

Priority Order List

Mayor's Question Time Wednesday 26 February 2014

London's flood risk

Question No: 2014/0632

[Jenny Jones](#)

Will you heed the warning from the Environment Agency chief that London must step up its flood protection or risk being swamped in future?

Payday Loans and Credit Unions

Question No: 2014/0572

[Stephen Knight](#)

What work are you undertaking to address problems caused by payday lending in the capital and to boost the membership of London's credit unions?

Right to Buy

Question No: 2014/1037

[Tom Copley](#)

Given your responsibilities for housing in London, is it your view that 'Right to Buy' should be about helping aspiring home owners or lining the pockets of private landlords?

Homeless Veterans

Question No: 2014/0630

[Gareth Bacon](#)

Following the scheme that was announced at last year's budget, what progress has been made in helping homeless veterans in London?

Tackling the Cold Homes Crisis

Question No: 2014/1038

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Have you taken any measures to reduce utility bills for Londoners this winter and, if so, what?

TfL and the Living Wage

Question No: 2014/1039

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Please can you list all companies that are part of the TfL chain of contracting that do not pay the London Living Wage?

Heathrow Night Flights

Question No: 2014/0618

[Richard Tracey](#)

Does the Aviation Commission's decision to hide their recommendation for increasing night flights at Heathrow in an appendix, underline how much the Commission still has to learn before it publishes its final report?

TfL fare rises

Question No: 2014/1040

[John Biggs](#)

Has the Government compensated TfL for the confusion over how much the fares rise would be this year?

Congestion Charge

Question No: 2014/0593

[Andrew Boff](#)

Mr Mayor will you guarantee me that you will scrap the congestion charge when the new ultra low emissions zone is introduced?

Flexible Ticketing Plans

Question No: 2014/0608

[Roger Evans](#)

The news that my report, Home Works, has persuaded you to support flexible ticketing is very welcome. Could you tell me what you expect to see modelled, and later put to trial?

Unemployment

Question No: 2014/1041

[Jennette Arnold](#)

As the cost of living increases at a faster rate than income, as data suggests, members of minority groups in society and those protected under the Equality Act 2010 are suffering disproportionately. What have you done, as Mayor, to rectify this?

Food poverty

Question No: 2014/1042

[Fiona Twycross](#)

Are you concerned by increasing number of people in London who are facing food poverty?

Step-free access at Harrow on the Hill Station

Question No: 2014/0625

[Victoria Borwick](#)

How will the new feasibility study on step-free access at Harrow on the Hill station be taken forward, and what has been the contribution of Harrow Council towards making progress on this important issue?

Childcare

Question No: 2014/1043

[Fiona Twycross](#)

Do you agree that the childcare situation in London is unique to that of the rest of the country?

Ticket offices - pilots

Question No: 2014/0653

[Jenny Jones](#)

Have you given consideration to piloting your proposed staffing changes to tube ticket offices and stations, and carrying out a full assessment of the impact, rather than simply introducing such dramatic changes across the entire network?

Flooding in Croydon

Question No: 2014/0620

[Steve O'Connell](#)

What contribution has been made by the GLA Group in helping to deal with the recent flooding in Croydon?

HS2 (1)

Question No: 2014/1044

[Andrew Dismore](#)

On 23rd January at a public meeting to protest against HS2 a local resident, one Stanley Johnson, said HS2 was creating a kind of wartime collective spirit in Camden and it was time to "rise up". He added "We are all talking to each other in the street. No one ever used to talk to each other. Now we are, we are talking about HS2. We need people of Camden to man the barricades. The 100,000s who live here need to rise up and say: 'Camden will fight. If we don't fight for Camden who else will?'" He added "Anybody here know the Mayor of London?" Do you know this militant individual who does not seem to know you and what do you think of his view on HS2?

Olympic Park Cycling Provision

Question No: 2014/0595

[Andrew Boff](#)

Are you satisfied with the quality of the existing and planned cycling infrastructure across the Olympic Park?

Overcrowded Bus Routes

Question No: 2014/0486

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Will bus passengers see an increase in buses on overcrowded bus routes in your 'Year of the Bus'?

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

PCSOs

Question No: 2014/1045

[Joanne McCartney](#)

What plans do you have to rebuild the numbers of PCSOs in London?

London Plan alterations and affordable housing need

Question No: 2014/1046

[Nicky Gavron](#)

You are consulting on your further alterations to the London Plan. How do you know what is the need for affordable housing in London?

Strategic Planning Applications

Question No: 2014/1047

[Navin Shah](#)

You recently called in two planning applications - Convoys Wharf in Lewisham and Mount Pleasant mail facility in Camden and Islington - following requests by the applicants. How many times since May 2012 have you turned down an applicant's request to call in an application?

Leader of Jobbik

Question No: 2014/1048

[Andrew Dismore](#)

As London's elected Police and Crime Commissioner do you consider the Home Secretary was correct in not excluding Gabor Vona, Leader of Jobbik from the UK, when he came to London to address a rally of his supporters recently?

Questions not asked during Mayor's Question Time will be given a written response by Monday, 3 March 2014.

Start-Date for works at 'Tiger's Head' junction on Bromley Road/Whitefoot Lane/Southend Lane

Question No: 2014/0487

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Further to your previous answer, question number 2014/013, can a more precise starting date other than 'Spring 2014' now be provided for the pedestrian works commencing at this junction?

Accessibility of Pedestrian Crossings

Question No: 2014/0488

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Further to your answer to question 2013/2802 on pedestrian crossings, will you publish the list of Transport for London controlled pedestrian crossings that have neither an audible sound nor rotating cone and which are failing to meet the 1995 Department for Transport standard for minimum safety standards for blind and partially sighted people. Will you also publish the list of pedestrian crossings which will finally meet the national safety standard in (a) March 2015 and (b) March 2016?

Dulwich Common Junction Traffic Lights

Question No: 2014/0489

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What work is Transport for London carrying out to install a much-needed safe crossing at the junction of Dulwich Common and Lordship Lane and what is the timescale for this work?

One Day Travelcards Removed

Question No: 2014/0490

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

A constituent has posed the following question: "Why has the 1-2 zone Day Travelcard been made redundant? This means a city traveller or worker like myself who needs the public transport to visit numerous locations has to buy a 1-6 Travelcard at a cost of £8.90. That's an increase of almost £2 on the original fee." How do you respond?

Removal of Routemaster on Bus Route 9

Question No: 2014/0491

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What response has been received through the consultation on the proposal to remove Routemasters from bus route 9?

Cycle Safety at Advanced Stop Lines

Question No: 2014/0492

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

A cyclist has contacted me complaining about mopeds and motorbikes entering Advanced Stop Line cycle boxes. What are you going to do about abuse of these boxes by motorists? Will you consider CCTV as a possible deterrent for those occasions where police officers are not present?

TfL Response Rate to Freedom of Information Requests

Question No: 2014/0493

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What steps are you taking to ensure Transport for London improve their response rate to Freedom of Information Requests?

TfL Freedom of Information Disclosure Log

Question No: 2014/0494

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Why does Transport for London not publish a disclosure log for Freedom of Information requests in the way that such requests to the GLA are published? Will you instruct TfL do begin doing so?

Guarantees for Bus Passengers after Buses go Cashless (1)

Question No: 2014/0495

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What guarantees will you put in place to protect London's bus passengers once they are unable to purchase cash bus fares?

Guarantees for Bus Passengers after Buses go Cashless (2)

Question No: 2014/0496

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What steps will you take to ensure that, before cash fares are withdrawn from London's buses, passengers using night buses have sufficient opportunity to purchase tickets both in inner and outer London?

