley Central station, making it the 65th Tube station to become step-free from street to platform level before the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

This will give easier access to passengers with luggage and buggies as well as wheelchair users at Wembley Central station, whether they want to get to a London Overground, National Rail or a London Underground Bakerloo line platform.

For passengers going to Wembley Stadium or Arena, it will complement Wembley Park Tube Station, which is also step-free and will be a lasting legacy long after the Games have finished. Network Rail installed the new lifts and constructed a new corridor linking the ticket hall with all the platforms, which means that National Rail customers are now under cover on their way to catch a train.

Olympic legends compete to be the fastest to cross London

On 17 May, Sally Gunnell OBE, former 400m hurdles Olympic gold medallist, and Chris Boardman MBE, former cycling world champion and Olympic gold medallist, raced against each other to find the easiest and quickest route across London to the Olympic Park.

The race was inspired by new research from London 2012 and TfL, which revealed that 86 per cent of central London businesses are planning one or more initiatives to encourage employees to consider alternative forms of transport. Of these, 60 per cent of businesses will encourage their staff to walk or cycle.

As part of the London 2012 and TfL challenge, Sally ran and Chris cycled from Liverpool Street station to Stour Space, a gallery and café, opposite the Olympic Park on the River Lea. The aim was to demonstrate to businesses and their employees the alternatives to getting public transport during Games-time. TfL and London 2012 are encouraging workers travelling in Games transport 'hotspot' areas to swap to cycling or walking for all or part of their journeys as part of the Get Ahead of the Games campaign.

New Oyster online accounts help customers keep track of their travel

On 18 May, TfL announced that millions of Oyster card users are now able to check their accounts online. The new service is now available for season ticket or Oyster pay as you go users, and allows them to look back over their journey history and fares paid.

Passengers who register for the new system are now finding it much easier to check that they have always touched in and out on their journeys. It also makes it a simple process for

passengers to download their journey history and use the information to claim for work expenses; rather than having to contact the Oyster help desk to ask for a printed journey history to be posted to them.

Feedback from customers who have trialled the accounts has been positive, with online accounts set out in a clear format showing a detailed journey history and fares paid.

The online accounts show where customers have benefited from the new system of automated refunds, which was introduced recently to save customers from having to make a claim themselves if a journey has been left incomplete, due to forgetting or being unable to touch out.

Economic and Business Policy

Small business key to boosting apprenticeships and jobs in capital

On 30 May, I called on more small and medium sized businesses in the capital to create apprenticeships and help drive London out of recession.

To help small firms to take on an apprentice, I have secured £6 million from Government to offer a cash incentive of £1,500 available from the National Apprenticeship Service. In addition, firms can receive up to 100 per cent funding towards their training costs.

In London small and medium sized companies are already responsible for the majority of the 63,700 opportunities created since 2010, contributing to my target to deliver 100,000 apprenticeships by the end of this year.

Expert support to deliver London's super connected city strategy

I have approved the procurement of expert, technical, analytical and project management services required to develop London's final submission to DCMS.

I have also approved the subsequent award of, entry into, and execution of contract(s) (with an aggregated value of up to £150,000), for the required services to the bidder(s) submitting the most economically advantageous bid(s).

Finally, I have approved a related exemption from the requirement of section 3.6 of the Contracts and Funding Code, to undertake an OJEU tender or call off from an accessible framework.

Environment

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Leicester Square, which welcomes 250,000 tourists a day, officially re-opened after a 17 month transformation which has been completed on time and to budget. Attracted by the regeneration of this hugely popular but long neglected square, new private investment has flooded into the area. The square is now fit to roll out the red carpet for even more world film premieres, fighting off tough competition from European cities and generating millions of pounds in tourism.

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Working with each of London's 33 boroughs, more than 80 projects including parks, high streets, squares and public spaces have benefited from more than £350 million invested through my Great Outdoors initiative, with a further 12 to be completed after the 2012 Games.

RE:NEW

My London RE:NEW homes programme has again achieved another key milestone, having now retrofitted over 65,000 homes. This programme is not only reducing CO₂ emissions, but is saving Londoners money on their homes energy bills. Demonstrating my ongoing commitment to domestic retrofitting, I have allocated £3.3 million to continue delivery of RE:NEW in 2012/13. This new tranche of activity is currently planned to deliver in excess of 20,000 additional home retrofits, as well as sustaining jobs created already through RE:NEW.

Help a London Park

On 21 May, my Environment Advisor attended an event to celebrate the completion of the first phase of the transformation of Mayesbrook Park in the LB Barking & Dagenham. The improvements to the park are part of a wider regeneration plan for the area. An Olympic Handball training centre, which will provide a legacy sports facility, has been built and the former University of East London campus is being redeveloped to create hundreds of new homes located adjacent to the improved and rejuvenated park.

The park was one of the 11 parks in my Help a London Park (HeLP) programme. It received £400,000 from HeLP to fund improvements which leveraged an additional £550,000 investment from partners. The project has now delivered a major river restoration project, which has brought the Mayes Brook back into the park to improve the park's aesthetic appeal, reduce the incidences of flooding downstream by creating new flood plain and, improved the water quality in the river. It has also improved the entrances, landscaping and play facilities to make the park more welcoming, which has already resulted in significant increase in the usage of the park.

The project is a fantastic example of partnership working, attracting support and funding from the Environment Agency and the SITA Trust and corporate sponsorship from the RSA Insurance Group.

Neasden Lane

My former Director of Environment wrote to the LB Brent and the Environment Agency, setting out my concern at the current high concentrations of air pollutants at Neasden Lane.

Neasden Lane is a heavily industrial site, with these activities regulated by the Environment Agency and the London Borough of Brent. To counter long running issues with local PM10 emissions, a range of measures have been introduced which has halved the number of 'bad air days' since 2006. These local efforts are being enhanced by the application of Transport for London's dust suppressant technology on local roads, as well as through a range of long term, sustainable measures to reduce pollution all across the capital. Whilst I have no direct powers to intervene, the GLA will host a meeting of the key parties to agree further action to improve air quality in the area.

Assignment of Intellectual property of C40 to C40 Climate Leadership Group inc.

I have agreed to license and assign the C40 related Intellectual Property to C40 Inc, until such time as assignment terms can be agreed for the Intellectual Property.

London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, Legacy and Sport

ArcelorMittal Orbit unveiled to the world

On 11 May, the ArcelorMittal Orbit was unveiled to the world. I was able to travel up to the viewing platform and enjoy a panoramic view of up to 20 miles. At 114.5 metres, the Orbit is the UK's tallest sculpture and stands 22 metres taller than New York City's Statue of Liberty.

After the Games, following a period of transformation, the Legacy Corporation will run the ArcelorMittal Orbit as a visitor attraction, which can accommodate around 5,000 visitors a day, with potential to attract around 1 million people during its first year of operation.

ArcelorMittal has committed to funding up to £19.6 million of the £22.7 million cost of the Orbit, with the outstanding £3.1 million provided by the LDA. It has been estimated that the resulting visitor attraction will generate up to £10 million of revenue per annum and create up to 50 new jobs following the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Handover of the Olympic Flame

On 17 May, I attended the official handover of the Olympic flame at the Panathenaic Stadium in Athens. I joined Her Royal Highness Princess Anne, LOCOG Chairman Sebastian Coe, Olympics Minister Hugh Robertson and David Beckham.

After the ceremony, I attended a reception organised by the UK Ambassador, where I gave a speech to dignitaries and officials from the IOC. I also attended a business reception. On Friday 18 May, I met with the Mayor of Athens to accept the 'Medal of the City of Athens' as an expression of honour and friendship.

On Friday evening, I landed at RNAS Culdrose in Cornwall on board a chartered British Airways A319 aircraft, specially named The Firefly, where I attended a special ceremony welcoming the flame and marking the beginning of the 70 day journey, which will see the torch cross the UK before arriving at the Olympic Stadium on July 27.

On Saturday morning, 19 May, a Royal Navy Search and Rescue Squadron delivered the Flame to Land's End where the Olympic Torch Relay started. Olympic Gold medalist Ben Ainslie CBE was the first to carry the torch as part of the Relay.

Thousands of Londoners in pole position for jobs at Summer Games

On 17 May, I announced that around 12,000 people living in the six east London Olympic boroughs have been offered jobs this summer at the 2012 Games, many of whom are currently unemployed and will be supported into permanent work after their Games role is over.

I have been working with LOCOG and the six boroughs to ensure Londoners benefit from the Games. As a result, these jobs will see local residents delivering essential services in the Olympic Park such as catering, cleaning and security.

My £14 million 2012 Employment Legacy programme, which runs until 2014, has already helped nearly 7,500 local unemployed people with their job search, of which 2,000 have already started work. After the Games, they will be further supported by the programme.

Overall, 37,000 previously workless Londoners have already gained access to employment through London 2012 related activity and 8,000 additional permanent jobs are planned for the Olympic Park after the Games.

Glittering lighting makeover for Tower Bridge readies London's world-famous icon for historic year 2012

On 30 May, Tower Bridge, one of the world's most recognisable landmarks, had its first official switch on of its new state-of-the-art, energy efficient lighting system. The new world-class lighting system will gleam white this weekend to celebrate The Queen's Diamond Jubilee and has been completed in time to mark the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The bridge will be firmly in the global spotlight this summer and thanks to an innovative funding deal reached between my office, the City of London Corporation, London 2012 sponsors EDF and Ge, the LED-lighting and cabling system has now been fully installed at no cost to taxpayers.

The new lights brighten up the bridge, enhance its architectural features and replace static lights with bulbs that can vary in intensity and colour, while at the same time cutting energy consumption considerably. The new lights will take centre stage during the 2012 Games when the bridge will be fitted with its giant Olympic Rings and Paralympic Agitos for the 45 days of the Games.

The new lighting system will be in place for 25 years. In total 1,800 special energy-efficient LED lights have been fitted, along with 2,000 meters of energy-efficient LED linear lights, 5,000 meters of cable and 1,000 junction boxes.

Provision of Games tickets to the families of victims of July 7 2005

I have approved payment of £221,000 to LOCOG, to be funded from the Olympics reserve, for the following tickets:

- 205 tickets to the Olympic Opening Ceremony
- 61 tickets to the Olympic Athletics Finals on 3 August
- 4 tickets to the Olympic Athletics Finals on 4 August

These tickets will be distributed to the 67 individuals contacted by the Met and who also accepted the offer of tickets.

I agreed an exemption from the Contracts and Funding Code on the grounds of there being a single supplier.

World-Class Legacy Cycling Event

I have authorised TfL, under section 38(1) of the GLA Act 1999, to exercise the GLA's powers under sections 30(1) and 34(1) of the Act for the purposes of supporting, preparing and delivering an annual two-day cycle weekend event from 2013, under the current working name of *"World-class Legacy Cycling Event"*.

I agreed to endorse the proposed event concept and the involvement and management resources of Mayoral agencies to prepare necessary plans to create the event: TfL, London & Partners and the MPS.

Housing

More homes for London – new board to drive housing investment

On 23 May, I appointed a new board to oversee the investment of my £3 billion housing budget and to help maximise the potential of newly acquired land assets to deliver thousands of new homes and jobs across the capital.

Chaired by Richard Blakeway, my Deputy Mayor for Housing, Land and Property, the Homes for London Board will bring together a mix of highly professional independent experts to help find creative solutions to London's unique housing need. Supporting and advising me on housing challenges in the capital, they will help oversee the delivery of housing programmes, including the affordable homes programmes and the use of newly acquired GLA land. The first 'Homes for London' board meeting will take place on the 18 June.

The board members are:

- Nick Salisbury, former Head of Structured Finance for the Barclays Corporate Bank Property
- Mike Youkee, former head of housing at Quintain and former joint chief executive of the Greenwich Peninsula project
- Charmaine Young CBE, outgoing director of St George plc
- Sir Steve Bullock, Mayor, LB Lewisham
- Cllr Stephen Carr, Leader, LB Bromley
- Cllr Chris Roberts, Leader, RB Greenwich

Transfer of agreements and equity mortgages from GLA Land and Property Ltd to the GLA

I have agreed to:

1. The following being novated to the GLA from GLA Land and Property Ltd (if considered necessary or desirable by a person with delegated authority under Decision 5 below):
 - all agreements between GLA Land and Property Ltd and house builders / developers that transferred from the HCA to GLA Land and Property Ltd under

the Transfer Scheme, which provide for financial assistance to be given to individual home buyers secured by way of an equity mortgage;

2. The following being assigned to the GLA from GLA Land and Property Ltd (if considered necessary or desirable by a person with delegated authority under Decision 5 below):
 - all loan agreements and equity mortgages and any ancillary agreements between individual recipients of financial assistance and GLA Land and Property Ltd that transferred from the HCA to GLA Land and Property Ltd under the Transfer Scheme, including (without limitation) those made entered into under the following schemes or programmes: First Buy; Home Buy Direct Kickstart Round 3; the London Wide Initiative; and FTBI: Suttons Wharf, Tower Hamlets;
3. Any agreements, loans and equity mortgages that are the subject of Decisions 1 and 2 above being novated and/or assigned from the GLA back to GLA Land and Property Ltd, in the event that this is considered necessary by a person with delegated authority under Decision 5, for legal or tax reasons;
4. The GLA entering into future loan agreements and equity mortgages and any ancillary agreements with individual recipients of financial assistance under the First Buy Direct scheme and Kickstart HomeBuy Direct schemes, and to any such loans and equity mortgages being assigned from the GLA to GLA Land and Property Ltd in the event that this is considered necessary by a person with delegated authority under Decision 5, for legal or tax reasons;
5. To delegate authority to each of the Executive Director of Resources and the Executive Director of Housing and Land and, any senior officer nominated by either of them for such purposes, to execute any mortgages under any of the schemes referred to above for and on behalf of the GLA, and to do all things they consider reasonably necessary or desirable (including, without limitation, entering into further agreements) to facilitate the implementation of the matters referred to the Mayoral Decision; and
6. Authorise GLA Land and Property Limited and, to the extent necessary, Greater London Authority Holdings Limited, to do all things they consider necessary or desirable from the perspective of those companies to facilitate the implementation of the matters referred to in this Mayoral Decision including, without limitation, the application by GLA Land and Property Limited for a licence under the Consumer Credit Act 1974.
7. Any loans and equity mortgages between the HCA and individual recipients of financial assistance under the FirstBuy Programme, which completed after 1 April 2012, being assigned to the GLA from the HCA Ltd (if considered necessary or desirable by a person with delegated authority under Decision 5); and further agreed to these loans and equity mortgages being assigned from the GLA to GLA Land and Property Limited, in the event that this is considered necessary by a person with delegated authority under Decision 5, for legal or tax reasons.

Culture and Events

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations

On 28 May, I urged Londoners and visitors to plan ahead for the unforgettable weekend of spectacular celebrations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Hundreds of street parties and local celebrations will be taking place throughout the city, in addition to major events in central London. These include the Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant and Big Jubilee Lunch on Sunday 3 June; the lighting of the National Beacon and the Diamond Jubilee Concert in the Mall on Monday 4 June; and the Ceremonial Procession, which will be watched by millions on television and broadcast on big screens in Hyde Park, St James' Park and Trafalgar Square on Tuesday 5 June.

It will be extremely busy throughout the weekend, with large crowds expected and those planning to come into central London should plan their journeys in advance, checking event times and using public transport where possible. More information can be found at: www.tfl.gov.uk/diamondjubilee.

Four groups from my Team London Ambassadors programme will, for the first time, be located at venues across the capital, including the South Bank, helping visitors find their way around the capital and these unique celebrations.

I will be taking part in the Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant on Sunday, as will youngsters from my Fund for Young Musicians. Young Londoners, aged 10-21 years, will be performing on a barge in the pageant as part of the recently formed Mayor's Jubilee Band.

Diamond Jubilee 2012 Funding

I have approved the allocation of funding of £100,000, from the 2011/12 Campaigns and Events budget, as my contribution towards events for the celebrations.

I have agreed to procure and enter into a contract for event management services for the celebrations; delegating to the Executive Director of Resources authority to approve entry into a contract for the full event sum, estimated up to £2,000,000, subject to DCMS's confirmed underwriting of costs over and above £100,000.

I approved, subject to DCMS's confirmed underwriting, the expenditure of up to £2,000,000, of which the total sum, less £100,000 and any revenue generated by the GLA, will be reimbursed to the GLA. I have also agreed that if the total project costs should exceed the estimated £2,000,000, all additional costs to be to be reimbursed by DCMS less any commercial revenue.

I agreed to undertake a competitive tender exercise to contract a suitable organisation to provide bar, catering, and retail concession opportunities, in order to raise commercial revenue to underwrite part of the costs of staging the events.

Finally, I agreed to delegate approval to the Executive Director of Resources to finalise, approve and execute the Event Organisation Contract; to sign a MOU between the DCMS, Mayor of London and Royal Parks, relating to the delivery and management of this project; to approve entry into and sign any sponsorship agreement to secure income for the events and, to

enter into an agreement with the BBC to enable BBC coverage of the Diamond Jubilee events to be shown on the screens at no cost to the GLA or DCMS.

River Pageant Stewarding and Crowd Management

I have approved the allocation of funding of up to £500,000 from GLA reserves as my contribution towards to cost of the Stewarding and Crowd Management Plan for the Thames Diamond Jubilee River Pageant, on Sunday June 3 2012.

I amended the Memorandum of Understanding with the DCMS and Royal Parks, as approved by MD 949, to enable the GLA to pay an additional sum of up to £500,000 towards the Contract Costs for the event services.

To off-set this additional sum, the DCMS, together with the Home Office, will pay the total estimated cost of up to £1.5 million for the River Pageant Stewarding and Crowd Management Plan, this sum is to cover the GLA's contribution of up to £500,000.

London Mela, August 2012

I approved the allocation of £60,000 from the 2012/13 GLA Programme budget for Events For London to London Mela 2012. I have approved the award of grant funding (of up to £60,000) to and entry into a funding agreement with LB Ealing, as a contribution to its costs of the London Mela 2012.

GLA Organisation

Future Standards Regime at the GLA

I agreed (noting that these matters require a joint decision with the London Assembly):

- To re-establish the GLA's Standards Committee, as currently required by law, on the same basis that it is currently constituted for the period up until the existing regime is abolished, expected to be 30 June 2012; and to agree (which is not a joint decision with the Assembly) to delegate my role on the Committee to the statutory Deputy Mayor of London;
- Formally to approve a revised Code of Conduct and associated complaints procedure, to come into effect when the relevant provisions of the Localism Act 2011 are commenced, expected to be 1 July 2012; and agree that the operation of the new Code of Conduct for elected Members be the responsibility of the Authority's Monitoring Officer, who will exercise that function in accordance with the associated complaints guidance, seeking advice from the Independent Person(s) appointed in accordance with Section 28(7) of the Localism Act as necessary;
- To note appendices B2 – B4 to the Code;
- To approve the proposed criteria set out at Appendix C5 to the new Code of Conduct for elected and co-opted Members of the Greater London Authority, in relation to granting dispensations to GLA Members who have a disclosable pecuniary interest in any business of the Authority, and agree, noting that this is a matter for joint decision with me, that once

the relevant regulations have been issued by the Government, that Appendix be amended to include the prescribed categories for disclosable pecuniary interests;

- To approve a process for the recruitment of the Independent Person(s) charged under Section 28(7) of the Localism Act, with assisting in the discharge of complaints-handling procedures under the new Standards regime;
- To approve the proposals in relations to an attendance allowance for the Independent Person(s) and the applications of the Authority's Expenses and Benefits Framework.

Audit Reports

I have noted the recent reports from external and internal audit and the arrangements for the appointment of the Authority's external auditor for the audit of its 2012-13 accounts.

Microsoft Enterprise Agreement

I have agreed to:

- Carry out an exercise to procure a value added reseller who can facilitate the establishment of a GLA Enterprise Agreement with Microsoft;
- Transfer existing LDA (and, if possible, HCA) Microsoft licences to the GLA, as part of the process of establishing a GLA Enterprise Agreement;
- Seek to negotiate an agreement with Microsoft via the value added reseller selected during the procurement process, whereby the GLA can access Microsoft Project and Visio software in a flexible manner.
- Approve total revenue expenditure of up to £162,000 per year for up to 5 years and, capital expenditure of up to £54,000 for the purpose of establishing the GLA Enterprise Agreement;
- Approve growth to the IT Revenue Budget of £162,000 per year, after the initial period of the agreement, to allow the GLA to meet the continuing costs of future agreements;
- Approve a contingency of 25 per cent above the estimated cost in case unforeseen costs or requirements arise during the process of setting up the Enterprise Agreement;
- Delegate to the Executive Director of Finance responsibility to sign undertakings as necessary with Microsoft, and/or the selected procurement partner, to establish the Microsoft Enterprise Agreement; and
- Approve the GLA Finance department to make budget adjustments necessary to establish the Microsoft Enterprise Agreement.

Hidden London project

I have approved a one off virement of £140,000 from the Sports Accord Budget in the London Engagement budget, to the City Ops LOOK and FEEL programme required to deliver the Hidden London project.

Government Relations

Oslo Ceremony

On 22 May, my Statutory Deputy Mayor, Victoria Borwick, attended and spoke on my behalf at a tree planting ceremony in Oslo to commemorate the atrocities that took place in their city on 22 July 2011.

In December 2011, I met with the Governing Mayor of Oslo, Mr Stian Berger Rosland and offered the gift of an oak tree to the people of Oslo on behalf of the people of London to commemorate the atrocities. This gift was accepted by the Governing Mayor. Jennette Arnold AM also attended the ceremony as Chair of the London Assembly. A plaque accompanies the tree and reads as:

'This tree is a gift from London to the people of Oslo in memory of all the innocent lives lost on 22 July 2011. They will never be forgotten. Boris Johnson, Mayor of London'.

Appointments

Further appointments to my top team

On 15 May, I confirmed further appointments to the team set to deliver my key priorities, including more jobs and economic growth in a cleaner, greener and healthier city.

I have appointed Matthew Pencharz as my Environment Advisor, both to coordinate essential green programmes across my top team and to focus on particular areas, including delivering a high quality of life in the capital through the continued protection and creation of green space, boosting recycling, turning London's waste into a resource, planting more trees and delivering further improvements to air quality.

Rosie Boycott will continue in her role as Chair of the London Food Board, promoting and delivering programmes to make London a fairer, healthier city, along with an enhanced local environment. Kate Hoey MP will continue as my Commissioner for Sport and will continue working to increase opportunities for Londoners of all ages to participate in sport, raising further funds for investment and, ensuring a strong sporting legacy for communities as a result of this summer's events.

Barbara Windsor will retain her role as my Ambassador for street parties and Annie Lennox will continue as my HIV Ambassador.

Will Walden appointed as Director of Communications

On 25 May, I appointed Will Walden to be my new Director of Communications. Will, who is the BBC's Westminster News Editor, has been a broadcast journalist with 20 years experience in both the public and commercial sector.

He began his career as a reporter in local newspapers, before moving to commercial radio and has worked extensively as a reporter, producer and editor across local, regional and national television and radio, for the BBC, ITN, GMTV and Granada.

For the last five years he has directed the BBC's day to day coverage of political news, having previously spent three years as the Corporation's senior producer in Washington D.C, where he worked as right hand man to Chief US Correspondent, Matt Frei. Before that he was senior political producer to the then Political Editor Andrew Marr. He will begin his new role in early July.

Contracts of Mayoral Appointments

I have noted that the employment contracts of my appointments to posts under section 67(1) of the GLA Act ("Mayoral Appointees") will terminate by operation of law at the end of my term of office.

I have agreed that, before the end of my term of office, the Authority enters into a Compromise Agreement with each of my Appointees, under which the Authority agrees to pay each of the Mayoral Appointees a termination payment, upon the terms and conditions set out, in full and final settlement of all claims they may have arising from their employment and the termination of their employment.

Finally, I have authorised the Head of Paid Service to exercise delegated authority to negotiate other terms and conditions of the Compromise Agreements and, after consulting with the Authority's other statutory officers, to enter into those Compromise Agreements for and on behalf of the Authority.

Appointment of Directors to the London Academies Enterprise Trust

I have approved the nominations of the following candidates, made by the Mayor's Academies Ltd, for appointment onto the Board of the London Academies Enterprise Trust:

- Joan Deslandes
- Barbara Harrison
- Toby Young

Planning and Development Control

Planning Decisions (Stage II referrals)

Victoria Deep Water Terminal, RB Greenwich

I have written to the Royal Borough of Greenwich stating that I am content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

Greenwich Peninsula Plot M0120, RB Greenwich

I have written to the Royal Borough of Greenwich stating that I am content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

Planning Decisions (Stage I referrals)

I have asked officers to send letters giving comments about the following stage one referrals:

- Box Lane Freight Depot, LB Barking & Dagenham
- Bronte House and Fielding House, LB Brent
- 22 Lamson Road, LB Havering
- Airport Bowl, Bath Road, LB Hillingdon
- Prices Candles, LB Wandsworth
- St Barts Estate, Corporation of London
- Victoria Circle, City of Westminster
- Woodbridge High School, LB Redbridge
- Skylines Village, LB Tower Hamlets
- West London Volkswagen, LB Hounslow
- Cuba Street (updated stage 1), LB Tower Hamlets

Development Plans

I have written to the following Councils giving a response to their development plan consultations:

- Lewisham Site Allocations DPD, Submission, LB Lewisham
- Lewisham Town Centre Area Action Plan, Submission, LB Lewisham

Decisions made under delegation to Director – Development & Environment

- ‘Live Site’ River Lea Planning Delivery Zone 5, ODA
- Battersea Power Station, LB Wandsworth
- New Covent Garden Flower Market, LB Wandsworth
- New Covent Garden Flower Market, LB Wandsworth

Decisions made under delegation to Assistant Director - Planning

- Havering Planning Obligations SPD, LB Havering

Key Engagements

Among my additional engagements since my last report were the following:

- I addressed City Hall staff in the City Hall Chamber on 10 May
- I had lunch with Sarah Sands, Editor of the Evening Standard, on 10 May
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London on 10 May
- I attended the opening of the ArcelorMittal Orbit in the Olympic Park on 11 May
- I attended the Ahmadiyya Charity Challenge at the Tower of London on 13 May
- I had my regular meeting with Lord Coe & Paul Deighton, LOCOG, and Justin King on 14 May to discuss preparations for the 2012 Olympic Games
- I attended the London Live Sites Launch event at BT Tower on 15 May

- I hosted a meeting of interested parties to discuss preparations for the Diamond Jubilee celebrations on 15 May
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 15 May
- I visited Greece on 16, 17 and 18 May for the Olympic Torch handover
- I attended the Olympic flame ceremony at the Acropolis hosted by the Hellenic Organising Committee on 16 May
- I attended a dinner hosted by the British Ambassador on 16 May
- I attended a Breakfast round table UK media briefing on 17 May
- I attended a reception hosted by the British Ambassador for the UK Business and Shipping community on 17 May
- I attended the Olympic Torch Handover Ceremony at the Panathenaic Stadium on 17 May
- I attended the Handover reception at the Ambassador's residence on 17 May
- I received the Medal of the City of Athens from the Mayor of Athens, Yiorgos Kaminis, at a reception at the Athens City Hall on 18 May
- I attended the Olympic Torch arrival event at RNAS Culdrose on 18 May
- I had my regular monthly catch up with Andrew Boff AM, Leader of the Conservative Group on the Assembly, on 21 May
- I met with Transport for London to discuss Olympic Transport on 22 May 2012
- I met with Barry, Margaret and Billy Mizen on 22 May
- I met with the Deputy Commissioner Craig Mackey and Assistant Commissioner Chris Allison to discuss Olympic Security on 22 May
- I attended Mayor's Question Time on 23 May
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 23 May
- I attended the Cabinet Olympics Committee on 23 May
- I attended the re-opening of Leicester Square on 23 May
- I visited Wimbledon on 24 May to see the new Team "Technique Knowledge & Opportunity" Scheme
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London on 25 May
- I visited the Chelsea Flower show on 25 May
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 28 May
- I met with Stephen Daldry, Creative Director, on 28 May to discuss the Olympic and Paralympic Ceremonies
- I had dinner with George Osborne MP, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, on 28 May
- I met with Bernard Hogan Howe, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, and Catherine Crawford, Chief Executive of the MOPC, on 29 May
- I chaired the London Enterprise Panel on 29 May
- I chaired the Olympic Board Meeting on 30 May
- I visited a small financial services business in the City on 30 May to meet with current and former apprentices to highlight that small businesses are key to boosting apprenticeships and jobs in the capital
- I met with Theresa May MP, the Home Secretary on 30 May.

Ends

Mayor's Report to the Assembly

Background Document – List of decisions between 10 May 2012 and 30 May 2012

The Part 1 of Mayoral Decisions (from 6 April 2009) and Director Decisions (from 1 November 2010), and the non-confidential facts and advice supporting those decisions, are published on the GLA website (<http://www.london.gov.uk/who-runs-london/mayor/mayoral-decisions>) within one working day of approval, unless deferred.

* = previously deferred publication.

Ref	Decision	Date	Approved by/ Mayoral Advisor	Financial Implications
MD1005	<p>Agreed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Allocate funding of up to £500,000 from GLA reserves, as the Mayor's contribution towards to cost of the Stewarding and Crowd Management Plan for the Thames Diamond Jubilee River Pageant on Sunday June 3rd 2012. 2. Amend the MOU with the DCMS and Royal Parks as approved by MD 949, to enable GLA to pay an additional sum of up to £500,000 towards the Contract Costs for Diamond Jubilee event services. 3. To note, that to off-set this additional sum, the DCMS, together with the Home Office, will pay the total estimated cost of up to £1.5m for the River Pageant Stewarding and Crowd Management Plan, this sum to cover the GLA's contribution of up to £500,000. 	15/05/12	Boris Johnson/ Munira Mirza	<p>The projected cost of stewarding and crowd management for the Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant is up to £1,500,000. This sum is the cost of planned stewarding and crowd management services as detailed by the company 'Show and Event Security', the contractor engaged by the Diamond Jubilee Trust, the organisers of the Thames Diamond Jubilee River Pageant.</p> <p>It is proposed that the DCMS, Home Office and GLA each make an equal contribution of up to £500,000. The total contribution, to be made to the Diamond Jubilee Trust, will be capped at up to £1,500,000, and all additional costs will be the responsibility of the Foundation.</p> <p>It is proposed that the GLA contribution of up to £500,000 will</p>

				be met from the GLA contingency for 2012-13, unless there are sufficient underspends in 2011-12 to enable this to be met from reserves. This will not be known until the completion of closing of the GLA's 2011-12 accounts in June.
MD1004	<p>Agreed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To the procurement of expert, technical, analytical and project management services required to develop London's final submission to DCMS in relation to London's Super Connected City Strategy. 2. The subsequent award of and entry into and execution of contract(s) (with an aggregated value of up to £150,000) for the required services to the bidder(s) submitting the most economically advantageous bid(s). 3. A related exemption from the requirement of section 3.6 of the Contracts and Funding Code to undertake an OJEU tender or call off from an accessible framework. 	14/05/12	Boris Johnson/ Kulveer Ranger	<p>The estimated cost of this procurement totals up to £150,000 and will be funded from the Regeneration budget held within the Development & Environment Budget.</p> <p>It should be noted the purpose of the expert advice / consultancy support is to develop a bid for DCMS funds, which if successful could lever £80m plus in investment for this project specifically developing ultrafast broadband and wireless connectivity across London (as detailed within this report). If the bid is successful, the full programme will be subject to further approval via the Authority's decision-making process.</p>
MD1003	<p>Agreed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To re-establish the GLA's Standards Committee, as currently required by law, on the same basis that it is currently constituted (as set out at paragraph 2.4 below) for the period up until the existing regime is abolished, expected to be 30 June 2012; and to agree 	23/05/12	Boris Johnson/ Edward Lister	The attendance allowances paid to Independent Standards Members (£125 per meeting) are contained within existing resources and any proposals to pay similar allowances to Independent Persons under the

	<p>(which is not a joint decision with the Assembly) to delegate his role on the Committee to the statutory Deputy Mayor of London.</p> <p>2. To formally to approve a revised Code of Conduct (as attached at Appendix B) and associated complaints procedure (as attached at Appendix B1), to come into effect when the relevant provisions of the Localism Act 2011 are commenced, expected to be 1 July 2012; and agree that the operation of the new Code of Conduct for elected Members be the responsibility of the Authority's Monitoring Officer, who will exercise that function in accordance with the associated complaints guidance (set out at Appendix B1), seeking advice from the Independent Person(s) appointed in accordance with Section 28(7) of the Localism Act as necessary.</p> <p>3. To note appendices B2 – B4 to the Code (see paragraph 2.14 of this decision).</p> <p>4. To approve the proposed criteria set out at Appendix C5 to the new Code of Conduct for elected and co-opted Members of the Greater London Authority in relation to granting dispensations to GLA Members who have a disclosable pecuniary interest in any business of the Authority, and agree, noting that this is a matter for joint decision with the Mayor, that once the relevant regulations have been issued by the Government, that Appendix be amended to include the prescribed categories for disclosable pecuniary interests.</p> <p>5. To approve a process for the recruitment of the Independent Person(s) charged under Section 28(7) of the Localism Act with assisting in the discharge of complaints-handling procedures under the new Standards regime, as set out at paragraphs 2.18 – 2.22 of this decision.</p> <p>6. To approve the proposals in relations to an attendance allowance for the Independent Person(s) and the applications of the Authority's Expenses and Benefits Framework, as set out at paragraphs 2.25 – 2.26 of this decision.</p>			<p>new regime could also be met from within existing resources. Otherwise, there are no direct financial implications arising from the proposals for consideration contained within this report.</p> <p>The proposed allowances paid to Independent Persons will be met from part of the overall £20,000 budget in the Standards Cost Centre within the Corporate Management Team Directorate.</p>
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MD1002	<p>Agreed:</p> <p>1. To the following being novated to the GLA from GLA Land and Property Ltd (if considered necessary or desirable by a person with delegated authority under Decision 5 below):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> all agreements between GLA Land and Property Ltd and house builders / developers that transferred from the HCA to GLA Land and Property Ltd under the Transfer Scheme, which provide for financial assistance to be given to individual home buyers secured by way of an equity mortgage. <p>2. To the following being assigned to the GLA from GLA Land and Property Ltd (if considered necessary or desirable by a person with delegated authority under Decision 5 below):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> all loan agreements and equity mortgages and any ancillary agreements between individual recipients of financial assistance and GLA Land and Property Ltd that transferred from the HCA to GLA Land and Property Ltd under the Transfer Scheme, including (without limitation) those made entered into under the following schemes or programmes: First Buy; Home Buy Direct Kickstart Round 3; the London Wide Initiative; and FTBI: Suttons Wharf, Tower Hamlets. <p>3. That any agreements, loans and equity mortgages that are the subject of Decisions 1 and 2 above being novated and or assigned from the GLA back to GLA Land and Property Ltd, in the event that this is considered necessary by a person with delegated authority under Decision 5, for legal or tax reasons.</p> <p>4. The GLA entering into future loan agreements and equity mortgages and any ancillary agreements with individual recipients of financial assistance under the First Buy Direct scheme and Kickstart HomeBuy Direct schemes, and to any such loans and equity mortgages being assigned from the GLA to GLA Land and Property</p>	24/05/12	Boris Johnson/ Richard Blakeway	<p>Legal costs may be incurred in making such assignments/ novations but these can be contained within existing budgets.</p> <p>As the loans are considered to be equity-related, a capital gain could be realised on the transfer from GLA Land and Property Ltd to the GLA. However, it is considered that no tax liability would arise as the capital gains group exemption would apply by virtue of the GLA's status as a body corporate.</p>
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	<p>Ltd in the event that this is considered necessary by a person with delegated authority under Decision 5, for legal or tax reasons.</p> <p>5. To delegate authority to each of the Executive Director of Resources and the Executive Director of Housing and Land and any senior officer nominated by either of them for such purposes to execute any mortgages under any of the schemes referred to above for and on behalf of the GLA, and to do all things they consider reasonably necessary or desirable (including, without limitation, entering into further agreements) to facilitate the implementation of the matters referred to in this Mayoral Decision.</p> <p>6. To authorise GLA Land and Property Limited and, to the extent necessary, Greater London Authority Holdings Limited to do all things they consider necessary or desirable from the perspective of those companies to facilitate the implementation of the matters referred to in this Mayoral Decision including, without limitation, the application by GLA Land and Property Limited for a licence under the Consumer Credit Act 1974.</p> <p>7. That any loans and equity mortgages between the HCA and individual recipients of financial assistance under the FirstBuy Programme, which completed after 1 April 2012, being assigned to the GLA from the HCA Ltd (if considered necessary or desirable by a person with delegated authority under Decision 5); and further agrees to these loans and equity mortgages being assigned from the GLA to GLA Land and Property Limited, in the event that this is considered necessary by a person with delegated authority under Decision 5, for legal or tax reasons.</p> <p><i>Part 2 of this report is confidential under the FOI Act</i></p>			
MD1000*	<p>Agreed:</p> <p>1. To note that the employment contracts of persons appointed by the Mayor to posts under section 67(1) of the GLA Act (“Mayoral Appointees”) will terminate by operation of law at the end of the Mayor’s term of office.</p>	24/04/12	Boris Johnson/ Martin Clarke	The proposed payments would be met by drawing on the GLA Development Reserve which exists to fund pay settlements and reviews for all relevant staff and Members. All budget adjustments