Guarantees for Bus Passengers after Buses go Cashless (3)

Question No: 2014/0497

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

How many additional Oyster Ticket Stops will be open late into the evening, particularly in outer London, before London's buses stop accepting cash fares?

Oystercard Readers - Card Clash (1)

Question No: 2014/0498

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Transport for London recently sent out an email communication warning Londoners about "card clash" problems with Oystercard readers. What records do Transport for London hold of the occasions where such "card clash" problems are detected? How many such events are recorded on average each day?

Oystercard Readers - Card Clash (2)

Question No: 2014/0499

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

How many Oystercard refunds have been processed that have been attributed to "card clash" problems? What is the value of these refunds?

Contactless Bank Card Overcharging (1)

Question No: 2014/0500

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What opportunity will there be for people to register more than one contactless bank card with TfL so that someone touching in with one bank card and touching out with a different bank card will not end up paying two maximum fare penalties?

Contactless Bank Card Overcharging (2)

Question No: 2014/0501

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What opportunity will there be for people to register more than one contactless bank card with TfL so that someone using different bank cards on different journeys in a qualifying period will still benefit from price capping?

Contactless Bank Card Overcharging (3)

Question No: 2014/0502

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What opportunity will there be for people to register more one or more contactless bank card together with their Oystercard so that someone using a bank card and an Oystercard on different journeys in a qualifying period will still benefit from price capping and are not charged two or more maximum fare penalties?

Failure of the Bombardier Signalling Contract

Question No: 2014/0503

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What lessons have been learned from the failure of the Transport for London and Bombardier signalling contract?

Cable Car Fare Discounts (1)

Question No: 2014/0504

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Why has the press release issued by Transport for London, seemingly on the 6th February 2014, announcing a temporary cut in prices on the cable car for residents of Newham Council and the Royal Borough of Greenwich, not been published on Transport for London's website?

Cable Car Fare Discounts (2)

Question No: 2014/0505

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What is the budgeted cost of the discounted cable car fares for residents of Greenwich and Newham?

Cable Car Fare Discounts (3)

Question No: 2014/0506

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Following the announcement that residents on Newham and the Royal Borough of Greenwich will receive discounted fares on the cable car, which is a form of transport which has received funding from the London Development Agency, Transport for London and the European Union, does Transport for London plan to offer any further discounted travel options to residents in other boroughs, such as discounted travel on the Waterloo to City Line for residents of Lambeth??

Cable Car Fare Discounts (4)

Question No: 2014/0507

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Will you publish figures showing for each week since the start of 2014 the number of Oyster 5+ Reward Tickets that have been collected?

Cable Car Fare Discounts (5)

Question No: 2014/0508

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Do you now accept that the most simple and effective discount to counter the dwindling number of passengers on the cable car would be to include such journeys as part of the Travelcard system as proposed in the recent Lib Dem Group budget amendment?

75% of HGVs stopped in Breach of Regulations (1)

Question No: 2014/0509

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

It was reported to the recent Transport for London Surface Panel that in an operation to monitor Industrial HGVs on London's roads that 75% of the 1,061 stopped were in breach of regulations such as for road worthiness and driver hours. What steps will TfL and the Metropolitan Police take in response to these shocking figures?

75% of HGVs stopped in Breach of Regulations (2)

Question No: 2014/0510

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

It was reported to the recent Transport for London Surface Panel that in an operation to monitor Industrial HGVs on London's roads that of the 1,061 stopped only 55 vehicles had the full range of cycle safety equipment installed. What steps will be taken to increase this unacceptably low proportion of such vehicles equipped with cycle safety features?

Kennington Station Safety (1)

Question No: 2014/0511

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What steps will be taken to improve safety, convenience and comfort for passengers changing trains at Kennington Station should the Northern Line be split into two routes requiring passengers joining trains further south to change at Kennington for the Charing Cross branch?

Kennington Station Safety (2)

Question No: 2014/0512

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What steps will be taken to improve safety, convenience and comfort for passengers changing trains at Kennington Station should the Northern Line Extension go ahead?

Kennington Station Safety (3)

Question No: 2014/0513

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What works will be carried out to upgrade Kennington Station should the Northern Line Extension be given the go-ahead? What is the total cost and timescale for these works?

Meeting about the Garden Bridge

Question No: 2014/0514

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Your report to Assembly Members covering 16 January 2014 to 12 February 2014 indicates that you met Lord Mervyn Davies, Chairman of the Garden Bridge Trust, on 3 February 2014. What was the outcome of these discussions?

Safer Neighbourhood Teams (1)

Question No: 2014/0515

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

How many of London's Safer Neighbourhood Teams did not have both one dedicated PC and one dedicated PCSO as of 1 February 2014? Please provide a breakdown by borough.

Safer Neighbourhood Teams (2)

Question No: 2014/0516

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What is the abstractions policy in each borough for the one PC and one PCSO which are meant to be dedicated to each ward's Safer Neighbourhood Team?

Local Policing Model - SNT investigations

Question No: 2014/0517

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Further to MQ 2013/5254 regarding Safer Neighbourhood Teams investigating all neighbourhood crime that occurs in their ward, are you now able to fully ascertain the exact number of investigations conducted by Neighbourhood teams since the implementation of Local Policing Model?

Safer Neighbourhood Teams - officer hours per ward

Question No: 2014/0518

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

In answer to MQ 2013/5258 you stated that you were unable to answer my question about Safer Neighbourhood Team officer hours per ward since the implementation of the Local Policing Model "as current duty processes cannot break down officers' time spent on ward specific duty". Are you able to tell me the total number of hours worked by Safer Neighbourhood Team officers in January 2014, broken down by ward?

Implementation of the Local Policing Model

Question No: 2014/0519

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

In June I asked about what metrics you would use to monitor, and judge the success of, the new Local Policing Model [MQ 2013/2308]. You stated that "A benefits realisation dashboard is used to monitor the success of the Local Policing Model (LPM). Each benefit has an associated set of measures". Please publish these "benefits realisation dashboards" for each borough.

Evaluation of the Local Policing Model

Question No: 2014/0520

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

In answer to MQ 2013/5252 regarding the evaluation of the Local Policing Model, you stated that "the MPS is undertaking an assessment of both Tranche 1 and Tranche 2 boroughs using a combination of self-assessment and independent fieldwork. The findings of this assessment will be available in the New Year". Please publish the evaluation of Tranche 1 and Tranche 2 boroughs.

Security costs for police buildings awaiting sale

Question No: 2014/0521

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

How much has been spent in 2013/14, and is anticipated to be spent in 2014/15, on security costs for empty police buildings awaiting sale? Please provide figures per building if available.

Costs for police buildings awaiting sale

Question No: 2014/0522

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

How much has been spent since their closure or vacating on utilities; business rates; rent/lease payments; maintenance and any other costs for empty police buildings awaiting sale? Please provide figures per building if available.

Security costs for fire stations awaiting sale

Question No: 2014/0523

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

How much has been spent in 2013/14, and is anticipated to be spent in 2014/15, on security costs for empty fire stations awaiting sale? Please provide figures per station if available.

Costs for fire stations awaiting sale

Question No: 2014/0524

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

How much has been spent since their closure on utilities; business rates; rent/lease payments; maintenance and any other costs for empty fire stations awaiting sale? Please provide figures per station if available.

Police custody in Barnet - HMIP Inspection

Question No: 2014/0525

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

A report of an unannounced inspection of police custody in Barnet was published on 5 February 2014. What actions are you taking to address its findings, in particular that "strategic oversight was poor and there was a lack of senior management oversight of the custody facility" and concerns about the use of custody as a place of safety under the Mental Health Act?