	<p>2. That, before the end of the Mayor's term of office, the Authority enters into a Compromise Agreement with each of the Mayoral Appointees, under which the Authority agrees to pay each of the Mayoral Appointees a termination payment, upon the terms and conditions set out in paragraph 2a below, in full and final settlement of all claims they may have arising from their employment and the termination of their employment.</p> <p>3. To authorise the Head of Paid Service to exercise delegated authority to negotiate other terms and conditions of the Compromise Agreements and, after consulting with the Authority's other statutory officers, to enter into those Compromise Agreements for and on behalf of the Authority.</p> <p><i>Part 2 of this report is confidential under the FOI Act</i></p>			would be made.
MD998	<p>Agreed:</p> <p>In relation to the Provision of Games tickets to the families of those who died and those individuals that suffered the most severe injury as a result of the attacks on London on July 7 2005 and in line with a commitment made by the current and previous Mayor:</p> <p>1. Payment to the London Organising Committee for the Olympic and Paralympic Games of £221,000, to be funded from the Olympics reserve, for the following tickets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 205 tickets to the Olympic Opening Ceremony • 61 tickets to the Olympic Athletics Finals on 3 August • 4 tickets to the Olympic Athletics Finals on 4 August <p>These tickets to be distributed to the 67 individuals both contacted by the Metropolitan Police and who accepted the offer of tickets.</p> <p>2. An exemption from the Contracts and Funding Code for the above on the grounds of there being a single supplier.</p>	24/05/12	Boris Johnson/ Neale Coleman	The £221,000 cost of this decision, payable in 2012-13, is one-off expenditure which is appropriate to fund from reserves. There is sufficient headroom for this within the Olympics reserve.

MD991*	<p>Agreed:</p> <p>1. The GLA's entry into:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Memorandum of Understanding with the London Legacy Development Corporation; and • An agreement with the Secretary of State for Culture, the Olympics, Media and Sport regarding the sharing of net receipts from the disposal sale of Olympic Park land. <p>2. To delegates to either of the Director of London 2012 Co-ordination or the Executive Director of Resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • generally, all those functions exercisable by the Mayor in respect of the London Legacy Development Corporation under the Localism Act 2011 and the GLA Act 1999 (as amended) and other legislation save where either of the Director of London 2012 Co-ordination or the Executive Director of Resources consider that the function should be exercised by the Mayor; and • authority to finalise and execute on behalf of the GLA the Memorandum of Understanding and net receipt sharing agreement noted at 1(a) and 1(b) above. <p>3. The rates and eligibility criteria for remuneration, travelling and other allowances and sums by way of, or in respect of, pensions and gratuities for Members of the Corporation, as set out in this form, and delegates subsequent changes to them to the Corporation following consultation with the Mayor.</p> <p>4. To delegate the determination of the Chair's pension arrangements (and subsequent changes) to the Corporation following consultation with the Mayor.</p> <p>5. The terms and conditions on which staff of the Corporation are to be appointed, and the rates and eligibility criteria for staff remuneration, travelling and other allowances and pensions and</p>	27/03/12	Boris Johnson/ Neale Coleman	<p>These decisions do not commit the GLA to any direct expenditure.</p> <p>The MOU between the GLA and the Corporation will ensure that the GLA has access to the necessary information to undertake a financial oversight of Corporation's operations and financial management and that Mayoral approval is given before significant financial commitments are entered into, including the generation of income or capital receipts. The setting of the Corporation's revenue and capital budget and borrowing limits will be subject to the relevant statutory process and approval by the Mayor.</p> <p>The Corporation will need to manage the financial impact of its pay and other policies within its operational budget which will be determined in light of any constraints arising from the Mayor's funding envelope in his budget guidance with which it will have to comply. Although annual changes to base pay have regard to the headline Retail Prices Index, public sector pay trends and budgetary constraints are also taken into account.</p>
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	gratuities, as set out in this form, and delegates to the Corporation the approval of any subsequent changes to them following consultation with the Mayor.			
MD989	<p>Agreed:</p> <p>1. To note the recent reports from external and internal audit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of the Mayor's 2012 Sports Legacy Programme (Appendix 1a); • BS8901 (British Standard for Sustainability Management Systems (Appendix 1b); • General Ledger (Appendix 1c); • Budgetary Control Framework (Appendix 1d); • Treasury Management (Appendix 1e); • Debtors Control Framework (Appendix 1f); • Review of Responsible Procurement (Appendix 1g); • Review of Corporate Governance, Strategic Planning and Performance Frameworks (Appendix 1h); • Creditors Payment Framework (Appendix 1i); • Review of Payroll (Appendix 1j) and • Major Contracts (Appendix 1k). • Virtual Computing (Appendix 2a); • Mobile and Portable Devices (Appendix 2b) <p>2. To note the arrangements for the appointment of the Authority's external auditor for the audit of its 2012-13 accounts.</p>	14/05/12	Boris Johnson/ Nicholas Griffin	The additional costs of internal audit of £35,000 in 2012-13 arising from the GLA's new devolved functions and the fee level for the external audit of the Authority's 2011-12 accounts can be contained within the budget provision made for 2012-13. Following the appointment of an external auditor to audit the 2012-13 accounts, the Government intends that there would be a saving in audit fees.
MD985	<p>Agreed:</p> <p>1. To agree to licence the Intellectual Property related to C40 as set out in Appendix A of this decision to C40 Inc until such time as assignment terms can be agreed for the IP.</p> <p>2. To agree to assign the IP related to C40 as set out in Appendix A to C40 Inc.</p>	14/05/12	Boris Johnson/ Kulveer Ranger	There will be no cost and no gain to the GLA arising from this proposal.

MD983	<p>Agreed:</p> <p>1. The nominations of the following candidates, made by the Mayor's Academies Ltd for appointment onto the Board of the London Academies Enterprise Trust:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joan Deslandes • Barbara Harrison • Toby Young 	22/05/12	Boris Johnson/ Munira Mirza	<p>There are no direct financial implications to the GLA arising from this proposal.</p> <p>It should be noted that the position of Director is honorary and unremunerated although members will be entitled to be reimbursed, in accordance with the London Academies Enterprise Trust's expenses and benefits framework, for travel expenses reasonably incurred in performing their role in connection with the LAET Board. Such costs will be funded directly by LAET.</p>
MD960	<p>Agreed:</p> <p>1. Allocation of £60,000 from the 2012/13 GLA Programme budget for Events For London to the proposed award of grant funding set out below.</p> <p>2. Award of grant funding (of up to £60,000) to and entry into a funding agreement with the London Borough of Ealing as a contribution to its costs of the London Mela 2012.</p>	24/05/12	Boris Johnson/ Munira Mirza	<p>The full cost of 2012 London Mela is projected to be up to £502,581. The GLA contribution of £60,000 will be subject to the GLA signing a Funding Agreement with Ealing Council.</p> <p>If Ealing's income targets over and above the GLA's contribution are not met, the event will be reduced accordingly. The GLA will not be responsible for underwriting the London Mela. The GLA's direct contribution to Ealing Council will be capped at £60,000.</p>

MD949*	<p>Agreed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To allocate funding of £100,000, from the 2011/12 Campaigns and Events budget as the Mayor's contribution towards events for The Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations (Public Viewing). 2. To procure and enter into a contract for event management services for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations; delegating to the Executive Director (Resources) authority to approve entry into a contract for the full event sum, estimated up to £2,000,000*, subject to DCMS' confirmed underwriting of costs over and above £100,000. 3. To approve, subject to DCMS' confirmed underwriting, the expenditure of up to £2,000,000*, of which the total sum, less £100,000 and any revenue generated by the GLA, will be reimbursed to the GLA. 4. To undertake a competitive tender exercise to contract suitable organisations to provide bar, catering, retail concession opportunities as appropriate, in order to raise commercial revenue to underwrite part of the costs of staging the events. 5. To delegate approval to the Executive Director for Resources to finalise, approve and execute the Event Organisation Contract; to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the DCMS, Mayor of London and Royal Parks, relating to the delivery and management of this project; to approve entry into and sign any sponsorship agreement to secure income for the events and to enter into an agreement with the BBC to enable BBC coverage of the Diamond Jubilee events to be shown on the screens at no cost to the GLA or DCMS. 6. Agree that if total project costs should exceed estimated £2,000,000, all additional costs to be to be reimbursed by DCMS less any commercial revenue. 	01/03/12	Boris Johnson/ Munira Mirza	<p>The projected total cost of the Diamond Jubilee project, is estimated at up to £2,000,000 but is yet to be confirmed and will not be known until completion of tender exercise, receipt of costed options and agreement from DCMS as to the extent of their contribution. The GLA contribution will be limited to a maximum of £100,000 with all additional costs, subject to agreement, being met by DCMS less any commercial revenue from bars, catering or advertising.</p> <p>*If total project costs exceed estimated £2,000,000, all additional costs to be to be reimbursed by DCMS less any commercial revenue.</p> <p>It is proposed that the GLA contribution of £100,000 will be met from underspends in the Major Civic Event budget in the 2011/12 Campaign and Events programme budget. If this request is not approved then funding will need to be found from within the 2012/13 programme budget.</p>
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MD939*	<p>Agreed:</p> <p>1. To authorise Transport for London under section 38(1) of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 ("the GLA Act", as amended) to exercise the Greater London Authority's powers under sections 30(1) and 34(1) of that Act for the purposes of supporting, preparing and delivering an annual two-day cycle weekend event from 2013, under the current working name of "World-class Legacy Cycling Event", as more generally described in this Form and in accordance with the Delegation attached in Appendix 1 of this decision.</p> <p>2. To endorse the proposed event concept and the involvement and management resources of Mayoral agencies to prepare necessary plans to create the event: Transport for London, London & Partners and Metropolitan Police.</p>	06/02/12	Boris Johnson/ Kulveer Ranger	<p>This project will be jointly managed by London and Partners and TfL. A delivery partner will be appointed through a full tender process to manage and deliver the event at its own cost. It will also be the responsibility of the delivery partner to secure funding through private sponsorship, sales of event entries to fully cover all costs.</p> <p>No funds are required from the GLA and no procurement in relation to this event will be made via the GLA.</p> <p>As such there are no financial implications in relation to the Greater London Authority.</p>
MD933*	<p>Agreed:</p> <p>1. To carry out an exercise to procure a value added reseller who can facilitate the establishment of a GLA Enterprise Agreement with Microsoft.</p> <p>2. To transfer existing LDA (and, if possible, HCA) Microsoft licences to the GLA as part of the process of establishing a GLA Enterprise Agreement.</p> <p>3. To seek to negotiate an agreement with Microsoft via the value added reseller selected during the procurement process whereby the GLA can access Microsoft Project and Visio software in a flexible manner.</p> <p>4. Total revenue expenditure of up to £162,000 per year for up to 5 years and capital expenditure of up to £54,000 for the purpose of</p>	09/02/12	Boris Johnson/ Edward Lister	<p>The estimated cost of this project is £540,000 spanning three financial years from 2012-13 to 2014-15. The estimated cost includes a one-off capital cost of £54,000 payable in 2012-13 and annual revenue costs of £162,000 payable until the end 2014-15</p> <p>The one-off capital cost of £54,000 to be incurred in 2012-13 will be met from under-spends within the 2011-12 Capital Budgets as identified by the Technology Group.</p> <p>The annual software / license</p>

	<p>establishing the GLA Enterprise Agreement.</p> <p>5. The growth to the IT Revenue Budget of £162,000 per year after the initial period of the agreement to allow the GLA to meet the continuing costs of future agreements.</p> <p>6. A contingency of 25% above the estimated cost in case unforeseen costs or requirements arise during the process of setting up the Enterprise Agreement.</p> <p>7. To delegate to the Executive Director – Finance responsibility to sign undertakings as necessary with Microsoft and/or the selected procurement partner to establish the Microsoft Enterprise Agreement.</p> <p>8. That the GLA Finance department makes budget adjustments necessary to establish the Microsoft Enterprise Agreement within the approved budgets in this Mayoral Decision.</p> <p>9. To defer publication of this report until a GLA Microsoft Enterprise Agreement has been established because it contains information that is commercially sensitive.</p>			<p>revenue costs of £162,000 per annum will be built as a commitment in the budget for 2012-13 and subsequent years and funding can be met by reducing the projected contingency provision, and this will be reflected in the detailed GLA revenue budget which will be submitted for the Mayor's approval following the Assembly's consideration of the Mayor's budget.</p> <p>In addition to the budget provision noted above, an additional 25% contingency has been earmarked to fund any unforeseen costs that become payable as a result of the enterprise agreement, estimated at £41,000 per annum. This will be drawn down from the contingency budget only when required and prior approval will need to be sought.</p>
MD902*	<p>Agreed:</p> <p>1. A one off virement of £140,000 from Sports Accord Budget in the London Engagement budget to the City Ops LOOK and FEEL programme required to deliver the Hidden London project</p>	16/11/11	Boris Johnson/ Dan Ritterband	<p>The total costs of The Hidden London project are estimated to be £540,000. There is provision within the Hidden London element of the Look and Feel programme for a total of £400,000 over financial years 2011-12 and 2012-13. This is funded from the Olympic Games precept and managed within the £32 million budget agreed in MD696 for the Look and Feel programme.</p>

				The virement of £140K will come from the Sport Accord 2011/12 budget to the Hidden London Element of the Look and Feel programme. There is provision for this activity within the London Engagement Budget for 2011/12.
DD802	<p>Agreed:</p> <p>1. The terms of the Grant Offer Letter (Annex A) from the Department for Business Innovation & Skills on behalf of the Greater London Authority as accountable body for the London Enterprise Panel's successful bid for funding from the 'Local Enterprise Partnership Capacity Fund Round 2' of up to £76,800 for the period from 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2015 with all expenditure to be accrued by 31-03-15.</p> <p>2. As per the delegation given by the Mayor under MD940, expenditure of up to £76,800 gross (£25,600 2012/3, £25,600 2013/14 and £25,600 2014/15) on activity to support the London Enterprise Panel in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business and stakeholder engagement; • London's Economy: Intelligence and information gathering and analysis; • Financial modelling. <p>3. To notes that expenditure (other than the funding of the report from the independent auditor) will be fully funded by the BIS grant which is payable quarterly in arrears based on expenditure incurred.</p> <p>4. The signing of the Grant Offer Letter by the Executive Director of Resources.</p> <p>5. To notes that:</p>	29/05/12	Fiona Fletcher-Smith	<p>The GLA is the accountable body for the London Enterprise Panel and is therefore responsible for funding allocated to the Panel. The Panel is a non-incorporated consultative and advisory body established by the Mayor under sections 30 and 34 of the GLA Act 1999 and has no separate, independent or corporate legal status. Whilst the Panel can advise the Mayor on the allocation of funding made available to it by Government, it must work within the legal, governance and financial framework that governs the GLA.</p> <p>The funding of £76.800 will be allocated to the Corporate Management Team budget given the corporate nature of this aspect of the LEP spend.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenditure must be compliant with the terms of the Grant Offer Letter (Annex A); • It is intended to agree an update of the expenditure areas post signature of the Grant Offer Letter, as detailed in Annex C and approves the subsequent signature of the Grant Offer Letter in the same terms with the exception of the expenditure areas, which will be as set out in Annex C to this Decision. 			
DD800	<p>Agreed:</p> <p>1. The award a contract for up to £15,000 to appoint a supplier following a mini-competition call-off using TfL's existing framework agreement for cartography services (for Team London Ambassador Pod and Location Maps) to provide this requirement.</p>	22/05/12	Neale Coleman	This will be funded from the 2012-13 Maps element of the Look and Feel London budget. Expenditure forecasts will be planned in more detail and re-profiled as necessary when the successful supplier is appointed. Approvals for the printing and distribution of these maps will be obtained by way of separate director decisions.
DD799	<p>Agreed:</p> <p>1. An exemption from the requirements of the GLA's Contracts and Funding Code so that the GLA may – without prior competition – enter into a contract with Bounce Agency to print and deliver 8,000 copies of the TfL Knowledge Handbook, on the basis that the risks of tendering outweigh the benefits.</p> <p>2. To enter into the contract with Bounce Agency for the printing and delivery of 8,000 copies of the TfL Knowledge Handbook. The contract value is estimated at £12,000 and will be funded from the Games Time Marketing and Communications element of the London Ambassadors budget.</p>	28/05/12	Neale Coleman	The cost of entering into this contract is estimated at £12,000. There is provision for this amount within the 2012-13 Games Time Marketing and Communication element of the London Ambassadors programme budget.

DD797	<p>Agreed:</p> <p>1. Entry into an agreement with up to 45 locations and area manager offices to provide venues and catering to deliver Module 3 Training for Ambassadors, at an estimated cost of £93,000, to be funded from the Training element of the London Ambassadors budget.</p> <p>2. Entry into an agreement with up to 1 location (Gatwick) to provide venues and catering to deliver Module 3 Training for Ambassadors, (via an exemption from the requirement of section 3.8 of the GLA's Contracts and Funding Code to conduct a competitive procurement exercise, on the basis that the risks of tendering outweigh the benefits) at an estimated cost of £7,000, to be funded from the Training element of the London Ambassadors budget.</p>	25/05/12	Neale Coleman	<p>The cost of entering into this contract is estimated at £100,000. There is provision for this amount within the 2012-13 Training element of the London Ambassadors programme budget.</p> <p>MD808 approved the funding of the programme, including use of the Games precept and a transfer of funds from LDA. The budget will be kept under review and monitored by the London 2012 City Operations team.</p>
DD795	<p>Agreed:</p> <p>1. Entry into a contract with Telefonica O2 Rental Services Limited under the existing TfL Wireless Communications Framework Agreement (ITC10686) at an estimated cost of £90,000 to be funded from the Technology element of the London Ambassadors budget for the provision of mobiles and blackberries for the period 01-05-12 to 30-09-12 to the volunteer managers of London 2012 volunteers deployed across London by the GLA to allow them to liaise with the volunteer ambassadors, GLA and various Olympic stakeholders.</p>	23/05/12	Neale Coleman	<p>The total cost of entering into this contract is estimated at £90,000 based on current information. This figure includes a provision of approximately £5,000 for replacing lost or stolen phones and the related six-month line rental charges.</p> <p>There is provision for this amount within the 2012-13 Games Time Technology element of the London Ambassadors programme budget. If it becomes necessary to commit to additional expenditure under this agreement, approval will need to be obtained as appropriate by way of further director decisions and contained within the overall London Ambassadors budget.</p>

DD794	<p>Agreed:</p> <p>1. To retrospectively approve additional GLA expenditure of up to £60,000, on external advice on the establishment of a GLA company structure.</p>	17/05/12	Martin Clarke	<p>DD657 obtained approval for £60,000 on external advice for the establishment of the GLA company structure. The additional expenditure of £60,000 will be funded by the Housing and Land Directorate from the external services budget in GLA Land & Property Ltd.</p>
DD793	<p>Agreed:</p> <p>1. To commission replacement platform lift works, supplies and services at Trafalgar Square from MITIE Technical Services with a value of up to £149,544.</p> <p>2. The continued engagement of EC Harris to supervise and manage the works (with a value of up to £18,319).</p>	17/05/12	Martin Clarke	<p>Approval is sought to enter into a contract to replace the platform lift at Trafalgar Square in time for the Olympics this year.</p> <p>The total estimated cost of the works is £168,000 which will be funded from London Squares budget held within the Resilience & Facilities Management Team.</p> <p>Any changes to this proposal, including budgetary implications will be subject to further approval via the Authority's decision making process.</p>
DD792	<p>Agreed:</p> <p>1. Expenditure of £12,690 (+VAT) on hotel rooms for delegates via an exemption from the Contracts Code of Conduct and which will be recovered from delegates.</p>	18/05/12	Jeff Jacobs	<p>The estimated gross cost of this proposal is £12,690 and the anticipated net cost to the GLA will be nil as it is proposed 100% of the costs incurred will be recovered from the delegates / organisations themselves (15 delegates in total). It is proposed that the GLA will incur the expenditure in the first instance from the GLA reserves and</p>

				invoice the delegates for the full costs incurred.
DD791	<p>Agreed:</p> <p>1. That the Director of Development and Environment (acting under authority delegated as per MD895) authorises:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the purchase of 639 High Road, Tottenham by either the GLA or GLA Land and Property Limited (whichever is appropriate) from the London Borough of Haringey; • the allocation and spend from the Mayor's Regeneration Fund of up to £555,000 for the acquisition, including stamp duty land tax and legal fees, of 639 High Road, Tottenham. 	17/05/12	Fiona Fletcher-Smith	<p>The cost of this decision is estimated at up to £555,000 which will be capital expenditure incurred in 2012-13. Funding for the project will be from the £70 million approved budget for post-riots regeneration interventions which includes £20 million London Enterprise Fund grant funding from the Department for Communities and Local Government.</p> <p>In approving this decision the GLA will be committing to future revenue costs by way of operator subsidy, although the longer term objective is that the building should be self-financing. The potential annual on-going cost is currently estimated at up to £300,000.</p>
DD789	<p>Agreed:</p> <p>1. The allocation of £50,000 from the Outer London Fund budget and £20,000 from the Mayor's Regeneration Fund budget to cover consultant fees for the second Specialist Assistance Team for recipients of Round Two of the Outer London Fund as well as selected Mayor's Regeneration Fund projects.</p> <p>2. The appointment of the consultants listed in section 1.9 of this decision.</p>	15/05/12	Fiona Fletcher-Smith	<p>The total revenue budget of £70,000 is being requested to be allocated for this Special Assistance Team and it is proposed that £50,000 of this is to be met from the Outer London Fund's programme support budget referenced in the OLF MD840 and subsequently in the Mayor's Regeneration Fund MD895. The remaining £20,000 is to be from MRF topslice budget for specialist support also referenced in MD895.</p>

DD788	<p>Agreed:</p> <p>1. To procure and enter into a contract with the winning tenderer for the interim evaluation of the London European Regional Development Fund 2007-13. The contract will be worth up to £40,000 excluding VAT, and will be paid for using a combination of ERDF bank account interest (which must be put to ERDF purposes), and ERDF Technical Assistance funding, which the GLA claims in arrears.</p>	14/05/12	Martin Clarke	<p>The project will be managed by European Programmes Management Unit within the GLA's Resources directorate. The contract will be worth up to £40,000 excluding VAT and will be paid for using a combination of ERDF bank account interest (which must be put to ERDF purposes), and ERDF Technical Assistance funding, which the GLA claims in arrears.</p> <p>Therefore there is no direct financial cost to the GLA. EPMU however will need to ensure compliance with ERDF rules.</p>
DD786	<p>Agreed:</p> <p>1. The entry into a licence agreement with the Newspaper Licensing Agency for one year and payment of the annual fees in respect of the same.</p> <p>2. A related exemption from the requirement to seek three or more competitive quotations /make a call off from an accessible framework for the provision of the licence to reflect the Newspaper Licensing Agency's position as sole licensor of copyright materials circulated by way of the press cutting service.</p>	18/05/12	Dan Ritterband	<p>The cost of the Media Monitoring service's Newspaper Licensing Agency fee to cover the period 25 May 2012 to 24 May 2013 is £44,157.05 + vat.</p> <p>The GLA and TfL jointly fund the media monitoring services. The GLA's share of these costs is £5,722.75, of which £4,867.75 will be met from the Media Monitoring 2012-13 budget. The remaining £855 will be met by equal contributions from the Facilities Management and Information Services 2012-13 budgets</p>
DD772	<p>Agreed:</p> <p>1. To award grant funding to and entry into and execution of a grant</p>	14/05/12	Dan Ritterband	<p>The estimated maximum gross cost of the festival is £86,500 and the net cost to the GLA will be no more</p>

	funding agreement with Capital Age Festival (2002) Limited (CAF) of up to £27,000 for the Capital Age Festival taking place from 1-15 July 2012, as a contribution to the design, creative and infrastructure costs of the festival.			than £27,000. Other funding streams from commercial sponsors, trusts, advertising and donations will meet the balance of £59,500.
DD784	<p>Agreed:</p> <p>1. Call off programme management support services to the value of £9,000 from the framework agreement entitled the "GLA City Operations Project Management Services under the Office of Government Commerce Buying Solutions (OGCBS) Consultancy Solutions Services Agreement" with Deloitte LLP to obtain these resources for financial year 2012/13.</p>	17/05/12	Neale Coleman	<p>The appointed resources will be engaged under the terms of the management consultancy call-off contract between City Operations and Deloitte.</p> <p>On the basis of 15 working days in the period (which assumes no days are taken as sick leave) this would cost the GLA £9,000. Although this exceeds the cost of a GLA appointment for an equivalent period under the approved City Operations team structure of £8,500, Deloitte have offered the GLA pro-bono support from their partners and staff as part of this agreement. The value of this support (on the basis of their daily rates) exceeds the difference in the cost as stated above.</p>
DD728*	<p>Agreed</p> <p>1. To undertake a procurement exercise to identify a supplier of IT equipment and specialist design software.</p> <p>2. The subsequent award of contract(s) for such supply to the supplier(s) submitting the most economically advantageous bid(s).</p>	20/03/12	Fiona Fletcher-Smith	<p>Approval is being sought to purchase IT Equipment for the Design for London team as detailed in this report up to the value of £20,000.</p> <p>The cost of £20,000 is part of £115,000 expenditure agreed at 7 February IPB for Capital Project and Design that is to be met from</p>

				Design for London 2011-12 budget.
DD713*	<p>Agreed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To allocate a budget of up to £40,000 to fund the purchase and installation of the replacement SAN switches. 2. To allocate a revenue budget of up to £10,000 to cover the annual support and maintenance on the SAN, This would be met from existing TG Revenue budgets. 3. To procure a 3-year contract for the provision of maintenance services for the new switches. 4. The commencement of a competitive procurement for the SAN Replacement and the award of contract to the bidder submitting the most economically advantageous tender. 	13/03/12	Martin Clarke	It is estimated that the cost of the SAN Switches will be up to £40,000. This will be funded from the 2011-12 Technology Group Capital budget, held under the Resources Directorate. The ongoing maintenance and support costs of up to £10,000 per annum will be contained within the existing Technology Group Revenue budgets in future years.
DD707*	<p>Agreed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To commence a procurement exercise to purchase 200 simultaneous user licenses for the Juniper SA 4500 appliance and 200 clustering licenses for another SA 4500 appliance. 2. To award a contract to supply these licenses to the supplier tendering the bid that is most economically advantageous. 	01/03/12	Martin Clarke	The estimated cost is £45,000 and will be met from the 2011-12 Technology Group Capital budget held under the Resources Directorate. There are no revenue costs associated with this purchase.
DD692*	<p>Agreed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The allocation of a budget of £50,000 to fund the purchase of the SAN replacement. 2. The allocation of a revenue budget of up to £6,000 to cover the annual support and maintenance on the SAN, This would be met from existing TG Revenue budgets. 	31/01/12	Martin Clarke	These costs will be contained within the existing revenue budgets allocated for the Technology Group, with future years budgets being subject to the annual budget process.

	3. The commencement of a competitive procurement for the SAN Replacement and the award of contract to the bidder submitting the most economically advantageous tender.			
DD691*	<p>Agreed:</p> <p>1. The procurement of technical consultancy services (with up to a value of up to £50,000) required to build and develop a volunteer data capture and storage mechanism for Team London.</p> <p>2. The award of and entry into a contract, with value up to £50,000 for the above services, to and with the bidder submitting the most economically advantageous tender.</p> <p>3. Expenditure up to £50,000 from the Team London Programme budget in this regard.</p>	16/03/12	Jeff Jacobs	MD751 approved the receipt of £2m from the Reuben Foundation to support Team London programme of work. It is from within this funding source that the proposed contract(s) is to be funded. The receipt of the income, due in 2011-12 and associated expenditure will be accounted for within the Health & Communities Unit's budget.
DD678*	<p>Agreed:</p> <p>1. To award a contract to Greenwich+Docklands Festivals (from 31 Jan until 31 March 2012 for a sum of up to £14,000), for Liberty development services and the preparation of a funding application (on behalf of the GLA) for Arts Council Grants for the Arts, and a related exemption from the requirement of the GLA's Contracts and Funding Code to seek three or more quotations in this regard.</p> <p>2. The allocation of up to £14,000 from within existing Disability Festival budget for 2011-12 for work as outlined in 1.1.</p> <p>3. The allocation of a core budget of up to £90,000 from the 2012/13 GLA Events for London programme budget towards Liberty festival 2012.</p> <p>4. The procurement of an event organisation contractor for Liberty 2012 (under the GLA's Events framework) and subsequent award of a contract to the bidder providing the most economically advantageous bid.</p> <p>5. The making of an application to the Arts Council for 'Grants for</p>	16/01/12	Dan Ritterband	<p>The estimated cost of development work for Liberty 2012 to be carried out in the Financial Year 2011-12 will not exceed the current remaining budget estimated at £14,388.</p> <p>The estimated gross cost of this project in 2012/13 is £150,000 and the net cost to the GLA will be £90,000. The balance of £50,000 is projected income from the Arts Council (£40,000) and sponsorship income currently being sought (£20,000).</p>

	<p>the Arts' funding and if successful the entry into a funding agreement with the Arts Council and use of the funding for the enhanced programming of the Liberty Festival 2012.</p> <p>6. The seeking of sponsorship for Liberty 2012; (£20,000 target).</p> <p>7. The delegation of authority to the Director of Marketing to approve entry into (and agree and execute) related sponsorship agreements without the need for any further MD/DD.</p>			
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PRIORITY ORDER PAPER**Report No: 5****Subject: Questions to the Mayor****Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat**

Questions not asked during Mayor's Question Time will be given a written response by
Monday 18 June 2012.

Metropolitan Police Budget**Question No: 1853 / 2012**[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What will you cut in the Metropolitan Police to meet the £380 million budget shortfall over the next 2 years?

Childcare**Question No: 1544 / 2012**[Len Duvall](#)

What plans do you have to help London's parents who are struggling to afford childcare?

Crime Reduction on Public Transport**Question No: 1534 / 2012**[Steve O'Connell](#)

Why is crime on London's transport network at an 8 year low?

Housing scandals**Question No: 1810 / 2012**[Darren Johnson](#)

Will Homes for London do anything new to tackle the many housing scandals that blight the lives of tens of thousands of households?

Press Conferences

Question No: 1545 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

How many open press conferences did you hold in your first term?

Heathrow Expansion

Question No: 1518 / 2012

[Victoria Borwick](#)

Given that airport capacity in the South East needs to expand, would you accept that if you oppose Heathrow expansion it is important to make the case for expansion elsewhere?

Shared Services

Question No: 1524 / 2012

[Tony Arbour](#)

H&F Council was involved in merging services to save on funds. With the former H&F Council leader appointed to run the MOPC, would you consider the possibility of police & council staff merging their work and multitasking more often in order to create efficiencies?

A12 Junction at Newbury Park station

Question No: 1519 / 2012

[Roger Evans](#)

A spate of incidents at this junction have been caused by cars performing illegal U-turns across the carriageway. Will TfL and the Metropolitan Police take urgent steps to prevent U-turning at this location and save lives?

Beecroft Report

Question No: 1546 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Do you support the Beecroft report proposal on “no fault” dismissal and would this benefit the labour market in London?

Economy Assessment

Question No: 1547 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Have you made a recent assessment of the effect on London business confidence of the economy entering recession?

LFEPA

Question No: 1548 / 2012

[Navin Shah](#)

Will you guarantee not to close any fire stations over the next four years?

Rough Sleeping

Question No: 1549 / 2012

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Why is rough sleeping increasing?

Tube compensation

Question No: 1550 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

How much compensation did Transport for London pay to Jubilee Line passengers for the failures which took place in May 2012?

Olympic marketing protocol

Question No: 1517 / 2012

[Andrew Boff](#)

LOCOG's 'No marketing rights' protocol and brand protection rules are starting to be enforced with ever increasing vigour, with the public being informed, for example, that they will not be able to upload videos or pictures of the Games onto social media platforms. Will you put pressure on LOCOG to relax these rules, or at least hold back on their enforcement, due to their potential to both limit the economic benefits of the Games, and severely dampen the spirits of the public who's enthusiasm is so crucial to ensuring a successful Olympics?

HS2 (2)

Question No: 1541 / 2012

[Richard Tracey](#)

Please list all the unfunded transport projects in London for which there is a better business case than HS2?

Beds in Sheds

Question No: 1551 / 2012

[Tom Copley](#)

What action have you taken to tackle the appalling problem of beds in sheds?

Dangerous Dogs

Question No: 1552 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Have you responded to the Government's recent consultation paper on responsible dog ownership and is it sufficient to tackle dangerous dogs in London?

Royal Docks Enterprise Zone

Question No: 1512 / 2012

[Andrew Boff](#)

Independent research into the success of enterprise zones has continually argued that investment in skills and infrastructure are fundamental if lasting improvements are to be made, and future competitiveness assured. Investment in infrastructure at the Royal Docks is well documented. What investment is being made in skills for this area?

Air quality during the Olympics

Question No: 1875 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

What steps are you taking to improve air quality during the Olympic and Paralympic Games?

Suburban Rail

Question No: 1539 / 2012

[Richard Tracey](#)

There has been some concern from those who commute into London that a TfL-run rail franchise might favour London at their expense. Has TfL considered releasing some provisional timetables to assuage these fears and show rail users what a TfL-run rail service would look like?

Public health information on air pollution

Question No: 1797 / 2012

[Jenny Jones](#)

Are you satisfied that Londoners have enough information about health, air pollution and bad air days?

Mental Health

Question No: 1553 / 2012

[Fiona Twycross](#)

What proportion of your budget will be allocated to support Mental Health in London?

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

Distribution of Olympic tickets

Question No: 1856 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

You have previously stated that between 450 and 500 tickets for the Olympic and Paralympic Games - offered by LOCOG to the GLA - will be allocated to external organisations and persons as part of a programme that seeks to drive investment and economic development in London. You have also stated that details of who has received each of these tickets, and why, will be published on the GLA website. Can you confirm when the publication of this information will commence?

Accreditation

Question No: 1554 / 2012

[Nicky Gavron](#)

How many landlords and letting agents have signed up to your accreditation scheme?

Air Quality

Question No: 1555 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

What evidence is there to the claim you made during the Mayor's report you gave at the MQT session on the 23rd of May that "air quality had improved in the last four years"?

Personal robbery

Question No: 1556 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Further to the staggering 8% increase in personal robbery over the last 12 months, what steps are you taking to ensure London does not witness a muggings epidemic during the Olympic & Paralympic Games?

Brothels in Newham

Question No: 1509 / 2012

[Andrew Boff](#)

How many brothels have been closed down in Newham in the last three months?

Olympic Ticket re-sales

Question No: 1510 / 2012

[Andrew Boff](#)

Will you push LOCOG to consider re-selling tickets for empty hospitality seats at the Olympic and Paralympic Games to prevent the embarrassing sight of the best seats remaining empty?