Rape victims referred to Havens

Question No: 2014/0526

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

In answer to MQ 2014/0141 regarding rape victims referred to the Havens you stated that "it is not possible from current systems to identify how many result in forensic examinations but work is underway that will enable this in future." I have been made aware that this information has previously been reported by the NHS and in response to a Freedom of Information request. Can you clarify whether you hold, and are monitoring data, which is broken down into forensic referral (police and non police referral); and non-forensic referral (police and non police referral)?

Rape victims referred to Havens (2)

Question No: 2014/0527

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Further to MQ 2014/0141 what explanation has MOPAC been given for the 23% drop in police referrals of rape victims to the Havens between calendar year 2007 and 2013, a period in which there has been a significant increase in rape reporting?

Rape victims referred to Havens (3)

Question No: 2014/0528

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

How many meetings has MOPAC and/or the GLA had with the Havens since MOPAC's formation?

Met Police sickness absence (1)

Question No: 2014/0529

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What percentage of police officers are on a) restricted, b) recuperative duties or c) on long-term sick leave as of 31 January 2014? Please provide figures for each borough.

Met Police sickness absence (2)

Question No: 2014/0530

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What was the average number of days lost due to sickness absence for a) Met Police officers, b) PCSOs and c) police staff broken down by month since the start of 2013?

Met Police sickness absence (3)

Question No: 2014/0531

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What were the leading causes of sickness absence in the Met Police in 2013? Please break these down by the number of days attributed to each reason for sickness absence.

Meeting Evgeny Lebedev

Question No: 2014/0532

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Your Mayor's Report for the period 16 January to 12 February 2014 lists that you met with "Evgeny Lebedev, Evening Standard, on 29 January". Where did you meet and what did you discuss?

Hampstead Old Town Hall contact point

Question No: 2014/0533

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

You had previously agreed to fund a new police contact point in Hampstead Old Town Hall (MQ 2013/4872). When will this contact point be operational?

Hampstead Safer Neighbourhoods Panel

Question No: 2014/0534

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

In answer to MQ 4024/2013 you stated that "The MPS is committed to ensuring that all ward panels meet on a bi-monthly basis". How many times has the Hampstead Safer Neighbourhoods Panel been attended by the police since February 2013?

Safer Neighbourhood Ward Panels

Question No: 2014/0535

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

How many ward Panels across London have not yet had a meeting in 2014?

Former Hampstead Police Station - alarm

Question No: 2014/0536

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

It has been reported in the press that the alarm at the former Hampstead Police Station was left ringing for 48 hours in January 2014, causing much disturbance to local residents, with officers unable to turn it off. What steps have you taken to ensure that any future issues with former police stations are dealt with more swiftly?

Former Hampstead Police Station

Question No: 2014/0537

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

A constituent has been in touch to ask why an "Open" notice was left on the Hampstead Police Station board for five months after its closure, with piles of mail and packages left unattended for weeks on the steps outside?

Security of Met Police data (1)

Question No: 2014/0538

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Articles in the Guardian newspaper have disclosed that a number of American corporations including Microsoft, Apple, Google and Facebook were in receipt of orders from the US Government to hand over all their data on their customers abroad including the UK. Can you provide assurances that the Metropolitan Police has not had any of its data removed to the United States?

Security of Met Police data (2)

Question No: 2014/0539

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Articles in the Guardian newspaper have disclosed that a number of American corporations including Microsoft, Apple, Google and Facebook were in receipt of orders from the US Government to hand over all their data on their customers abroad including the UK. What actions have you taken to investigate the implications of these potential data breaches for the Metropolitan Police? Could data removed from the UK have included names of officers?

Maintaining the number of IDVAs

Question No: 2014/0540

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

The Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy 2013-17 reaffirms your commitment to maintain the number of Independent Domestic Violence Advocates (IDVAs). How many IDVAs are there currently in London broken down by borough?

Refuge Commissioning

Question No: 2014/0541

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

The Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy 2013-17 states that MOPAC will work with partners to develop a more joined up and needs-led approach for future refuge commissioning. What progress has the VAWG panel made on this issue?

Safe and secure housing options for those fleeing abuse

Question No: 2014/0542

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

The Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy 2013-17 notes that there is a significant gap in terms of accommodation provision for young women and girls fleeing violence and abuse and states that MOPAC will work the London Safeguarding Children Board and boroughs to explore new housing support models and referral pathways for 16 and 17 year olds. Do you have figures on how many 16 and 17 year olds could be helped by this better housing provision? When will solutions be in place to fill this gap?

Specialist Domestic Violence Courts

Question No: 2014/0543

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

The Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy 2013-17 states that MOPAC will "review the availability of Specialist Domestic Violence Courts in London...to ensure minimum standards and consistent good practice across London". When can we expect this review to report? Further to MQ 2012/3370, will you work to support increased provision of SDVCs across London?

Specialist Sexual Violence Courts

Question No: 2014/0544

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

The Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy 2013-17 states that MOPAC will "work with the CPS and partners to explore the feasibility of developing a pilot specialist sexual violence court in London". When could a pilot sexual violence court be in place in London?

Learning from Domestic Homicide Reviews

Question No: 2014/0545

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

The Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy 2013-17 states that MOPAC will "publish an overview of the findings, outcomes and lessons learnt from DV homicide reviews in London and use this to encourage partners to put in place measures to improve agency responses to prevent future DV homicides". When will this review be published?

GLA borrowing limits

Question No: 2014/0546

[Stephen Knight](#)

What, if any, discussions have you had with government ministers about lifting the GLA's artificial borrowing limits with reference to financing more affordable housing?

Affordable Housing - breakdown of tenure

Question No: 2014/0547

[Stephen Knight](#)

What was the average annual number of new affordable homes delivered in each of the 2008-11, 2011-15 investment rounds? Please provide a breakdown by tenure (i.e. social rent, affordable rent, first steps).

Intermediate Housing Grant

Question No: 2014/0548

[Stephen Knight](#)

What was the average grant per unit for intermediate units completed under the previous affordable housing programme (2008-11)?

Decent Homes (1)

Question No: 2014/0549

[Stephen Knight](#)

What is your latest estimate of the number of council homes in London that will not meet the 'Decent Homes' standard by April 2015?

Decent Homes (2)

Question No: 2014/0550

[Stephen Knight](#)

Are you now in a position to confirm how many council homes will be brought up to the Decent Homes standard in London following the government's announcement of an additional £160m for councils to bring their stock up to the Decent Homes standard in 2015/16?

GLA Land and Property Ltd - overage agreements (1)

Question No: 2014/0551

[Stephen Knight](#)

Further to the consideration of your draft Property Asset Strategy by the Investment & Performance Board (IPB) on 15 November 2013, will you agree to publish a list of all those schemes where the GLA has entered into an overage agreement with development partners?

GLA Land and Property Ltd - overage agreements (2)

Question No: 2014/0552

[Stephen Knight](#)

Please outline any major changes to overage agreements that have taken place since the GLA assumed responsibility for assets transferred from the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) London Development Agency (LDA) and London Thames Gateway Development Corporation (LTGDC)?

GLA Land and Property Ltd - financial returns from development deals

Question No: 2014/0553

[Stephen Knight](#)

What systems are in place to monitor returns from complex profit-sharing land development deals the GLA has inherited from the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) London Development Agency (LDA) and London Thames Gateway Development Corporation (LTGDC)?