Hostel Accommodation around the Olympic Park

Question No: 1511 / 2012

[Andrew Boff](#)

A number of stakeholders have raised concerns about the availability of cheap hostel style accommodation close to the Olympic Park that would allow schools and clubs to make overnight visits to the Olympic Park once it has fully re-opened. What is the current provision of such accommodation in the immediate area around the Park, and what plans are there to boost it if the provision is not sufficient?

Olympic Park Press and broadcast centre (1)

Question No: 1513 / 2012

[Andrew Boff](#)

What is the estimated generating capacity, cost and annual return of the PV solar panels that will be installed during the transformation of the Olympic Park Press and Broadcast Centre?

Olympic Park Press and broadcast centre (2)

Question No: 1514 / 2012

[Andrew Boff](#)

What is the estimated cost of installation and annual savings on bills of the cladding that is to be installed in the Olympic Park Press and Broadcast Centre?

Parking Standards

Question No: 1515 / 2012

[Andrew Boff](#)

What progress is being made in the review of London Plan parking standards, as announced in your draft Housing SPG (supplementary planning guidance) document in December?

Olympic Stadium Warm-up track

Question No: 1516 / 2012

[Andrew Boff](#)

Please could you provide us with the details of the exact size and location of the proposed athletics warm-up track, due to be moved from its current location south of the Greenway, to the site to the north of the Greenway, when the park is transformed following the Games?

London Plan

Question No: 1520 / 2012

[Roger Evans](#)

What changes, if any, do you intend to make to the London Plan over the next 4 years?

Extending the 248 bus route to Queens Hospital

Question No: 1521 / 2012

[Roger Evans](#)

Will you instruct TfL to investigate extending some of the buses running on route 248 to Queens Hospital, thus providing a direct public transport link to the East side of Havering?

Road Closure Updates

Question No: 1522 / 2012

[Roger Evans](#)

How does TfL keep people informed on road closures on a daily basis?

Pedestrian Phasing

Question No: 1523 / 2012

[Roger Evans](#)

How many traffic lights in London have automatic pedestrian phasing regardless of whether or not there are any pedestrians waiting to cross?

Enterprise Zones

Question No: 1525 / 2012

[Tony Arbour](#)

Are you still lobbying for the creation of further enterprise zones across the capital, in addition to the Royal Docks and Vauxhall Nine Elms Battersea regeneration area?

Portas Pilots

Question No: 1526 / 2012

[Steve O'Connell](#)

My constituents in Croydon will be delighted to hear that Croydon's Old Town has been awarded a grant of £100,000 to run a 'Portas Pilot.' When will my constituents in Sutton find out how they can submit their ideas for a Portas Pilot in their area, following your announcement of funding for a further three such pilot schemes across the capital?

Police Raids

Question No: 1527 / 2012

[Steve O'Connell](#)

Police recently incorrectly carried out a raid in Croydon at 2am in the morning. The house was home to a single mother and her two daughters. Do you agree that the police should do all they can to ensure that their tactics take into account the possible presence of young children when carrying out these operations?

A&E/Maternity Services Croydon and Sutton

Question No: 1528 / 2012

[Steve O'Connell](#)

Given your responsibility for reducing health inequality in London, do you agree that there is enough patient demand to retain individual A&E, maternity care and full range of services at St Helier and Croydon University Hospital?

Outer London Cycle Hire Scheme

Question No: 1529 / 2012

[Steve O'Connell](#)

Could you give an update on the proposal to create a stand alone cycle hire scheme in Outer London that will include Croydon as priority?

ASB Pilots

Question No: 1530 / 2012

[Steve O'Connell](#)

Do you support the recent announcement by the Home Secretary regarding the proposal to force police to take action against persistent perpetrators of anti-social behaviour? Will MOPC follow the pilots in Manchester, Lincolnshire and Brighton?

National Planning Framework

Question No: 1531 / 2012

[Steve O'Connell](#)

Will you reaffirm your commitment to protect back gardens and the green belt from development in light of the new National Planning Framework and its presumption in favour of sustainable development?

Neighbourhood Policing Numbers

Question No: 1532 / 2012

[Steve O'Connell](#)

Could you provide an update on the progress of your commitment to increase neighbourhood officers by 2000?

Purley Fire Station Investment

Question No: 1533 / 2012

[Steve O'Connell](#)

You will be aware that the plans for the new fire station at Purley Fire Station have been

published. Would you agree that the proposed state of the art facility will be of great benefit to residents across Croydon and Sutton, and is a good example of investment in London's resilience infrastructure?

Tesco Development South End Croydon

Question No: 1535 / 2012

[Steve O'Connell](#)

The businesses in South End Croydon are dismayed at the conversion of a historic pub into a Tesco's. Will the Mayor join me in supporting local businesses?

Cross Rail/HS2 Interchange

Question No: 1537 / 2012

[Richard Tracey](#)

Could the Mayor clarify whether Old Oak Common, the rail inter-change between Crossrail, the Great Western Railway and High Speed 2 remains an idea or is now part of the Crossrail scheme. I ask because it is not marked on the planned route.

Nine Elms Enterprise Zone

Question No: 1538 / 2012

[Richard Tracey](#)

Please could you update us on the progress made towards securing enterprise zone status for the Vauxhall Nine Elms Battersea regeneration area?

HS2 (1)

Question No: 1540 / 2012

[Richard Tracey](#)

In TfL's estimation, how likely is it that High Speed 2 will go ahead?

Dogs on Buses

Question No: 1542 / 2012

[Richard Tracey](#)

What is TfL's policy on the carriage of dogs on buses?

Single Environment Strategy

Question No: 1543 / 2012

[James Cleverly](#)

When do you propose to develop the Single Environment Strategy, as set out in the Localism Act, and what benefits will this bring to the work of the GLA?

SNT

Question No: 1557 / 2012

[Navin Shah](#)

What plans do you have to restore the current depleted SNTs across London?

Commemoration at the Olympics

Question No: 1558 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

What progress have you made with the IOC concerning the proposal for a minute's silence at the Olympics to commemorate the victims of the Munich terrorist attack?

APEX Corner

Question No: 1559 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Will you review the Transport for London traffic lights at APEX corner to make them full time not part time only?

Bus Route 307

Question No: 1560 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Will you review bus route 307, to ensure that Barnet residents who are inconvenienced as a result of the redirection of the route can be reconnected to it?

Market Place NW11

Question No: 1561 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Will you review the parking arrangements and enforcement at Market Place NW11, Falloden Way, to ensure that the parking controls are fair, are clearly marked and signed, and that some commonsense is applied by Transport for London when using CCTV enforcement?

Stanley Road Playing Fields

Question No: 1562 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Will you make representations to Barnet Council to ensure Stanley Road playing fields are kept as playing fields?

National Counter-Terrorism Policing

Question No: 1563 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

What discussions have you had with the Government over the future organisation of national counter terrorism policing?

War Crimes

Question No: 1564 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

What resources are made available to the Metropolitan Police for war crimes investigations?

Shortage of Primary and Secondary School Places

Question No: 1565 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Has the Mayor's Education Inquiry looked at the likely shortage of primary and secondary school places in the capital; if so, what discussions have you had with HMG and the Boroughs about this, and what action do you propose to take?

Cycle Superhighway Implementation in Barnet

Question No: 1566 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

You promised to overrule 'recusants' in Barnet that had prevented cycle superhighways from being implemented in the borough- have you done so?

Police Numbers in Barnet

Question No: 1567 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

As of 31st May, how many full time sworn police officers were there in Barnet; how many special constables; how many PCSOs; how many sergeants; what were the strength of each of the SNTs, broken down by officer ranks and types; what were the comparable figures for 31st May 2011 and 2010; and what he expects the figures to be on 31st May 2013?

Police Numbers in Camden

Question No: 1568 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

As of 31st May, how many full time sworn police officers were there in Camden; how many special constables; how many PCSOs; how many sergeants; what were the strength of each of the SNTs, broken down by officer ranks and types; what were the comparable figures for 31st May 2011 and 2010; and what he expects the figures to be on 31st May 2013?

War Memorials

Question No: 1569 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

What action do you propose to take to support the Boroughs to ensure the capital's war memorials are maintained and that the fallen of subsequent conflicts are suitably commemorated on them?

Dollis Valley Green Walk

Question No: 1570 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Are you aware that the Dollis Valley Green Walk was left uncompleted by Barnet Council; are you satisfied with what has been done; and if not, what do you propose to do about it?

High Streets

Question No: 1571 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

What plans do you have to rejuvenate the capital's high streets?

North London Waste Plan

Question No: 1572 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

In your submission on the North London Waste Plan (NLWP) to the Planning Inspector dated 15 May, you say that apart from a few technical issues, the NLWP is “in general conformity” with the London Plan. Does that include conformity with your London Plan Air Quality Strategy, in particular policy 7.14 which says development proposals should be at least ‘air quality neutral’ and not lead to further deterioration of existing poor air quality (such as areas designated as Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs), bearing in mind that the North London Waste Plan is proposing to locate a waste treatment plant at a site on Pinkham Way, which is designated an Air Quality Management Area. Have you considered the impact of increased heavy industrial traffic in a location that, according to the last air quality survey, is the 8th most polluted in London? <http://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/The%20London%20Plan%202011.pdf> p229

North London Waste Plan 2

Question No: 1573 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

In your submission on the North London Waste Plan to the Planning Inspector dated 15 May, you say that apart from a few technical issues, the NLWP is “in general conformity” with the London Plan. Does that include conformity with your London Plan policy 5.17 on waste capacity that says “ proposals for waste management should be evaluated against...the full transport and environmental impact of all collection, transfer and disposal movements and, in particular, the scope to maximise the use of rail and water transport using the Blue Ribbon Network, bearing in mind that the Pinkham Way site is road locked and therefore less suitable than the Edmonton Eco-Park site which has canal and rail access, and capacity to expand? <http://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/LP2011%20Chapter%205.pdf> p161

North London Waste Plan 3

Question No: 1574 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

In your submission on the North London Waste Plan to the Planning Inspector dated 15 May, you say that apart from a few technical issues, the NLWP is “in general conformity” with the London Plan. Does that include conformity with your London Plan policy 6.14 on freight , particularly that “The Mayor will work with all relevant partners to improve freight distribution (including servicing and deliveries) and to promote movement of freight by rail and waterway.” <http://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/LP2011%20Chapter%206.pdf> p202

North London Waste Plan 4

Question No: 1575 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

In making your submission to the Planning Inspector on the North London Waste Plan, have you considered the views of local residents who are implacably opposed to the plan to locate a waste treatment plant at Pinkham Way because of the increased traffic, congestion and pollution?

Safer for Cyclists

Question No: 1576 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

What action do you propose to take to make Camden Road/St Pancras Way safer for cyclist in

light of serious and fatal accidents there?

Cycle High Scheme

Question No: 1577 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Will you extend the cycle hire scheme to Chalk Farm and Kentish Town?

Privatisation of Fire Control

Question No: 1578 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Do you propose to go ahead with the privatisation of fire control?

London Fire Safety Plan

Question No: 1579 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

At what stage do you believe the trades unions should be consulted and involved in the preparation of the new London Fire Safety Plan (IRMP)?

Closing Fire Stations

Question No: 1580 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

How many fire stations do you anticipate closing as a result of your budget cuts?

Fire Cover during the Olympics

Question No: 1581 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Do you propose to have professional London firefighters to provide fire cover at the Olympic Park temporary fire stations?

AssetCo

Question No: 1582 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

For the last 12 months, what was the total that could have been reclaimed from AssetCo by way of abated payments for under performance on their contract, and how much was actually reclaimed?

Prioritisation of Transport Investments

Question No: 1584 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

During the election campaign just passed, you expressed an enthusiasm for a number of transport projects, including a DLR extension to Bromley and Croydon tram extensions. Given that these seem to have your support while proposals already in the transport strategy do not, how are going to demonstrate a prioritisation based on value for money and contribution to the transport strategy, overridden as necessary by Mayoral fiat?

Deliver the 2012 Games

Question No: 1585 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

Why did you claim, in your manifesto, that you will deliver the 2012 Games on time and on budget, when the big build was completed in July 2011?

Olympic Precept

Question No: 1586 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

Why, during the election, did you promise not to raise council tax to pay for the Olympic Legacy, when you had already committed to the Olympic Precept ending in MQT 2224/2011?

Olympic Legacy Expenditure

Question No: 1587 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

Why, during the election, did you promise to publish the Olympic legacy expenditure when this has already been happening since April 2011?

Investment in London

Question No: 1588 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

You have said you will lead London's relations with international partners this summer to bring new investment and jobs to our city. How?

Tourism in London

Question No: 1589 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

You have said you would work with the tourism industry to capitalise on the high profile of summer 2012. How?

Host London House

Question No: 1590 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

The decision to host "London House" was announced in April 2011, so why did you re-announce it during the election campaign?

Sporting Legacy

Question No: 1591 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

During the election you said you would expand grassroots sporting legacy through a £30 million programme. Can you explain when the £30m will be spent over the next four financial years?

London Ambassadors (1)

Question No: 1592 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

How will you ensure the 8,000 London Ambassadors go on to volunteer via Team London?

London Ambassadors (2)

Question No: 1593 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

Will you investigate whether the London Ambassadors project can be repeated for other sporting events and if so when?

Love Clean London

Question No: 1594 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

What GLA resources have been committed to the "Love Clean London" application?

Kids Olympic Tickets

Question No: 1595 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

Why did you claim, during the election, that 125,000 school children would get Olympic and Paralympic tickets, when in February 2012 you admitted the real figure was 95,761?

10,000 Jobs

Question No: 1596 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

Why did you claim, during the election, that you would create 10,000 Olympic legacy jobs, when the London Legacy Development Company had announced this in October 2010?

11,000 Homes

Question No: 1597 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

Why did you claim, during the election, that you would build 11,000 homes on the Olympic Park, when the London Legacy Development Company had announced this in October 2010?

Olympic Stadium

Question No: 1598 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

How will you ensure that the Olympic Stadium is commercially viable before the Games start?

Olympic Science Park (1)

Question No: 1599 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

When will you start the process of exploring the case for a new science institute in the Olympic

Park and when do you expect to come to a conclusion?

Olympic Science Park (2)

Question No: 1600 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

You have claimed to have lobbied to bring the proposed Cell Therapy Technology and Innovation Centre to the Park. How, and when, did you do this?

Olympic Campus

Question No: 1601 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

What plans do you have for a new educational campus on the Olympic Park?

Olympic venues

Question No: 1602 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

What Olympic venues do you plan to sell?

East Village

Question No: 1603 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

You have said that all Londoners can benefit from new affordable housing at East Village. How?

Olympic Tickets (1)

Question No: 1604 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

As co-chair of the Olympic Board can you explain whether it was acceptable for LOCOG to take down their ticketing website for 12 hours during the 24 hour sales window over 23-24 May?

Olympic Tickets (2)

Question No: 1605 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

As co-chair of the Olympic Board can you explain whether it was acceptable for LOCOG to continue to offer tickets for sale during the 24 hour sales window, over 23-24 May, that had already been sold?

Childcare Affordability

Question No: 1606 / 2012

[Len Duvall](#)

Further to the question asked last month on Childcare Affordability in London (MQ 1432/2012) by Assembly Member Arnold more evidence has come to light from the Daycare Trust's Annual Survey showing that London's parents are struggling to pay their childcare bills and that as a result London's childcare provision is at risk. Along with your scrapping of London's Childcare Affordability Programme, Tax Credit support for low income parents has been cut by an average

of £800 a year in London (compared to £500 in the rest of the UK) at the same time that wages have been frozen. Aside from part-time jobs you propose to create, what action are you taking to ensure that London parents can afford childcare and thus move into work?

Delay Busting Plan

Question No: 1607 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Please list the 14 points in your 'delay busting plan' for the underground as pledged in your election manifesto, and when these measures will be a) announced and b) delivered?

Bus complaints

Question No: 1608 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

How many complaints have TfL received over the past year regarding access to the bus network for wheelchair users. Which routes do these complaints relate to?

Cycling in the Royal Parks

Question No: 1609 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Now you have assumed responsibility for the Royal Parks, will you be working on making the parks more cycle friendly and integral with the cycling network which link into the parks?

Freedom Pass 1

Question No: 1610 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

At the last Mayor's Question Time you stated that you expected to make the Freedom Pass available for Londoners aged over 60 from September 2012, a plan which has cross party approval. Please give an update on progress with this.

Freedom Pass 2

Question No: 1611 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Can you confirm that the boroughs will be required to make a contribution to the costs of reducing the eligibility age for the Freedom Pass to 60?

Rail services publicity

Question No: 1612 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Rail services in South London are going to significantly change in December this year. Please outline TfL's publicity strategy for communicating changes to passengers and discussions they have had with relevant train operators.

484 bus

Question No: 1613 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Pensioners in the Dulwich/Denmark Hill area have been in touch with me to raise again the issue of poor access to the Sainsbury's store in Dog Kennel Hill, and that customers have to make a fairly lengthy walk from the bus stop to the store. Please could this be reviewed again as some older residents in particular are finding this a problem. In particular it has been suggested that route 484 could perhaps be diverted to serve the store itself.

343 bus

Question No: 1614 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Please give an update on this route's performance and plans for improving transport options for those living in the Southampton Way area of Peckham.

Kennington station

Question No: 1615 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

I have been contacted by the Heart of Kennington Residents' Association and Cleaver Square, Cleaver Street and Bowden Street Residents' Association who are concerned about crowding at Kennington station. They believe, not unreasonably that the station is relatively small, given its strategic importance on the network and that should the Northern Line extension come to fruition this will make the problem worse. What assessment have TfL made of the current and future capacity at Kennington and what plans are there to maximise this?

Road casualty statistics

Question No: 1616 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

When will TfL be publishing its report on casualties on London's roads for 2011?

City Hall cycle parking

Question No: 1617 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

City Hall staff has complained to me that the secure cycle parking supplied for them in the Loading Bay is inadequate. How many spaces are available for staff? What prospects are there for increasing this both permanently and during the 2012 Games when more staff may need to cycle to work? Shouldn't City Hall be leading by example in this regard?

Safe Havens

Question No: 1618 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Is it your intention to make London's bus fleet 'safe havens' for young people? How will this be implemented?

McNulty Report

Question No: 1619 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

What discussion has TfL had with the DfT regarding the Reforming the Railways Command Paper published in March 2012? In particular has there been any consideration of how changes to rail station staffing levels and ticket office opening hours may be implemented in London? What recommendations have TfL made to DfT regarding station staffing in London?