Mount Pleasant Sorting Office - redevelopment (1)

Question No: 2014/0554

[Stephen Knight](#)

Can you confirm that both Islington and Camden councils were within the 13-week statutory time period for determining a major planning application when you announced your intention to take over the above application for your own determination?

Mount Pleasant Sorting Office - redevelopment (2)

Question No: 2014/0555

[Stephen Knight](#)

Do you agree with the comments made by Thomas Heatherwick - designer of the New Bus for London, 2012 Olympic and Paralympic cauldron and co-originator of the current proposals for a 'Garden Bridge' across the River Thames - that the current redevelopment proposals for the Mount Pleasant Sorting Office are "downright lazy - cheap, bland, generic and misconceived"?

Mount Pleasant Sorting Office - redevelopment (3)

Question No: 2014/0556

[Stephen Knight](#)

Will you take this opportunity to apologise for your pejorative description of all those who have concerns over the current development proposals for the Mount Pleasant Sorting Office as "bourgeois NIMBYs"? If not, will you delegate your planning powers to your Deputy Mayor for Policy and Planning so that Londoners can be assured that all material planning considerations will be taken into account, regardless of whether or not they are in support of a development?

Fettering Discretion in the Planning Process

Question No: 2014/0557

[Stephen Knight](#)

While your statement of compliance to Lambeth Council on whether extensions and alterations to the Southbank Centre complied with the London Plan made clear that there was no obligation for you to indicate your intentions regarding a possible direction, your subsequent press release of 15 January 2014 ['Mayor supports skate park rethink'] explicitly stated that you would only support plans to redevelop the Southbank Centre "if the skate park is retained in its current position." How is it possible to conclude anything other than that you have fettered your discretion to determine this application as it currently stands?

Southbank Centre

Question No: 2014/0558

[Stephen Knight](#)

Further to your statement of compliance to Lambeth Council on whether extensions and alterations to the Southbank Centre complied with the London Plan [planning application no. 13/02014/FUL] have you now had the opportunity to analyse the additional viability information supplied by the applicant? If so, what is your conclusion?

Lambeth housing evictions

Question No: 2014/0559

[Stephen Knight](#)

Are you satisfied that Lambeth Council's sale of so-called 'shortlife' housing co-operatives adheres to all the necessary housing covenants? Moreover, are you aware that Lambeth's eviction programme is affecting people in their 70s, some of whom have lived in their houses since the 1970s? Does this policy accord with Policy 3.9 of your London Plan [mixed and balanced communities]?

Electric Taxis

Question No: 2014/0560

[Stephen Knight](#)

Further to MQ2014/0153, will you ensure that all zero-emission capable taxis operate in zero emission mode from the moment they are licensed, rather than waiting until the introduction of your Ultra Low Emission Zone in 2020?

Low Emission Taxis

Question No: 2014/0561

[Stephen Knight](#)

You announced funding of £1m to trial low carbon technology in London's taxi fleet on 03 June 2008. When do you anticipate allocating this funding?

Congestion Charge

Question No: 2014/0562

[Stephen Knight](#)

Can you confirm whether your Final Draft Consolidated Budget for 2014/15 includes the additional income that would arise if the daily congestion charge were raised from £10 to £11.50?

Transport for London - Health Improvement Action Plan (1)

Question No: 2014/0563

[Stephen Knight](#)

Why does Transport for London's Health Improvement Action Plan not address: (a) health impacts on those its restrictions directly influence (e.g. taxi and bus drivers exposed to diesel exhaust) and (b) air pollution in the London Underground?

Transport for London - Health Improvement Action Plan (2)

Question No: 2014/0564

[Stephen Knight](#)

Will you confirm that Transport for London will assess air quality impacts for its Health Improvement Action Plan by measuring nitrogen dioxide and both fine (PM2.5) and other particulate matter (PM10)?

Air Quality on the Tube

Question No: 2014/0565

[Stephen Knight](#)

Do you still consider that levels of air pollution are 'safe' for employees and passengers throughout the London Underground after the Health and Safety Executive emphasised that the limits it sets are the maximum legally permissible and are not selected to protect the most sensitive individuals?

Asbestos in the London Underground

Question No: 2014/0566

[Stephen Knight](#)

Why have you missed by weeks the statutory two-month deadline for responding to Clean Air in London's request for information about the management and monitoring of asbestos in the London Underground?

Air Quality in Buildings

Question No: 2014/0567

[Stephen Knight](#)

Further to MQ 2013/2969, are you now in a position to provide an update on compliance with air quality standards within GLA Group buildings?

European Commission - infraction action

Question No: 2014/0568

[Stephen Knight](#)

What top three new initiatives will you launch in response to the prospect of escalating infraction action by the European Commission in relation to breaches of nitrogen dioxide limit values in London e.g. over three times the legal limit in Oxford Street?

Air Quality - awareness and public information

Question No: 2014/0569

[Stephen Knight](#)

What progress have you made on warning Londoners about smog to reduce hospitalisations, avoid early deaths and build public understanding of air pollution since your response to MQ2013/2976? Can you confirm when the 'Breathe Better Together' communication campaign will be launched?

London Underground - Tunnel Cleaning Machine

Question No: 2014/0570

[Stephen Knight](#)

Further to your answer to MQ2013/3524, can you confirm when the Tunnel Cleaning Train is expected to (a) start testing and (b) begin full operation?

Transport for London - Air Quality and Emissions Action Plan

Question No: 2014/0571

[Stephen Knight](#)

When will Transport for London publish its Air Quality and Emissions Action Plan promised by the end of last year?

The Economy Committee's Open for Business Report's Planning Recommendation

Question No: 2014/0573

[Stephen Knight](#)

Have you lobbied the government, as specifically called for in recommendation five of the economy committee's Open for Business report, to amend the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 to establish that payday loan shops be considered sui generis for planning purposes? If not, why not?

Credit Union Membership Campaign

Question No: 2014/0574

[Stephen Knight](#)

In order to increase awareness of the capital's credit unions and the financial services they offer, will you begin a campaign encouraging Londoners to join their local credit union as the Scottish government has successfully done for Scots?

A Credit Union Savings Account for every Secondary School Starter

Question No: 2014/0575

[Stephen Knight](#)

Glasgow City Council has opened a credit union savings account for every secondary school starter in the city. Will you consider a similar scheme in London? If not, why not?

Extra Credit Union Funding in Wales

Question No: 2014/0576

[Stephen Knight](#)

The Welsh Assembly has recently allocated more funding to boost credit unions in Wales, on top of the extra funding being made available nationally. Will you do the same for London's credit unions? If not, why not?

Credit Unions Links with the City

Question No: 2014/0577

[Stephen Knight](#)

Some banks, such as Barclays and the Co-op, have worked in partnership credit unions. What work have you undertaken, if any, to lobby the City on behalf of London's credit unions or help create links between the two sectors?

The London Debt Strategy Group

Question No: 2014/0578

[Stephen Knight](#)

The London Debt Strategy Group's last report was published in 2011, with Toynbee Hall and the Capitalise debt partnership. What work have you undertaken since then with the London Debt Strategy Group, Toynbee Hall or Capitalise, if any, to research, monitor and address debt problems in the capital?

London Enterprise Panel January Meeting

Question No: 2014/0579

[Stephen Knight](#)

At the London Enterprise Panel's January meeting, were plans discussed for an airport on the Isle of Grain or a so-called 'Boris Island'?

Credit for Apprenticeship Creation

Question No: 2014/0580

[Stephen Knight](#)

How can you differentiate between apprenticeships created as a result of your actions and those which would have been created by the National Apprenticeship Service in London anyway?

The International Baccalaureate in London's State Schools

Question No: 2014/0581

[Stephen Knight](#)

Changes to the funding regime for multifaceted courses such as the International Baccalaureate mean that some of the (already very few) state schools in London which currently teach the IB struggle to do so sustainably, with some even making a loss. Are you able to take any action to ensure that this prestigious international qualification remains an option for young Londoners in the state sector?

2012 Employment Legacy

Question No: 2014/0582

[Stephen Knight](#)

The 2012 Employment Legacy project has received a bad progress report from the Investment and Performance Board's latest paper, partly due to below-target employment outcomes. What is your plan to rectify this?

Business Rate Relief in Croydon

Question No: 2014/0583

[Stephen Knight](#)

The Croydon Business Rate Relief project from the Mayor's Regeneration Fund has received another bad progress report from the Investment and Performance Board's latest paper. What is your plan to rectify this?

The LEP's Parental Employment/Childcare Strategy

Question No: 2014/0584

[Stephen Knight](#)

Following commitments you made when I asked you about the issue at the October 2013 Mayor's Question Time, can you now give me an update and a timescale for the LEP's parental employment and childcare strategy?

Cost of closed fire stations

Question No: 2014/0585

[Stephen Knight](#)

How much is it costing to keep the 10 closed London Fire stations secure each month?

Increase in LFEPA funding by 3m

Question No: 2014/0586

[Stephen Knight](#)

Is your recent decision to increase LFEPA's budget by £3m per year an admission that the LSP 5 savings are not materialising as hoped?

Cost of implementation of LSP 5

Question No: 2014/0587

[Stephen Knight](#)

What to date is the total implementation cost of LSP 5?

Cost of LSP 5 for 2013/14

Question No: 2014/0588

[Stephen Knight](#)

Will you confirm that the additional £10.2m spend outlined in the Mayor's Final Draft Consolidation Budget 2014-15 on LFEPA brings the total of LSP 5 savings for the year 2014/15 down from £27.4m to £17.2m?

Flood Rescue and Relief Planning

Question No: 2014/0589

[Stephen Knight](#)

Are there enough in service and available high volume pumps, rescue boats, pontoons and waterproof equipment to ensure protection of life and essential facilities during future flood events in London?

Flood Resources

Question No: 2014/0590

[Stephen Knight](#)

Please supply a breakdown of all, 'in-service' flood rescue equipment 'available' to London and reassure Londoners that the Fire and Rescue Services have the financial and equipment capacity to deal with serious flood events?

Cost of Airwave Renewal

Question No: 2014/0591

[Stephen Knight](#)

What plans do you have to help LFEPA with the implementation costs of a replacement for Airwave (radio) when the contract comes up for renewal after 2016?

Flooding & Fire Brigade's Statutory Duty

Question No: 2014/0592

[Stephen Knight](#)

Given the 14,408 homes at high risk and 34,349 at medium risk from flooding in London, coupled with the decline in fires and the rise in floods over the last 10 years, will you lobby the Government (and support the FBU's calls) to make flood rescue and relief a statutory duty of the Fire Brigade? Thus allowing the Fire Brigade to be funded for flood rescue work and dedicate more money to essential flood resilience resources.

271 Bus Stand in Highgate Village

Question No: 2014/0594

[Andrew Boff](#)

Will you ask TfL to agree to local residents' requests to move the twin double decker 271 bus stand in the heart of Highgate Village to the nearby alternative location, suggested by the Highgate Society and other local organisations, in order to protect the character of this conservation area which is one of London's last 'urban villages'.

New Town at Ebbsfleet

Question No: 2014/0596

[Andrew Boff](#)

Do you think Andrew Adonis' resurrection of the proposal to build a new town on brownfield land at Ebbsfleet will be enough to solve London's housing crisis, or will we need many more new houses built in the coming decades?

Overground Extension to Barking

Question No: 2014/0597

[Andrew Boff](#)

What would be the wider benefits for the opening up of the Thames Gateway area for new development if the Treasury agree to fund the extension of the Overground to Barking Riverside?

Welfare Reform

Question No: 2014/0598

[Andrew Boff](#)

Since the reforms were introduced to housing benefit and other types of welfare, how many benefit recipients in London that were previously unemployed have now started looking for work? Could this please be broken down by borough?

Canada Water Opportunity Area

Question No: 2014/0599

[Andrew Boff](#)

What would be the main benefits to local residents of the new Opportunity Area that is proposed for Canada Water in the London Plan?

Cost of phone hacking operations

Question No: 2014/0600

[Kit Malthouse](#)

What has been the total cost of Operations Weeting, Eleveden and Tuleta thus far and how many sworn Police Officers and staff have been engaged in these investigations to date?

Arrests in phone hacking operations

Question No: 2014/0601

[Kit Malthouse](#)

How many people were arrested during operations Weeting, Eleveden and Tuleta and how many of these were actually charged, awaiting charge, or are undergoing trial?

Victims of phone hacking operations

Question No: 2014/0602

[Kit Malthouse](#)

How many actual victims of phone hacking have been confirmed as part of operation Weeting?

Review by Durham Constabulary into Operation Weeting

Question No: 2014/0603

[Kit Malthouse](#)

What was the cost to Londoners of the review by Durham Constabulary into Operation Weeting and how many sworn officers were engaged in the review?

London Homicide Investigations

Question No: 2014/0604

[Kit Malthouse](#)

How many London homicide investigations that were committed since the 26th January 2011 remain undetected?

Child Abuse Investigations

Question No: 2014/0605

[Kit Malthouse](#)

How much has been spent by the Metropolitan Police on investigating child abuse since 26 January 2011, and how many sworn Police Officers and staff have been involved in this work?
How many reported victims of child abuse have there been in London since 26 January 2011?

Queens Park Station

Question No: 2014/0606

[Kit Malthouse](#)

When will lifts be installed at Queens Park Station? What travel advice would you give to those who need step free access in the area now that the lifts at Kilburn are also out of action until June?

Old Oak Common Opportunity Area

Question No: 2014/0607

[Kit Malthouse](#)

What would be the main benefits to local residents of the new Opportunity Area that is proposed for Old Oak Common in the London Plan?

TfL advertising revenue

Question No: 2014/0609

[Richard Tracey](#)

Why does TfL's forecasted advertising revenue drop off a cliff in 2015/16, only to recover to current levels in 2022/23?

Accessible Stations (1)

Question No: 2014/0610

[Richard Tracey](#)

A recent Transport for All report found that step-free access was unavailable at "accessible stations" for nearly 500 hours in 2013. Do you agree that taking staff out of ticket offices and freeing them up to be around stations would be very likely to reduce this figure?

Accessible Stations (2)

Question No: 2014/0611

[Richard Tracey](#)

Would the significant cost of keeping station staff in underused ticket offices be a help or a hindrance to TfL's continued rollout of improved step-free access across the London Underground network?

Tube Strike (1)

Question No: 2014/0612

[Richard Tracey](#)

What benefits have London Underground workers received from the decision of a minority of the membership of the RMT and the TSSA to strike from the 4th-6th February?

Tube Strike (2)

Question No: 2014/0613

[Richard Tracey](#)

After the recent tube strike, how can the public best seek to persuade the Government to replace tube strikes with binding pendulum arbitration as set out in my report, Struck Out?

Tube Strike (3)

Question No: 2014/0614

[Richard Tracey](#)

How many additional bus services ran during the tube strike?

Tube Strike (4)

Question No: 2014/0615

[Richard Tracey](#)

How many additional bus passengers were carried during the tube strike in comparison to the same period a week earlier?