Cable Theft

Question No: 1620 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

What progress have you made in persuading ministers to change legislation to licence scrap metal dealers in order to reduce the metal theft incidents which cause disruption to London's transport network?

Crossrail 2

Question No: 1621 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Who will be spearheading London's campaign to ensure that funding for Crossrail 2 is including in future funding settlements from government?

Travel advice post 2012 Games

Question No: 1622 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

The 'Get Ahead of the Games' publicity campaign is providing useful information to passengers about how to best avoid the most overcrowded stations during the Games. Do you agree that it would be valuable to passengers to continue to publish details of overcrowded pinch points on the network and advice on alternative travel arrangements after Gamestime has ended?

Bus complaints

Question No: 1623 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Please list the ten most complained about bus routes in London for the latest available reporting period.

Tube complaints

Question No: 1624 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Please advise how many complaints were received about London Underground services, by line and in total, for the latest available reporting periods.

Industrial Action

Question No: 1625 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Please list the occasions when a) Underground services b) bus services and c) London

Overground services have been affected by industrial action since the start of this calendar year.

Industrial Action 2

Question No: 1626 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

How many staff days have been lost as a result of industrial action, by year, since you became Mayor?

Mixed Mode at Heathrow

Question No: 1627 / 2012

[Onkar Sahota](#)

What discussions have you had with the Department for Transport and BAA over the operation and extension of "mixed-mode" flights at Heathrow?

CrossRail II

Question No: 1628 / 2012

[Len Duvall](#)

What meetings have you held with Transport Ministers in 2012 regarding CrossRail 2?

CrossRail II 2

Question No: 1629 / 2012

[Len Duvall](#)

When do you expect the Government to make a decision about funding CrossRail 2?

CrossRail II 3

Question No: 1630 / 2012

[Len Duvall](#)

What GLA resources do you intend to deploy on CrossRail 2?

Courtesy on TfL Buses

Question No: 1631 / 2012

[Len Duvall](#)

A constituent would like to ask what advice TfL issues to its drivers on how to inform passengers of general courtesy on their bus fleet?

Use of Royal Parks

Question No: 1632 / 2012

[Len Duvall](#)

What steps has the Mayor undertaken to monitor the increase in private events in the Royal Parks and will he make a statement?

Sydenham Station

Question No: 1633 / 2012

[Len Duvall](#)

The planned closure of Sydenham Police station in Willow Way, Lewisham, and the relocation of its officers will result in PCSOs having to take two buses to reach their patrol grounds. Will the Mayor intervene on behalf of officers, and the local residents who rely on them to keep their community safe, and stop the closure of the station?

Planning Application/Greenwich

Question No: 1634 / 2012

[Len Duvall](#)

What discussions has the Mayor had with the Royal Borough of Greenwich regarding the Sainsbury and Marks and Spencer's planning applications and the affects these developments will have on the a) the local community and b) traffic in the area?

Social Housing

Question No: 1635 / 2012

[Len Duvall](#)

How many new social housing homes have been completed and allocated in London since you were elected to Mayor of London in 2008?

Social Housing 2

Question No: 1636 / 2012

[Len Duvall](#)

What percentage does your new social housing completions represent compared to the waiting lists? Please provide a borough by Borough breakdown.

Growth Fund

Question No: 1637 / 2012

[Len Duvall](#)

How many SMEs have a) applied for and b) been granted funding through your Growth Fund?

Growth Fund

Question No: 1638 / 2012

[Len Duvall](#)

Can the Mayor provide a break down of grants awarded through the Growth Fund according to a) sector and b) borough?

Jobs

Question No: 1639 / 2012

[Len Duvall](#)

On the 25th of April in PR Week Magazine , you stated you wanted to create 1,000 jobs a week (<http://www.prweek.com/uk/news/1128671/time-capitalise-Londons-digital-potential-says-Boris/>). How do you intend to do this?

Apprenticeships

Question No: 1640 / 2012

[Len Duvall](#)

How many people in the GLA Family are working full-time on delivering your apprenticeships programme?

Digital Investment

Question No: 1641 / 2012

[Len Duvall](#)

In April the Mayor stated his intention to fold the Tech City Investment Organisation and its associated budget into London & Partners as the official promotional organisation for London's digital sector. What conversations has he had with Government on this project and can he provide an update?

London Plan Monitoring Report

Question No: 1642 / 2012

[Tom Copley](#)

Under what category will new homes built by local authorities be included in the London Plan monitoring report housing figures?

Apprenticeships

Question No: 1643 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Following concerns highlighted in a leaked Business Innovation & Skills document that apprenticeship figures are exaggerated, with some apprentices already existing employees, the predominance of low-skilled placements, the low number of 16-18 year olds benefitting from placements please can you provide a breakdown of the 54,000 apprentices you have boasted delivering. Please can you provide a breakdown by sector, broken down into age categories of 16-18, 19-24 and 25 and over. Please can you also show how many are new placements and how many are existing employees.

Local Buses – 29 & N29

Question No: 1644 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Local residents have complained to me that since your abolition of the bendy bus, the 29 and N29 routes from central London to Lordship Lane in my constituency have become (and I quote from correspondence I have received) "horrendously overcrowded". You have taken these vehicles off the road but what are you now doing to address the capacity problems this has created? Will you take action to improve this particular route?

Grievous Bodily Harm

Question No: 1645 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Why did Grievous Bodily Harm offences increase by an average of 70% across London during your first Mayoral term, with eleven London boroughs experiencing increases in GBH offences of over 100% and an alarming 167% increase in my borough of Haringey during those four years? What are you doing to address this?

Rape offences

Question No: 1646 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

The Met Commissioner has expressed doubt that increases in recorded rape offences is attributable solely to more confidence in reporting. Why do believe rape offences increased by an average of 75% across London during your first Mayoral term, with thirteen London boroughs experiencing increases in rape offences of over 100% during those four years? What are you doing to address this?

Personal thefts

Question No: 1647 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Why did pickpocket (theft from person) offences increase by an average of 26% across London during your first Mayoral term, with twelve London boroughs experiencing increases in pickpocket offences of over 30% during those four years? What are you doing to address this?

Motor vehicle interference and tampering

Question No: 1648 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Why did motor vehicle interference and tampering offences increase by an average of 48% across London during your first Mayoral term, with fifteen London boroughs experiencing increases of over 60% during those four years? What are you doing to address this?

Theft of bicycles

Question No: 1649 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Why did bicycle thefts increase by an average of 35% across London during your first Mayoral term, with thirteen London boroughs experiencing increases in cycle thefts of over 50% during those four years? What are you doing to address this?

Muggings

Question No: 1650 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Why did muggings (personal robbery offences) increase by an average of 7% across London during your first Mayoral term, with nine London boroughs experiencing increases in muggings of over 20% during those four years? What are you doing to address this?

Residential burglary

Question No: 1651 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Why did residential burglary offences increase by an average of 7% across London during your first Mayoral term, with ten London boroughs experiencing increases in residential burglaries of over 20% during those four years? What are you doing to address this?

Safer Neighbourhood Teams

Question No: 1652 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Please can you list both the planned and actual numbers of Sergeants, Police Officers and PCSOs in post in SNTs across the capital at 31st March 2012 and 30th April 2012, broken down by London borough and Safer Neighbourhood Team.

Serious Youth Violence

Question No: 1653 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

How many of London's 6,899 serious youth violence victims in the 2011/12 financial year were aged between 13 and 19?

51 Police Officers missing from Enfield

Question No: 1654 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Why were there 51 less police officers in Enfield in April 2012 than there were in March 2010? Why have you cut these officers?

71 PCSOs missing from Enfield

Question No: 1655 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Why were there 71 less PCSOs in Enfield in April 2012 than there were in March 2010? Why have you cut these officers?

60 PCSOs missing from Haringey

Question No: 1656 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Why were there 60 less PCSOs in Haringey in April 2012 than there were in March 2010? Why have you cut these officers?

Safer Transport Teams

Question No: 1657 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Please can you provide a breakdown for all London boroughs showing both the actual number of Safer Transport Team officers in post, and the target number, for the 30th April 2012?

Borough bus related crime

Question No: 1658 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

TfL published the March 2012 bus related crime figures on 28th May 2012. In the spirit of transparency, please can you commit to ensuring that bus related crime figures for each month are published on the TfL website no more than 3 weeks after the end of that month?

A10/the Roundway Speed Limit

Question No: 1659 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

I recently contacted TfL on behalf of a constituent to ask that they investigate what more can be done to stop excessive speeding on the A10 (Church street to Lordship Lane) and that they consider my constituent's suggestion of reducing the speed limit to 30mph. TfL have responded and informed me that they are concerned about the number of collisions occurring on the A10 between its junction with the A406 and the Roundway. They are carrying out a study to identify the causes of the collisions and to consider whether a scheme could improve safety for all road users.

Early this year local residents and local councillors invited me to visit the A10's junction with the Roundway, along with a representative from TfL. Residents are extremely concerned about the speed of traffic at this junction and throughout the full length of Roundway to where it joins Lordship Lane. Can you therefore ask that TfL's study is expanded to include all of this junction and the Roundway?

North Circular Road (1)

Question No: 1660 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Works are nearing completion on the Bounds Green stretch of the North Circular Road. Many residents are very disappointed that TfL has failed to deliver on their promises to:

• Create a green space on the corner of Powys lane and the A406 – instead there is a large O2 mast, plethora of cable/telephone junction boxes and high galvanised metal fencing and little planting

• Plant green hedging along the kerb between Powys Lane and Wilmer Way

• Create a green corridor with trees, hedging, shrubs and grass either side of the A406 to mitigate the environmental impact of the road.

• What action will you take to remedy this situation and to ensure that the finished project meets the specification of the original plans? After spending millions on these works it would be absurd to leave out the above features.

North Circular Road (2)

Question No: 1661 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

In carrying out works to the Bounds Green stretch of the North Circular Road the bus stop has been moved from outside the shops next to Brownlow Road making it much harder for elderly residents to access them? Please could this be investigated to see if it is possible to return the bus stop to its original place?

North Circular Road 3

Question No: 1662 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Residents are reporting to me that there has been an increase in the number of accidents at the junction of Wilmer Way, Bowes Road and Telford Road. Please can you provide the accident statistics for this junction? Has there been an increase in the number of accidents since this junction was re-designed? Have accidents increased since TfL introduced the 'scoot' system of intelligent signals at this junction? If so, what steps are you taking to monitor and improve safety at this junction?

London Accident & Emergency data-sharing update

Question No: 1663 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Can you please update me as to how many A&E departments are currently involved in the London Accident & Emergency (A&E) data-sharing project? Please name those that are involved. What are you doing to encourage those not currently sharing information to do so?

Calculating School Funding

Question No: 1664 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Will you join London Councils' call for the government to set out the detail of how it calculates school funding in London in order that they can plan school places in future and ensure that the capital's schools are receiving their fair share of funding? What steps will you take to assist this request?

School Funding Reform

Question No: 1665 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Do you share London Councils' view that Government plans to reform school funding may well exacerbate the shortage of school places across the capital? What response have you sent to government about their plans for the reform of school funding?

Warranted Officers

Question No: 1666 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

What categories of officers are included in your figures for warranted officers?

Council Tax

Question No: 1667 / 2012

[Nicky Gavron](#)

What was the total cost to the Greater London Authority in lost revenue as a result of the cut to the precept?

Housing Starts

Question No: 1668 / 2012

[Nicky Gavron](#)

DCLG statistics show that housing starts in London halved in the first quarter of this year compared to the first quarter of 2012. Why do you think this happened?

Welfare Reform

Question No: 1669 / 2012

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Do you support government proposals to cut the benefits of those suffering from alcohol and drug addiction? Do you think this will exacerbate or improve the problem of drug and alcohol

addiction?

London Plan

Question No: 1670 / 2012

[Nicky Gavron](#)

To what extent is the London Plan in conformity with the National Planning Policy Framework?

King Street

Question No: 1671 / 2012

[Nicky Gavron](#)

When do you expect the King Street planning proposal to be re-submitted to the Greater London Authority?

Supersewer

Question No: 1672 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

You previously supported the scheme, while reserving your detailed view on a number of its worksites. During the election campaign just passed you signalled a possible flip-flop on this issue. Do you remain in support of the scheme or, for whatever reason - doubtless unrelated to the pursuit of votes given your legendary high principles - have you reversed, or perhaps partially reversed, your view on it?

Step free access on the Tube

Question No: 1673 / 2012

[Fiona Twycross](#)

Do you agree with my constituent who told me that 'it is a disgrace that main line trains will get lifts but the tube will not'? Does your commitment to investment on the tube include a commitment to step free access at tube stations where this is not currently provided and where people with disabilities and people with children in buggies experience difficulties in gaining access to public transport as a result. If so which tube stations will be getting step free access in the next year and which ones will remain without step free access?

Thames Cable Car

Question No: 1674 / 2012

[Fiona Twycross](#)

Why has the cost of the Thames Cable Car increased from £25m in 2010 to the current estimated cost of £60m? Who or what is responsible for the cost increase and what action has been taken as a result of such inaccurate estimates being made? Have the owners of the Excel Exhibition Centre and the O2, who are likely to be the long term beneficiaries of the project, been asked to make any financial contribution to the costs and have they done so? Finally, what was the original business case for this project and is there still a business case?

Review of facts relating to past and future delivery

Question No: 1675 / 2012

[Fiona Twycross](#)

Since the last Mayor's Question Time, have you had a chance to review your arithmetic in

relation to the numbers of jobs you are creating and the extent to which your pledges for the future in general include delivery that predates the most recent election?

Stop and search

Question No: 1676 / 2012

[Fiona Twycross](#)

What progress is being made in increasing the arrest rate from all stop and searches carried out in London and how soon will London reach the 20 per cent target set by the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police?

Integrity of MPS

Question No: 1677 / 2012

[Fiona Twycross](#)

A constituent has asked me to establish what specific measures are being taken to address issues of public trust and perceptions around integrity in relation to the MPS?

Gun and knife amnesty

Question No: 1678 / 2012

[Fiona Twycross](#)

When were the last gun and knife amnesty's in London and do you think that they should be introduced this summer for a limited period of time to deadly weapons off our streets?

Transport links improvements in South London

Question No: 1679 / 2012

[Fiona Twycross](#)

What plans have you, in addition to the Northern Line Spur to Battersea to bring more, tube, rail, DLR or tramlines to South London?

Fire safety

Question No: 1680 / 2012

[Fiona Twycross](#)

What plans have you got to improve the provision of smoke detectors and fire safety advice to vulnerable groups including senior citizens, registered disabled and families with children?

Illegal mini cabs

Question No: 1681 / 2012

[Fiona Twycross](#)

What action are you taking to deal with illegal mini cabs that tout for business in central London?

Meetings / discussions with national newspaper editors

Question No: 1682 / 2012

[Fiona Twycross](#)

What discussions / meetings have you had with editors of national newspapers since your

re-election?

Meetings / discussions with the Prime Minister

Question No: 1683 / 2012

[Fiona Twycross](#)

What discussions / meetings have you had with the Prime Minister since your re- election as Mayor?

Meetings /discussions with the Chancellor

Question No: 1684 / 2012

[Fiona Twycross](#)

What discussions / meetings have you had the Chancellor since your re-election as Mayor?

Meetings/ discussions with Ministers

Question No: 1685 / 2012

[Fiona Twycross](#)

What discussions / meetings have you had with other members of Her Majesty's Government and who were the ministers concerned?

Custody Suites (1)

Question No: 1686 / 2012

[Navin Shah](#)

How will the closing of Harrow's police custody suites benefit the borough's police if they are continually travelling to and from Brent, ferrying 5,000 individuals to Kilburn or Wembley cells?

Custody Suites (2)

Question No: 1687 / 2012

[Navin Shah](#)

What is your justification for the programmed custody suites closures across London?

Clean Air Fund

Question No: 1688 / 2012

[Navin Shah](#)

What success, if any, has the Clean Air Fund had with improving the air quality for my constituents in Harrow and Brent?

Housing Shortage

Question No: 1689 / 2012

[Navin Shah](#)

As my younger constituents are priced out of the local housing market in Harrow and Brent, what are you doing to solve the chronic affordable housing shortage?

Tax Break

Question No: 1690 / 2012

[Navin Shah](#)

How successful has the tax break for millionaires that you lobbied for, been at providing growth and jobs for my constituents in Harrow and Brent?

Harrow-on-the-Hill

Question No: 1691 / 2012

[Navin Shah](#)

As you refused to freeze or cut transport fares, will you finally put some of that funding towards step-free access at Harrow on the Hill Station so that my constituents with babies and more elderly train users will be able to have easier access to the tube?

Policing of Olympics

Question No: 1692 / 2012

[Navin Shah](#)

How does the Mayor expect police to effectively manage the Olympics with 20% cuts to the police budget and with police officers warning of the destruction of policing?

RE:LEAF

Question No: 1693 / 2012

[Navin Shah](#)

How does the Mayor expect boroughs to maintain any new trees planted by City Hall, if the borough's council is awarded no extra funds to maintain or if necessary, cut down and replant the new trees?

Kensal Rise Library

Question No: 1694 / 2012

[Navin Shah](#)

Will you join campaigners in petitioning All Souls College, Oxford to allow them to run their own reading room at Kensal Rise library?

Library Closures

Question No: 1695 / 2012

[Navin Shah](#)

Do you have a strategy for keeping libraries open across London? Will this include funding provision from you to help Council's in London to assist keeping libraries open?

Parking at Harrow View

Question No: 1696 / 2012

[Navin Shah](#)

Would TfL be supportive and work with Harrow Council towards relaxing the stringent traffic regulations in Harrow View as this is having an adverse effect on local businesses?

St Raphael's Estate

Question No: 1697 / 2012

[Navin Shah](#)

Please can I have the results of the review of the changes to the bus routes which affect St Raphael's Estate, Wembley, which I understand has recently taken place?

Subterranean Construction (1)

Question No: 1698 / 2012

[Navin Shah](#)

Does the Mayor have a plan to introduce London wide standards / plans on subterranean construction in his London Plan?

Subterranean Construction (2)

Question No: 1699 / 2012

[Navin Shah](#)

Does the Mayor have a specific position on the enforcement of the Party Wall act to protect residents in the long-term?