Tube Strike (5)

Question No: 2014/0616

[Richard Tracey](#)

How many passengers were carried on the river buses during the tube strike? How many additional passengers were carried in comparison to the same period a week earlier?

Crossrail 2

Question No: 2014/0617

[Richard Tracey](#)

What was your reaction to the London First Crossrail 2 Taskforce's estimates of the ways in which Crossrail 2's budget could be raised via private sources?

Outer London Fund

Question No: 2014/0619

[Steve O'Connell](#)

Which projects have so far been completed, or are nearing completion, as part of the Outer London Fund, and in which areas?

Gatwick Airport Noise Compensation Scheme (1)

Question No: 2014/0621

[Steve O'Connell](#)

Do you welcome Gatwick Airport's significant expansion of their noise compensation scheme? Do you agree that Gatwick's scheme should be a model for all of London's airports?

Gatwick Airport Noise Compensation Scheme (2)

Question No: 2014/0622

[Steve O'Connell](#)

Were Heathrow to introduce a scheme on the same terms 70,000 homeowners would be eligible for funds. Does this underline why expansion of Heathrow is completely unacceptable?

Question: Gatwick Airport Noise Compensation Scheme (3)

Question No: 2014/0623

[Steve O'Connell](#)

Were the proposed Isle of Grain Airport to introduce a scheme on the same terms, how many homeowners would require compensation?

Hyde Park Corner Road safety for cyclists

Question No: 2014/0624

[Victoria Borwick](#)

There have been a number of collisions that have resulted in minor injuries and nine KSIs around Hyde Park Corner in the last three years. What can TfL do to improve the safety of cyclists at this junction?

Harrow and Wealdstone Opportunity Area

Question No: 2014/0626

[Victoria Borwick](#)

What would be the main benefits of the new Harrow and Wealdstone Opportunity Area and how can it be used to help improve local infrastructure?

Arrested Metropolitan Police officers

Question No: 2014/0627

[Victoria Borwick](#)

Can you update the assembly on what action has been taken against the 46 Metropolitan Police officers who have been arrested for offences committed while on duty since 2010?

Metropolitan Police fitness standards

Question No: 2014/0628

[Victoria Borwick](#)

What improvements can Londoners expect to see in policing in relation to the compulsory fitness test assigned to Metropolitan Police officers last year?

Old Kent Road Opportunity Area

Question No: 2014/0629

[Gareth Bacon](#)

What would be the main benefits to local residents of the new Opportunity Area that is proposed for Old Kent Road in the London Plan?

Zero Emission Taxis

Question No: 2014/0631

[James Cleverly](#)

Further to your plans to require a zero emissions mode for all new taxis from January 2018, targeted at high pollution areas, which areas did you have in mind for the zero emission mode to be used? Also, will there be any schemes or incentives to help taxi drivers switch to the new vehicles?

GLA plan to curb food handouts

Question No: 2014/0633

[Darren Johnson](#)

At the November 2013 meeting of your rough sleeping group, the GLA pledged to 'explore the scope' of a campaign to warn businesses which currently donate unsold food to the homeless of the 'unintended consequences' of doing so. While I fully accept that to be effective a comprehensive package of support for rough sleepers needs to be offered, beyond simply the provision of food, will you urge more businesses to donate unsold food to projects that help the needy as part of a comprehensive package of support, rather than dissuading this practice through your proposed campaign?

Tackling tuberculosis in London (1)

Question No: 2014/0634

[Darren Johnson](#)

In 2010, you admitted 'tuberculosis is increasing at an alarming rate' (question 2010/3022). Are you currently compiling statistics on TB rates? Have infection rates declined?

Tackling tuberculosis in London (2)

Question No: 2014/0635

[Darren Johnson](#)

With reference to your answer to 2013/3265 what are you doing to tackle tuberculosis amongst hard-to-reach, high risks groups, such as the homeless, either through the London Health Board or in conjunction with Public Health England in London?

Syrian refugees

Question No: 2014/0636

[Darren Johnson](#)

The Refugee Council has been leading a campaign to convince the Government that the UK should respond to the UNHCR's call for a global resettlement programme for the most vulnerable Syrian refugees currently residing in camps in the countries bordering Syria. Given London's proud history of accepting refugees, will you support this campaign?

Mount Pleasant - involving Londoners

Question No: 2014/0637

[Darren Johnson](#)

Local residents in the Mount Pleasant Forum have tried in vain to engage constructively with the Royal Mail Group to improve proposals for this significant development site. The application you have taken over doesn't yet have a developer behind it, so there is an opportunity for you to engage with residents and businesses to achieve a better outcome for the local community, addressing concerns such as air pollution and urban design. You have talked of bringing the village into the city. Will you take this opportunity?

Mount Pleasant - site visit

Question No: 2014/0638

[Darren Johnson](#)

Will you undertake to visit the Mount Pleasant site with officers to meet residents from the Mount Pleasant Forum before the public hearing on this planning application?

Mount Pleasant - marketing to investors

Question No: 2014/0639

[Darren Johnson](#)

You have said a number of times in recent months that you want to see new homes in London marketed first to people in this country and not marketed off-plan to people in other countries. But homes are also marketed off-plan to investors in the UK who will then either leave them empty or rent them out. Will you undertake to examine how homes in the Mount Pleasant development can be marketed to potential home owners, rather than investors?

First steps listings

Question No: 2014/0640

[Darren Johnson](#)

A constituent has complained that many properties listed on First Steps have minimum income requirements that aren't specified up front on the web site. At the time of writing, fewer than a third of one bed homes across London specified a minimum income, though several listings mentioned that such requirements do exist. Will you ensure that all homes with minimum income requirements specify this up front, to save constituents from wasting time following up homes they will not be allowed to buy?

First steps minimum income requirements

Question No: 2014/0641

[Darren Johnson](#)

There is considerable variation in the minimum income requirements for homes on the First Steps web site. At the time of writing, across London they range from £29,600 for a home estimated to cost £1,365 per month to £44,342 for a home estimated to cost £932 per month. Will you review whether minimum income requirements are always appropriate, in particular whether some listings expect an unnecessarily high income and so prevent constituents from buying a home they could afford?

Crystal Palace - Further Alterations to the London Plan (1)

Question No: 2014/0642

[Darren Johnson](#)

You are proposing to designate Crystal Palace as a Strategic Outer London Development Centre. Is this in relation to the proposal to build on the top site?

Crystal Palace - Further Alterations to the London Plan (2)

Question No: 2014/0643

[Darren Johnson](#)

You are proposing to designate Crystal Palace as a Strategic Outer London Development Centre. Does this encompass (a) the park, (b) the National Sports Centre, (c) the Crystal Palace "town centre" and (d) other neighbouring town centres such as Penge?

Crystal Palace - Further Alterations to the London Plan (3)

Question No: 2014/0644

[Darren Johnson](#)

You are proposing to designate Crystal Palace as a Strategic Outer London Development Centre. Is this area identified for exogenous growth, to create new significant growth opportunities, or endogenous, to enhance existing growth trends?

Cycling in Crystal Palace Park (1)

Question No: 2014/0645

[Darren Johnson](#)

A constituent asked Bromley Council to make four quick fixes to paths and roads in Crystal Palace Park to make it better for cyclists, such as the provision of a small gap in speed bumps. But he was told by an officer that no infrastructure works can take place due to the exclusivity agreement with the ZhongRong Group. Will you ask the council and the ZhongRong Group to apply some common sense and flexibility in the operation of his exclusivity agreement, to ensure that small improvements like this can be implemented?

Cycling in Crystal Palace Park (2)

Question No: 2014/0646

[Darren Johnson](#)

A constituent has complained that the roads through the part of the Crystal Palace Park owned by the GLA are badly potholed, and that potential through-routes for cyclists are blocked by locked gates at the eastern and north eastern entrances to the National Sports Centre where lockable bollards would suffice to block vehicular traffic. Will you look at these issues to improve the conditions for cycling through the park?

Elderly pedestrian killed by HGV at Earls Court (1)

Question No: 2014/0647

[Darren Johnson](#)

A 75 year old woman was tragically killed by an HGV at the junction of Cromwell Road and Earls Court Road on 3rd February. According to TfL, SCOOT allows for the 'dynamic adjustment of signal timings according to traffic flow'. What is the longest that a pedestrian is ever obliged to wait at a red man phase at all pedestrian crossings at this junction? How long do they have to cross on a green man phase?

Elderly pedestrian killed by HGV at Earls Court (2)

Question No: 2014/0648

[Darren Johnson](#)

Do all pedestrian crossings at the junction of Cromwell Road and Earls Court Road currently meet DfT minimum standards for crossing times?

Elderly pedestrian killed by HGV at Earls Court (3)

Question No: 2014/0649

[Darren Johnson](#)

In question 2012/4285 you acknowledged that crossing times at Earls Court Road - Bramham Gardens - Earls Court Square and Earls Court Road - Stratford Road - Pembroke Road did not meet the latest DfT standards and pledged to bring them into line by the end of the financial year 2012/13. Can you confirm that this action was taken before the deadline specified?

Categorising the causes of KSIs involving TfL buses (2008-2012)

Question No: 2014/0650

[Darren Johnson](#)

Please break down the 'total KSIs' data supplied in question 2013/3407 into

KSIs caused by a bus colliding with a pedestrian

KSIs caused by a bus colliding with a cyclist

KSIs caused by a bus colliding with another vehicle

KSIs caused by a passenger falling within a TfL bus

HGVs and casualties

Question No: 2014/0651

[Darren Johnson](#)

Can you please provide a breakdown by type of casualty and severity, for 2012 of the number of pedestrians and also cyclists, who were either killed, or seriously injured, as a result of a collision with an HGV and other motor vehicles (i.e. skip lorries, etc..) in London?

Cannon Street on Sundays

Question No: 2014/0652

[Darren Johnson](#)

Although the rail station is open and Southeastern Railway operates train services, why does TfL continue to close the Canon Street Underground Station on Sundays?

Ticket offices - staff reductions and redundancies

Question No: 2014/0654

[Darren Johnson](#)

Of the 950 staff reductions you are aiming for on the tube network, how many are estimated to come from redundancies at: local stations type A and B; metro stations; destination stations and gateway stations? How many will come from control room redundancies?

Ticket offices - staff reductions at 125 stations

Question No: 2014/0655

[Darren Johnson](#)

Can you confirm that your plans for staffing reductions at a 125 local stations involve switching from having a full time member of staff on the platform side of the ticket barriers, to having no one staffing that area for the majority of the day? Will this have an impact on safety?

Ticket offices - destination and gateway stations staffing levels

Question No: 2014/0656

[Darren Johnson](#)

How many destination and gateway stations do you anticipate will see an increase in total staffing - rather than 'visible' staffing?

Ticket offices - misleading description

Question No: 2014/0657

[Darren Johnson](#)

Why do the Transport for London plans for staff reductions not refer to staff in ticket offices next to the ticket barrier as 'visible', implying that they are invisible? Will you stop using this misleading description?

Fares freeze

Question No: 2014/0658

[Darren Johnson](#)

Your response to question 2013/4664 detailed the average fare rise for all transport modes. The original question requested data on the percentage of people, based on the existing proportions of travel products sold on buses, tubes and rail, who will have an increase above inflation, below inflation and at the level of inflation following your January 2014 fare rises. Please now answer the question as tabled.

Maximising Investment Opportunities brochure

Question No: 2014/0659

[Darren Johnson](#)

According to Assistant Director Decision 73, the GLA produced a "proposition portfolio to take to the domestic and international market, with the intention of bringing value added investment into London". Will you send me a copy of any materials produced so far, including any brochures taken on your trip to China last autumn?

Marketing homes overseas (1)

Question No: 2014/0660

[Darren Johnson](#)

You have said a number of times in recent months that you want to see new homes in London marketed first to people in this country and not marketed off-plan to people in other countries. Can you explain your reasoning?

Marketing homes overseas (2)

Question No: 2014/0661

[Darren Johnson](#)

You have said a number of times in recent months that you want to see new homes in London marketed first to people in this country and not marketed off-plan to people in other countries. How do you plan to make this happen?

Hard paving on the Olympic Park

Question No: 2014/0662

[Jenny Jones](#)

In your capacity as Chair of the LLDC, can you tell me the area in the Olympic Park covered with impermeable surfacing such as tarmac or polymer adhesives?

Composting in the Olympic Park

Question No: 2014/0663

[Jenny Jones](#)

What facilities within the Olympic Park currently exist to compost green waste produced on the park?

Better Junctions (1)

Question No: 2014/0664

[Jenny Jones](#)

Thank you for your response to my question 2014/0049. Can you please list the 11 junctions where alterations have been delivered?

Better Junctions (2)

Question No: 2014/0665

[Jenny Jones](#)

Do you agree that segregated junctions would be a better solution than early start?

Better Junctions (3)

Question No: 2014/0666

[Jenny Jones](#)

Are there any current plans to roll out early start to other locations?

Post crash investigation

Question No: 2014/0667

[Jenny Jones](#)

Will you set up a post crash investigation system similar to Sweden and involving both the Met Police and TfL engineers, to analyse all fatal and serious injury collisions in order to assess what action would have prevented crash?

Living wage ambition

Question No: 2014/0668

[Jenny Jones](#)

You told me in May 2013 that you "could do better" than your manifesto pledge of signing up 250 companies as accredited Living Wage Employers by 2016. But Investment & Performance Board papers show that your officers are still working to that low target. Will you set a much more ambitious target for 2016 in your next business plan?

Water cannon less lethal weapon

Question No: 2014/0669

[Jenny Jones](#)

In your letter to the Home Secretary on water cannon dated 6 January 2014, you refer to water cannon as a "non-lethal tool", however, the background briefing by the Association of Chief Police Officers is clear that water cannon are a "less lethal" weapon as opposed to non-lethal because it accepts that water cannon are capable of causing serious injury or even death. Please could you explain why you chose to use the term "non-lethal" in your letter to the Home Secretary, rather than "less lethal"? Please could you also confirm that you disagree with the police's classification of water cannon as a "less lethal" weapon?

Monthly meetings with the Metropolitan Police Commissioner

Question No: 2014/0670

[Jenny Jones](#)

Thank you for your answer to my question 2014/0050. Please could you let me know when you intend to begin publishing the notes or minutes of your monthly meetings with the Metropolitan Police Commissioner?

MOPAC transparency - Stephen Lawrence

Question No: 2014/0671

[Jenny Jones](#)

Thank you for your answer to my question 2013/4086. The note of the 24 June 2013 bilateral meeting between the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime and the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, under any other business 4.1, it is noted that concern was expressed regarding the alleged conduct of MPS officers investigating the murder of Stephen Lawrence. There is no information relating to this issue contained in the relevant MOPAC monthly report to the Police and Crime Committee. Please could you let me know if any actions were taken or decisions were made as a result of this item being discussed?