Jubilee Line (1)

Question No: 1700 / 2012

[Navin Shah](#)

I understand you demanded a report from TfL to look into the problems experienced on the Jubilee Line on 24 May. Please can I see a copy of this report?

Jubilee Line (2)

Question No: 1701 / 2012

[Navin Shah](#)

Why did it take nearly 3 hours to get trapped passengers out of the tube tunnel when the Jubilee Line train broke down on 24 May?

Jubilee Line (3)

Question No: 1702 / 2012

[Navin Shah](#)

What will you do to improve the reliability of the Jubilee Line during Games-time this summer?

Jubilee Line (4)

Question No: 1703 / 2012

[Navin Shah](#)

Stranded passengers were told that they were not given any information about what was going on. Do you think this is acceptable?

St George's Day Festival, Pinner

Question No: 1704 / 2012

[Navin Shah](#)

The effects of your cuts to policing recently meant that Harrow Police was unable to provide adequate policing to manage the closure of four crossings in Pinner whilst a 50 year-old event took place. Will you now admit that your cuts are affecting the provision local communities have come to expect?

Safer Neighbourhood Teams (1)

Question No: 1705 / 2012

[Navin Shah](#)

Kenton East and Kenton West SNT in Harrow currently share one PC, one PCSO and one sergeant who also oversees Queensbury ward, Harrow. When will you ensure these teams are at full capacity?

Safer Neighbourhood Teams (2)

Question No: 1706 / 2012

[Navin Shah](#)

Dudden Hill SNT currently has one sergeant and one PC. When will you ensure this team is at full capacity?

Safer Neighbourhood Teams (3)

Question No: 1707 / 2012

[Navin Shah](#)

Queensbury SNT in Brent currently shares a sergeant with Kenton ward, Brent and has one PC and one PCSO. The Safer Ward Panel has been informed that no new staff will be recruited until October 2012. Is this correct?

Safer Neighbourhood Teams (4)

Question No: 1708 / 2012

[Navin Shah](#)

In Sudbury SNT in Brent there is one sergeant and two constables. There are no PCSOs. When will this SNT be at full capacity?

Safer Neighbourhood Teams (5)

Question No: 1709 / 2012

[Navin Shah](#)

Headstone North SNT currently shares a sergeant with Headstone South and has one PCSO. Do you believe this is adequate provision for this ward?

Safer Neighbourhood Teams (6)

Question No: 1710 / 2012

[Navin Shah](#)

Are crime rates of wards and boroughs being taken into account when deciding to redeploy officers and PCSOs out of SNTs to work on the Olympics?

242 Bus

Question No: 1711 / 2012

[Jennette Arnold](#)

I have received a number of complaints from constituents who are regular users of the 242 bus and live in the Clapton Park area. They report that the 242 is regularly diverted away from Millfields Rd, Mandeville St, Redwald Rd and Clifden Rd stops. They also report that the 242 regularly terminates early before reaching the Clapton Park Area. This is causing huge problems for my constituents who rely on a regular bus service.

Please answer all three parts of this question:

A) Please provide me with a breakdown by month of how many 242 bus journeys have been diverted since May 2011 to date

B) Please provide me with a breakdown by month of how many 242 bus journeys have been terminated early since May 2011 to date

C) Please outline the reason for these diversions and terminations

Disability Hate Crime

Question No: 1712 / 2012

[Jennette Arnold](#)

A recent report by Muscular Dystrophy Campaign found that 62% of disabled young people say that they have been the victim of disability hate crimes such as being verbally or physically abused, or suffering threatening behaviour.

However, 6 out of every 10 crimes go unreported to any figure of authority and 80% of the young disabled people believe that the police do not take disability hate crime seriously enough.

Reporting of Hate Crime in London has remained both low and steady over the past 4 years.

Given this worrying evidence, what plans do you have as Mayor to increase disabled young people's confidence in the police so that they feel comfortable in reporting hate crime?

Know Your Rights (1)

Question No: 1713 / 2012

[Jennette Arnold](#)

How are you measuring the success of your Know Your Rights Campaign?

Know Your Rights (2)

Question No: 1714 / 2012

[Jennette Arnold](#)

Do you have any plans to expand this campaign to other groups of vulnerable Londoners?

London's Cultural Programme

Question No: 1715 / 2012

[Jennette Arnold](#)

What events are taking place in 2012/13? How much GLA funding will each of these events receive?

Young Londoner's Survey

Question No: 1716 / 2012

[Jennette Arnold](#)

The 2009 Young Londoners' Survey looked at young Londoners attitudes to life in their city. Will you be repeating a Young Londoners' survey this year so we can see how life has changed for London's youth since 2009?

Part-Time Work for Parents (1)

Question No: 1717 / 2012

[Jennette Arnold](#)

In your manifesto you are committed to "spearhead a campaign for 20,000 part-time jobs to help parents return to work".

This is very welcome given the lack of opportunity for women to work in part time roles in London.

However, part time jobs that are available in London are clustered in the Low Wage economy with a third of part-timers earning less than the London Living Wage, this compared to ten per cent of full time employees.

Are you committed to finding good quality high paid part time work in London?

Part-Time Work for Parents (2)

Question No: 1718 / 2012

[Jennette Arnold](#)

In your manifesto you are committed to "spearhead a campaign for 20,000 part-time jobs to help parents return to work".

This is very welcome given the lack of opportunity for women in particular to work in part time roles in London.

When can we expect the launch of this campaign?

Part-Time Work for Parents (3)

Question No: 1719 / 2012

[Jennette Arnold](#)

In your manifesto you are committed to "spearhead a campaign for 20,000 part-time jobs to help parents return to work".

This is very welcome given the lack of opportunity for women in particular to work in part time roles in London.

How many part time jobs to you aim to find in 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2016/16?

Part-Time Work for Parents (4)

Question No: 1720 / 2012

[Jennette Arnold](#)

In your manifesto you are committed to "spearhead a campaign for 20,000 part-time jobs to help parents return to work".

This is very welcome given the lack of opportunity for women in particular to work in part time roles in London

You go on to say you will use the £25million from the new London Growth Fund to create 7,500 jobs by 2015.

Please answer both parts of this question:

a) How much resource from this fund will be allocated to creating good quality part time jobs for Londoners?

b) Of the 7,500 how many will be part-time?

Engagement with London's Mayor

Question No: 1721 / 2012

[Jennette Arnold](#)

You have committed to holding monthly tweet-ups with Londoners. Given the fiasco of the data monitoring of twitter during the State of London Debate which led you to falsely claim 12,380 people had sent tweets (MQ 3320/2010).

What systems have you put in place to measure the reach and effectiveness of your tweet-ups?

Will you commit to sharing this data with Londoners as part of you pledge for greater transparency at City Hall?

Transparency at City Hall

Question No: 1722 / 2012

[Jennette Arnold](#)

What events do you plan to hold this year for Londoners to gain access to City Hall and question you directly? Where will these events take place?

London Health Improvement Board (1)

Question No: 1723 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

How will you decide your priorities for the London Health Improvement Board and what criteria will you use when making your decisions?

London Health Improvement Board (2)

Question No: 1724 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

How will the London Health Improvement Board get its health message to Londoners in an effective manner?

London Health Improvement Board (3)

Question No: 1725 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

What are you going to be about the funding gap on London Health and Improvement Board in 2013/2014?

Alcohol deaths

Question No: 1726 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

With 1800 Londoners dying each year from the effects of alcohol use, do you, as Chair of the London Health Improvement Board (LHIB), intend to lobby the Government to introduce a minimum price for alcohol?

TFL compensation for tube delay

Question No: 1727 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

TFL have offered passengers £40 to compensate them for a delay of two hours stuck underground at the end of the working day, when the network is at its busiest on one of the hottest days of the year. Do you think this is fair?

Electric charging points

Question No: 1728 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Your 2012 manifesto promised to create 1,300 charging points by 2013. How many of these are currently in place and when in 2013 do you expect number 1,300 to go live?

Hybrid buses

Question No: 1729 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Your 2012 manifesto promised 600 more hybrid buses. How many hybrids are there currently in the fleet and how many will there be by 31st December 2012?

NO2 limits

Question No: 1730 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

London is currently in breach of EU limits on NO2. When do you expect London to comply with this limit, to protect Londoners' health, and what are you doing to make this happen?

Low Emission Zone

Question No: 1731 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Now that Phases III and IV of the low emission zone are in place are you able to quantify what impact the zone has had on London's air quality? Do you have plans for Phase V and beyond?

Litter

Question No: 1732 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Your 2012 manifesto promises to work with local authorities to wipe litter from the face of London. How will you bring this about?

Litter zero tolerance

Question No: 1733 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Are you able to quantify how much littering costs London each year? I notice some local authorities outside London are adopting a zero tolerance approach to littering. Do you think such a move would be a good idea in London?

Operational Freedoms Trial at Heathrow

Question No: 1734 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

The government has extended phase II of the operational freedoms trial at Heathrow by six months, so it will now run from July 2012 to March 2013. Do you think this extension will be detrimental to the physical, mental and emotional well-being of Londoners who live near the airport or under the flight paths?

Street Trees

Question No: 1735 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Your 2012 manifesto promised to plant 20,000 street trees. How many street trees were planted during your first term under your programme? Can you please clarify how many you plan to plant by the end of this term of office? Will there be 20,000 in total, or 20,000 planted during your second term over and above those planted in your first term?

Green Spaces

Question No: 1736 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Your 2012 manifesto promised to improve 300 acres of green space. Can you please advise where these 300 acres are?

RE:NEW RE:FIT programmes

Question No: 1737 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Your 2012 manifesto promises 4,300 jobs under your RE:NEW and RE:FIT programmes. How many people were employed under these schemes as at April 2012?

RE:NEW home efficiency programme

Question No: 1738 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

How many homes have now been retrofitted under your home efficiency programme RE:NEW?

RE:NEW home efficiency programme for the over 60's

Question No: 1739 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Your 2012 manifesto promises to prioritise households with people over 60 for retrofit under your home efficiency programme RE:NEW. How many such households have now been

retrofitted in total under the scheme?

RE:FIT

Question No: 1740 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Your 2012 manifesto promises to retrofit 58 GLA buildings under the RE:FIT scheme. Can you please list these buildings?

Carbon emissions

Question No: 1741 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Your 2012 manifesto restated your commitment to reduce carbon emissions by 60% by 2025. What new measures will you be putting in place this calendar year to deliver this commitment?

Energy Co-operative

Question No: 1742 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Are you willing to use your powers as Mayor of London to establish an energy co-operative to help Londoners save money on their fuel bills?

Pocket Parks

Question No: 1743 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Your 2012 manifesto promises to create 100 pocket parks in London. What do you mean by a pocket park?

Parish Councils

Question No: 1744 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

What are you doing to support the return of parish councils in London again under the Localism Bill in Wards like Queens Park, City of Westminster?

Record Rise in Rapes in London

Question No: 1745 / 2012

[Fiona Twycross](#)

You will have noted the 53% rise in recorded rape in London in the last four years. What action are you taking, or are planning to take, to address this issue?

100 Days (1)

Question No: 1746 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

You said on the 10th May that over the next 100 days you would get 1,000 businesses to commit to taking on apprentices. Can you confirm how many businesses committed to take on apprentices during your first term?

100 Days (2)

Question No: 1747 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Can you confirm how many of the companies that committed to take on apprentices during your first term were a) large companies and b) SMEs?

100 Days (3)

Question No: 1748 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

As part of your drive to get 1,000 businesses to commit to taking on apprentices how many companies will your office be contacting?

London Funding Commission

Question No: 1749 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

You have said that you hope "London gets back in funding what it contributes to the national purse." What do you mean by this?

200,000 Jobs

Question No: 1750 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

For the jobs mentioned in MQT 776/2012 when was the creation of those jobs was first announced?

Part-time jobs campaign

Question No: 1751 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Can you confirm what GLA resources will be used on this campaign?

1,000 apprentices a week (1)

Question No: 1752 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

How many apprentices were created during your first term?

1,000 apprentices a week (2)

Question No: 1753 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Is your commitment to 1,000 apprentices a week for the whole of your term in office?

1,000 apprentices a week (3)

Question No: 1754 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

What GLA resources will be committed to the “drive” to create these apprenticeships?

4,000 apprentices

Question No: 1755 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

You have said that you will “create 4,000 apprenticeships for small and medium-sized London businesses with £6 million secured from the Government.” What GLA resources will be committed to this endeavour?

London Living Wage (1)

Question No: 1756 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

How many companies offered the London Living Wage at the start of your a) first term of office and b) second term of office?

London Living Wage (2)

Question No: 1757 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

How many of those companies were a) large and b) SMEs?

Annual Mayoral Jobs Fair

Question No: 1758 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Do you expect GLA resources to be committed to the jobs fair project and if so how much?

London careers advice service

Question No: 1759 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

When will you start the process of exploring the case for a London careers advice service and when do you expect to come to a conclusion?

100 paid internships

Question No: 1760 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

In what parts of the GLA Group will these internships be placed and in which financial years will they be created?

Free Schools (1)

Question No: 1761 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

When will the audit of the GLA Group estate begin and when will it reach a conclusion?

Free Schools (2)

Question No: 1762 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Are you expecting a capital receipt from the 10 surplus buildings earmarked for free schools or will you be gifting them to the free schools programme?

Business Improvement Districts

Question No: 1763 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

How many BIDs were there at the start of your second term? Please list them all.

Parking Review (1)

Question No: 1764 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Will you call on each borough to review their parking policies in non-residential, strategic shopping areas in order to reduce any negative impact on businesses and if so when?

Parking Review (2)

Question No: 1765 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Will you be asking TfL to review their parking policies in non-residential, strategic shopping areas in order to reduce any negative impact on businesses and if so when?

CompeteFor service

Question No: 1766 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

What plans do you have to strengthen the CompeteFor service?

European Union (1)

Question No: 1767 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

You have claimed that you led the campaign to resist new taxes and red-tape from Brussels. How?

European Union (2)

Question No: 1768 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

What GLA resources have been used in the campaign to resist new taxes and red-tape from Brussels?

European Union (3)

Question No: 1769 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

You claim that you have fought the introduction of a Financial Transaction Tax. How?

European Union (4)

Question No: 1770 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

What GLA resources have been used against the introduction of a Financial Transaction Tax?

European Union (5)

Question No: 1771 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

You claim that you have lobbied against the European Commission's proposals on Solvency II. How?

European Union (6)

Question No: 1772 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

What GLA resources have been used against the European Commission's proposals on Solvency II?

The City of London (1)

Question No: 1773 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

What practical steps are you taking to safeguard London's position as the leading global hub for the financial services industry?

The City of London (2)

Question No: 1774 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

What practical steps are you taking to support the 640,000 Londoners who work in jobs related to financial services?

Tech City

Question No: 1775 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Why do you want to lobby the Government to devolve the Tech City Investment Organisation to London and to fold the Tech City Investment Organisation and the associated budget into London & Partners?

Twitterverse

Question No: 1776 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

Do you guarantee that every tweet will be your own work?

Jumped or Pushed

Question No: 1777 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

With the recent announcements on departing mayoral advisers and deputy mayors, can you advise how many jumped and how many were pushed?

London Legacy Development Corporation

Question No: 1778 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

Regardless of his other merits, why did you choose to replace a world-recognised regeneration practitioner with a candidate who has no serious experience in this area?

Sycophantic Questions

Question No: 1779 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Do sycophantic questions at London Assembly Mayor's Question Time meetings contribute to effective scrutiny?

Crossrail 2

Question No: 1780 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

What priority and resource will you be giving to the development of a Crossrail 2 project during your mayoral term? Is your view settled as to its general route? Will you be moving to agree a final route to progress your plans and minimise the risk of blight?

Is immigration good or bad for London?

Question No: 1781 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

Depending on the audience you face, you appear to take differing views on this question. Why is this?

Community Land Trusts

Question No: 1782 / 2012

[Tom Copley](#)

How many homes do you anticipate will be built by Community Land Trusts as part of the Olympic legacy?

Police Numbers

Question No: 1783 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

How many full time police officers were in post on 31st May 2012?

London Living Wage

Question No: 1784 / 2012

[Fiona Twycross](#)

What are you doing about the fact that a cleaner working for a TFL contractor receives the London Living Wage but that a cleaner working for the Home Office in Croydon does not?

Mentoring programme for young black boys

Question No: 1785 / 2012

[Fiona Twycross](#)

Is your mentoring programme for young black boys now on track in relation to delivery?

Gang violence

Question No: 1786 / 2012

[Fiona Twycross](#)

Does the Mayor agree that establishing the true extent of the problem of gangs and gang violence in London would be helpful information in addressing the issue?

Walthamstow Stadium

Question No: 1787 / 2012

[Jennette Arnold](#)

What issues will you be taking into account when making your decision on the Walthamstow stadium site?

Electric Vehicles

Question No: 1788 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Last term, at the forefront of your environment policy, was your promise to make London the "electric car capital of Europe". Is this still your aim and when do you expect to achieve this?

National Health Service Challenges

Question No: 1789 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Apart from the London Health & Improvement Board what other regional leadership are you offering for the health of Londoners?

Infrastructure

Question No: 1790 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

What are the top three items of new infrastructure spending you are now promoting?

Welfare Payments and Infrastructure

Question No: 1791 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

Do you support the view, held in some circles, that infrastructure spending can be funded by cutting welfare spending? Or would you argue that such a policy would be disastrous for London?

Whitechapel escalators

Question No: 1792 / 2012

[Jenny Jones](#)

The plans for escalators for the District Line platforms at Whitechapel station have been cancelled as the stairs have a 4.9m drop which is just short of the 5m standard for an escalator. Given that the lifts will have to be shared with the Crossrail platforms will you reinstate the plans for the escalator and ensure that this busy east London station is suitable for many decades to come?

Open data on police workforce strength

Question No: 1793 / 2012

[Jenny Jones](#)

If you are able to publish monthly comparable figures on the number of police officers by borough, why will you not also publish figures for the numbers of PCSOs, special constables and civilian staff?

London Living Wage (1)

Question No: 1794 / 2012

[Jenny Jones](#)

Can you list the occasions on which your Responsible Procurement team raised the London Living Wage with each of the 32 London boroughs and with the City of London in the past four years?

London Living Wage (2)

Question No: 1795 / 2012

[Jenny Jones](#)

Can you tell me any occasions on which you personally discussed implementing the London Living Wage with the London boroughs of Barking and Dagenham, Barnet, Bexley, Brent, Bromley, Camden, Croydon, Ealing, Enfield, Hackney, Hammersmith and Fulham, Harrow, Havering, Hillingdon, Hounslow, Kensington and Chelsea, Kingston, Lambeth, Merton, Newham, Redbridge, Richmond, Sutton, Waltham Forest, Wandsworth and Westminster, none of which have taken steps to implement the London Living Wage for their subcontracted workers seven years after the policy was launched?

Research on airports

Question No: 1796 / 2012

[Jenny Jones](#)

Your report 'A new airport for London – part 2' looks in depth at the economic case for a new airport for London. It states that 'further reports are planned to assess a number of other aspects, including commercial, environmental and location issues, in more detail.' When do you expect to begin work on these reports, and when do you expect to publish them?

European negotiations on air quality

Question No: 1798 / 2012

[Jenny Jones](#)

Your London European Office March Newsletter states "the Commission revealed some of the proposals to be included in the revised Air Quality Directive likely to be published in the autumn 2012." Which of these proposals do you welcome?

Lobbying on air quality

Question No: 1799 / 2012

[Jenny Jones](#)

Through your lobbying work with the Air Quality Initiative of the Regions (AIR) are you supporting the UK Government attempts – published in Defra's Red Tape Challenge proposals – to amend the Air Quality Directive to reduce the infraction risk faced by most Member States, especially in relation to nitrogen dioxide provisions?

Cycling in Cutty Sark Gardens

Question No: 1800 / 2012

[Darren Johnson](#)

Given that TfL's website and TFL cycle maps are clear about Cutty Sark Gardens being a shared use path for cyclists and pedestrians, will you use the offices of the Mayor and TfL to ask Greenwich Council to review its policy of enforcing a ban on cycling here?

Part-time PhD students (1)

Question No: 1801 / 2012

[Darren Johnson](#)

Will you work to extend student Transport for London discounts to part-time PhD students across the capital?

Part-time PhD students (2)

Question No: 1802 / 2012

[Darren Johnson](#)

Will you lobby to extend student Council Tax discounts to part-time PhD students across the capital?

Inaccurate statement on cycling casualties

Question No: 1803 / 2012

[Darren Johnson](#)

At the last Mayor's Question Time you asserted that close to two thirds of crashes between cyclists and motor vehicles were due to "some infraction by the cyclists themselves of the rules of the road". Given that the contrary is true, according to official data from the Transport Research Laboratory, will you withdraw those comments and apologise for misleading Londoners in order to set the record straight?

Going Dutch on the Olympic Park

Question No: 1804 / 2012

[Darren Johnson](#)

Will the 'Go Dutch' approach to cycling infrastructure be incorporated into the Olympic Legacy Masterplan?

Freeing up land in east London

Question No: 1805 / 2012

[Darren Johnson](#)

Do you agree with the statement made by James Cleverly at the Mayor's Question Time on 23rd May 2012 that the Thames Gateway Bridge scheme is 'dead and buried'? Will you now approach the Secretary of State to ask for the safeguarding of the land for a new crossing at Gallion Reach to be removed?

Silvertown crossing

Question No: 1806 / 2012

[Darren Johnson](#)

At Mayor's Question Time on 23rd May 2012 you claimed that the Silvertown crossing scheme "would alleviate traffic congestion in east London, reduce emissions and improve air quality." Can you please release all the background research that substantiates these statements?

Total cost of operating a New Bus for London

Question No: 1807 / 2012

[Darren Johnson](#)

Please could you provide a complete list of costs associated with operating a New Bus for London, and comparable costs for a typical double deck bus currently in service, including costs such as purchasing the bus, staff pay and fuel costs?

Garment suppliers

Question No: 1808 / 2012

[Darren Johnson](#)

Could you provide me with a list of companies that have supplied garments to the GLA group in the past five years?

Responsible Procurement

Question No: 1809 / 2012

[Darren Johnson](#)

With the departure of Richard Barnes, who now leads on Responsible Procurement?

Affordable housing monitoring

Question No: 1811 / 2012

[Darren Johnson](#)

As the strategic housing authority for London, will you monitor and publish data on the rent levels, relative to market rents, of Affordable Rent homes being delivered in London with grants you disburse?

London Rental Standard (1)

Question No: 1812 / 2012

[Darren Johnson](#)

Will you consult with the Assembly and the public on your proposed standard before it is launched in its final form?

London Rental Standard (2)

Question No: 1813 / 2012

[Darren Johnson](#)

Have you consulted with organisations representing (a) tenants, (b) landlords, (c) letting agents and (d) mortgage lenders in developing your proposed standard?

London Rental Standard (3)

Question No: 1814 / 2012

[Darren Johnson](#)

In what respects do you expect the proposed standard differ from, or build upon, the London Landlord Accreditation Scheme, besides bringing together various accreditation schemes under one roof?

Helping people find low pollution walking routes

Question No: 1815 / 2012

[Jenny Jones](#)

In December 2008 you told me that, with respect to the TfL journey planner, you were happy to work with, link to and promote services that provide enhanced information to supports people's needs. With that in mind, will you explore how you can work with and promote the Walkit service, which provides people with low pollution routes if they choose to walk?

DSEi arms fare at the Excel centre

Question No: 1816 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Will you and the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime meet with the organisers of the bi-annual arms fair, DSEI, and demand of them that this year they should meet all the costs of policing the exhibition both inside, and outside, the Excel exhibition centre?

Downloading data from mobile phones

Question No: 1817 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What safeguards have you put in place to ensure that when the Met Police use their new technology to download mobile phone information individual's civil liberties will be protected?

Crossrail 2

Question No: 1818 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What steps have you taken to ensure that the need for Crossrail 2 forms part of the contract and specification for HS2?

Site of Importance to Nature Conservation (SINC) Islington

Question No: 1819 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

The Drayton Park sidings Site of Importance to Nature Conservation is currently under threat from Network Rail. Will you write to Network Rail to urge them to protect this important and valued piece of nature on behalf of the residents of Islington?

Malden Rushett Crossroads

Question No: 1820 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Local residents are extremely concerned about the 18 collisions in recent years at this junction. Will you urge TfL to look again at this junction and seek funding for its improvement?

Cycle safety junction review

Question No: 1821 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

In last month's Transport Committee your Deputy Mayor stated that the cycle safety review was being conducted in a very transparent manner. In the interests of transparency will you agree to share the information that the review group has received with Assembly Members?

Go Dutch standards

Question No: 1822 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Will you provide me with an update on your progress to date in implementing the Love London, Go Dutch standards as promised in your election campaign?

Cycle safety and construction traffic

Question No: 1823 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

We welcome the decision to force all TfL contractors to install cycle safety measures on their vehicles. What steps are you taking to ensure that other large developers in the city commit to these standards?

King's Cross one way system study (1)

Question No: 1824 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What is the timetable, scope of this study and the roads/junctions that will be covered? Will local residents and users have an opportunity to feed into the study?

King's Cross one way system study (2)

Question No: 1825 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Why has the gyratory system between Gray's Inn Road and King's Cross Road been omitted from the 20mph consultation?

River services

Question No: 1826 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

In the TfL press release of May 24th the headline stated that river services had tripled. In the accompanying text it stated that two thirds more services were being run. Please explain the discrepancy between these two figures?

Cyclists and red lights

Question No: 1827 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

In last month's MQT you stated that two thirds of cycling collisions are the result of cyclists not obeying the rules of the road. Please explain this statistic and its evidence base?

Sudbury rail services

Question No: 1828 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Chiltern Railways are proposing to reduce the number of services that stop at Sudbury station. What representations will you make to Chiltern Railways to ensure that this group of Londoners do not lose their rail services?

Children's bicycles on the Underground

Question No: 1829 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

In answering MQT 1159/2012 you sighted safety concerns regarding the use of escalators and evacuating trains as the reason why children's bicycles cannot be taken on the underground. Could you please explain why these concerns do not apply to large suitcases which can be up to a metre long and half a metre wide which are often seen on the underground?

Two way cycling on one way streets

Question No: 1830 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

In your answer to MQT 1167/2012 you provided a welcome and comprehensive update on the

steps you have taken to overcome the regulations regarding two way cycling on one way streets. Are you confident that in 2012 we will see many more one way streets being made two way for cyclists?

Police officer recruitment

Question No: 1831 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Further to question 1156/2012, how many PCSOs failed the recruitment checks at the end of March 2012? How much was spent on training recruits who ultimately failed the recruitment checks?

Crime on London Transport

Question No: 1832 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What additional measures will you introduce to combat the worrying rise in drug related and sexual offences that we have seen in the latest round of crime figures?

Right to Buy (1)

Question No: 1833 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What is your assessment of recent changes to the Right to Buy scheme which allow for local councils to pass receipts from Right to Buy sales to Whitehall to help deliver one-for-one replacement at a national level? Do you anticipate a net loss of affordable housing in London as result of this policy?

Right to Buy (2)

Question No: 1834 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Does the revised Right to Buy scheme conflict with your existing housing policy which states that loss of housing, including affordable housing, should be resisted unless it can be replaced at existing or higher densities with at least equivalent floorspace (Policy 3.14b, London Plan)?

Right to Buy (3)

Question No: 1835 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Will you agree to publish a copy of your response to the Government's consultation on reinvigorating the Right to Buy scheme?

Rough sleepers initiatives

Question No: 1836 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Of the £8.4 million committed to rough sleepers initiatives in 2011/12, how much was spent?

Housing and Land Directorate

Question No: 1837 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

When do you expect to publish the business plan and budget for your new Housing and Land Directorate?

Mayoral Community Infrastructure Levy

Question No: 1838 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

How will you measure the impact of your Mayoral CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) on boroughs' ability to secure funding for other priorities, including the delivery of affordable housing in London?

School travel plan software

Question No: 1839 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

I have been contacted by a number of teachers who have been having problems with the Startrack system which records School Travel Plan Data. There appears to be a number of software glitches that the TfL customer service team have been unable to fix. Will you investigate this problem and identify a solution?

Cycle Hire Scheme (1)

Question No: 1840 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

As of May 30th 2012 there are 8 docking stations out of service. How many of these will be back in operation during the Olympic and Paralympic Games?

Cycle Hire Scheme (2)

Question No: 1841 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Will TfL takes steps to ensure that when a docking station, such as Tooley Street, is out of service due to utility works that information is provided at the docking station about the expected length of the closure of the docking station, as well as details of the nearest alternative docking station.

Sky Wi-Fi and London Overground

Question No: 1842 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Please provide the following details about this agreement announced last month:

- a) Where will Sky Wi-Fi be available on the London Overground network?
- b) How much will passengers be charged to use the Sky Wi-Fi service?
- c) Will TfL travel information be available for free to all passengers?

Bus Driver strike

Question No: 1843 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

The recent reports about a bus driver strike are very worrying. What personal interventions have you made to try and avert this strike with bus operators and the unions?

Free schools (1)

Question No: 1844 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Why do you favour the creation of Free Schools over other forms of school provision in London?

Free schools (2)

Question No: 1845 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Can you please outline a timeframe as to when the audit of the GLA group estate looking for 10 surplus buildings to use for Free Schools will be completed?

Free schools (3)

Question No: 1846 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Please list the dates of any, or all, of the meetings you have had with the Secretary of State for Education Michael Gove, or any other ministers at the Department for Education since May 2010, and please outline the issues you discussed at those meetings.

Free schools (4)

Question No: 1847 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Have you ever discussed the provision of more Free Schools in London with any other members of the Government, and if so with whom and when did those discussions take place?

Free schools (5)

Question No: 1848 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Please list the dates of all meetings your Deputy Mayor for Education and Culture Munira Mirza has had with the Secretary of State for Education Michael Gove, or any other ministers at the Department for Education or civil servants in that department to discuss the provision of Free Schools, and please outline the issues discussed at those meetings.

Free schools (6)

Question No: 1849 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

When will the results of the survey of headteachers commissioned by your Education Inquiry, gathering views on school improvement and whether the provision available meets head teachers' needs, be published?

Free schools (7)

Question No: 1850 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What meetings have you, or your Deputy Mayor for Education and Culture, or any other members of your Education Inquiry Panel had with Cabinet Members of councils responsible for the provision of school places in London boroughs, or Directors of Education, to discuss the need for additional school places in the capital?

Free schools (8)

Question No: 1851 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Aside from News International, please list the names of any other organisations or individuals that you or members of your team have had discussions with, regarding potential sponsorship or funding around the establishment of Free Schools in London?

Free Schools (9)

Question No: 1852 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Further to MQ1253/2012, policy 3.18 [Education facilities] of The London Plan states that the Mayor “strongly supports the establishment of new schools and steps to enable local people and communities to do this.” Does this not provide adequate encouragement for Free Schools to be set up across London? Is your proposed early alteration to the London Plan strictly necessary?

London Overground Bank Holiday weekend

Question No: 1854 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Will you explain why several sections of the London Overground are closed over the Bank Holiday weekend when many Londoners will be hoping to travel to enjoy the Jubilee celebrations?

London Overground and the Olympics

Question No: 1855 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Will you confirm that there will be no weekend closures on the London Overground during the Olympics?

Public Statistics

Question No: 1857 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

What progress have you made on plans to create a “physical resource” at City Hall where members of the public can see what is happening across the capital through a range of key statistics?

Olympic Jobs – Host Boroughs

Question No: 1858 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

Of the 12,000 people living in the six Olympic host boroughs who have been offered jobs at the 2012 Games, how many were previously out of work and/or long-term unemployed?

Olympic stadium

Question No: 1859 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

The London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC) recently announced an eight week extension to the process of securing a future tenant for the Olympic stadium, citing problems with the original terms of the tender. Please outline the issues which have arisen since the original invitation to tender (ITT) was issued in January, and list any “clarifications” that have since been made?

Heathrow Airport Capacity

Question No: 1860 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

Do you agree with the Secretary of State for Transport, Justine Greening, who has ruled out any prospect of increasing flights at Heathrow in advance the Government’s consultation on aviation capacity? Will you oppose any move to “mixed-mode” operation on Heathrow’s runways?

C40 Cities Climate Change Leadership Group

Question No: 1861 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

How much has the GLA invested in the development of C40 intellectual property (IP) to date? Has there been any cost relating to the monitoring or enforcement of this IP?

Bees – biodiversity strategy

Question No: 1862 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

A recent report from Friends of the Earth [Reviving British Bees] claims it would cost at least £1.8 billion each year to replace the pollination of food crops that the UK’s bees perform for free. In line with your commitment to keep down living costs for hard-pressed Londoners, and to protect the price of fruit and vegetables, will you include bees as a priority group when you next update your biodiversity strategy (2002)?

Aircraft noise – ambient noise strategy

Question No: 1863 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

Your ambient noise strategy (now part of the integrated London Environment Strategy) has not been updated since 2004, yet the health effects of exposure to aircraft noise have become much better understood in recent years. Will you therefore agree to update this strategy at the earliest opportunity?

£300,000 to help high streets

Question No: 1864 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

Can you confirm the funding source for the recently announced competition to allocate £300,000 between three town centres?

Beecroft report on employment law

Question No: 1865 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

Have you met Adrian Beecroft? If so, when, where, and what was discussed?

Street trees

Question No: 1866 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

Your answer to MQ1232/ 2012 referred me to priority question 1319/ 2012. However, in your oral response to Assembly Member Duvall, you mentioned only that you would “certainly go on delivering more [street trees]”. Can you therefore confirm that your target of planting 20,000 street trees is based on an 8-year timescale and includes the 10,000 trees already planted between 2008 and 2012?

Protecting Open Space

Question No: 1867 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

How seriously should Londoners take your pledge to protect London’s green spaces when over 21 hectares of open space has been lost in planning approvals since 2008?

Financial incentives for cleaner taxis

Question No: 1868 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

Further to MQ1236/2012, can you confirm that the financial support offered by Mercedes-Benz to drivers of vehicles affected by age limits – whereby a £1,500 discount was offered on the purchase price of a new Euro V compliant taxi – was available for the month of April only? If so, how many drivers took up this offer?

Cleaner Taxi Fund

Question No: 1869 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

Do you still intend to create a Cleaner Taxi Fund? If so, what progress have you made to secure corporate sponsorship?

Taxi Age Limits

Question No: 1870 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

Please provide an update on the number of taxis that have been removed from service following the introduction of a 15 year age limit. Please also list the number of new taxis that have been

licensed during the same period as well as any net increase in licensed drivers.

Helping London recycle more

Question No: 1871 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

A recent report from London councils [Helping London recycle more] highlights the positive effects that local reward and recognition schemes have had on recycling, re-use and composting rates. Will you make sure these examples of best practice are shared across all boroughs through your London Waste and Recycling Board? Do you have any plans to create a London-wide incentive scheme?

LGBT - engagement meetings

Question No: 1872 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

The previous statutory Deputy Mayor held half-yearly engagement meetings with London's LGBT community to discuss key issues of concern. Can you confirm if these meetings will continue and, if so, which of your Deputy Mayors you expect to attend?

London's Kitchen - Cafe facilities

Question No: 1873 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

Given that the cafe at City Hall is a public facility, why does it not have high chairs available for infants?

airTEXT

Question No: 1874 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

How many people have signed up to the airTEXT service which provides free air quality information and health advice via text message, voicemail or email when air pollution levels are forecast to reach moderate or high levels?

Neasden Lane – air quality

Question No: 1876 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

Will you publish a copy of the letter your former Director of Environment wrote to the London Borough of Brent and the Environment Agency, setting out your concern at the current high concentrations of air pollutants at Neasden Lane? When exactly will the GLA be hosting a meeting of key parties to agree further action to improve air quality in this area?

The Ministry of Sound

Question No: 1877 / 2012

[Andrew Boff](#)

"The Ministry of Sound are waiting for the Mayor to determine a planning application that will significantly impact their business. Since this has already been carried over from the last session, could you please indicate when this might be determined?"

Same-Sex Marriage

Question No: 1878 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

With reference to the statutory purposes of the GLA, which includes promoting social development in London, what are your views on same-sex marriage?