Terms of deployment for undercover police

Question No: 2014/0672

[Jenny Jones](#)

Thank you for your answers to my questions 2013/3446. I am aware that all undercover operatives are authorised under section 29 of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000. However, in your answer to my question 2013/3365 you state - "Before they are deployed all officers are expressly told what the terms of their deployment allow them to do, they then have to sign to agree that they have understood. If a situation arose where any of these terms of deployment were breached, then there are sufficient regulations within the police disciplinary code to deal with these breaches." Therefore, could you let me know if the terms of deployment for undercover officers, which you specifically mention in your answer to my question 2013/3365, and which all officers have to sign to agree they have understood, includes and explicitly states that it is unacceptable to engage in a sexual relationship with the people they are targeting?

Hit and run police killer

Question No: 2014/0673

[Jenny Jones](#)

The driver who refused to stop his speeding car and killed PC Andy Duncan was given an eight year sentence. The starting point for killing an on duty police officer is normally a 30 year sentence. Does this illustrate the problem with our two tier criminal justice system which goes soft when someone gets behind the wheel of a car?

International Wildlife Crime Summit

Question No: 2014/0674

[Jenny Jones](#)

Thank you for your answer to my question 2013/705. In light of the UK hosting a two day international summit on the illegal wildlife trade, involving two future kings of our country and world leaders from fifty nations invited by the prime minister, do you have any plans to expand the budget for the Wildlife Crime Unit within the Metropolitan Police Service or the number of people working within the unit from its current team of five so that it can be even more effective in tackling the illegal global wildlife trade that is estimated to be worth \$19billion a year?

Flooding - Changes to Permitted Development Rights on garden extensions

Question No: 2014/0675

[Jenny Jones](#)

The ongoing floods and the serious threats they now pose highlight the crucial role that green spaces will increasingly play in absorbing and slowing rainfall from entering overwhelmed drainage and watercourses and preventing local and downstream flooding. To slow down the rate and scale of loss of garden space in London, will you ask the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, Eric Pickles, to suspend his shortsighted policy of allowing the doubling of the size of conservatories and extensions that are permitted within development rights?

Stirling Corner traffic lights

Question No: 2014/0967

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Barnet Council reported to the Hendon Area Forum that "The traffic light changes are being monitored by transport for London (TfL) as part of a trial that has been extended from the original six months to the end of May 14 to try to obtain representative data allowing for seasonal variation. TfLs monitoring to date suggests that queue lengths have increased on most approaches and their customer centre has received mainly negative comments about the trial. The borough is not carrying out independent monitoring although officers have received a small number of positive comments." How many a) negative and b) positive comments have been received about the changes to the lights; and will you confirm that the lights will not be changed back at the end of the trial period?

Hendon Central

Question No: 2014/0968

[Andrew Dismore](#)

The junction of Queens road and the A41 at Hendon Central is heavily congested at rush hours. It is also difficult to make a right turn at this junction as the filter system restrict the number of cars to a small number in each sequence. What will you do about this?

Subway at Beaufort Gardens NW4

Question No: 2014/0969

[Andrew Dismore](#)

When was the last deep clean of the subway at Beaufort Gardens NW4? When is the next scheduled? Do you really believe that is sufficiently frequent given the mess that accrues there?

Subway at Hendon Central NW

Question No: 2014/0970

[Andrew Dismore](#)

When was the last deep clean of the subway at Hendon Central NW4? When is the next scheduled? Do you really believe that is sufficiently frequent given the mess that accrues there?

Subway at Hendon War Memorial NW4

Question No: 2014/0971

[Andrew Dismore](#)

When was the last deep clean of the subway at Hendon War Memorial NW4? When is the next scheduled? Do you really believe that is sufficiently frequent given the mess that accrues there?

TfL carriages

Question No: 2014/0972

[Andrew Dismore](#)

A constituent has complained to me that in the past few months, more and more trains are appearing on the Northern Line which have very hard seating. He states that the seats fail to meet the basic and obvious requirements of comfort and safety and that they are not only extremely uncomfortable, but also dangerous to one's health. He also complains that there are also other design defects in TFL carriages, in that (a) The new Victoria Line trains have conventionally sprung bases, but have flat upright backs that provide no lumbar support, (b) that hard seats are a feature of the Jubilee Line carriages and (c) In Northern Line carriages, the volume of announcements inside the carriages has been increased and now ranges from normal to ear-shattering. When he complained to TfL all he received was a bald acknowledgment. What will you do to investigate these issues and also to ensure that people get proper replies to complaints?

Overseas property owners

Question No: 2014/0973

[Andrew Dismore](#)

In your speech to the annual Mansion House London Government Dinner you said you recognised there was a "desperate shortage of homes" in the capital - with up to 47,000 now needing to be built a year just to meet demand. You said that new builds should be "marketed first to Londoners", and foreign owners should either live in or rent out their properties not just regard them as "blocks of bullion in the sky". In these circumstances do you support proposals to ensure that wealthy overseas residents pay fair taxes on their properties including capital gains tax like ordinary Londoners when selling a second home?

The Bishops Avenue

Question No: 2014/0974

[Andrew Dismore](#)

The Bishops Avenue in Barnet has become a stockpile of unused and empty mansions worth around £350m. Will you underwrite action by Barnet council to repossess one or more of the empty homes on the Bishops Avenue to help meet housing need? And will you lobby actively for a mansion tax on such empty homes to ensure the owners bring them back into use?

Permitted development rights

Question No: 2014/0975

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Do you think it is right to allow offices to be converted into homes without the need for planning permission where the boroughs concerned wish to be exempted from such permitted development rights?

London University Observatory 1

Question No: 2014/0976

[Andrew Dismore](#)

The London University Observatory is located on the Watford Way section of the A41; The Observatory staff are anxious to ensure that their particular concerns over potential light pollution associated with upgrading or repairing main-road lighting are taken into account at the earliest possible stage. Will you give an assurance that any lighting upgrade in this area will not increase light pollution to the detriment of the Observatory, and will you ensure TfL engage constructively and continuously with the Observatory at the earliest possible stage?

London University Observatory 2

Question No: 2014/0977

[Andrew Dismore](#)

New and intrusive main street lighting over the northbound A41 bus-shelter lighting has been installed just outside the London University Observatory premises and is causing serious light pollution affecting their work. Will you ensure that action is taken as soon as possible to eliminate or ameliorate this new source of light pollution that affects the Observatory's work?

London University Observatory 3

Question No: 2014/0978

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Will you congratulate Dr Steve Fossey and all at the London University Observatory, Mill Hill on their discovery of the new supernova SN2014J in galaxy M82, a major astronomical achievement?

Saracens games and parking

Question No: 2014/0979

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Further to your answer to Question 2013/5161 "Can TfL arrange for the electronic signs on the A1/A41 on days when Saracens are playing at Allianz Park Copthall Stadium to display that fact, to help ease congestion and parking problems?" Your answer being "Yes, TfL can use electric signage on the A1/A41 when the Saracens are playing at Allianz Park Copthall Stadium. TfL will also meet with the club, borough and traffic management company and suggest they use static signs or mobile electronic signs as well"; What progress has been made towards ensuring these various arrangements start at least before the end of this season?

Cricklewood Lane bus stop

Question No: 2014/0980

[Andrew Dismore](#)

A bus stop was removed from Cricklewood Lane in early 2010 when a new crossing was built outside of the Virgin Active gym (opposite junction with Thorverton Road). The bus stop was moved 'temporarily' but has never been replaced. Older residents are feeling cut-off as the nearest bus stop is hard to get to. A number are now getting off the bus at the stop past Cricklewood train station only to cross the road and get on the bus back at the other side. Will you now reinstate this bus stop?

Mill Hill East tube

Question No: 2014/0981

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Further to your answer to Plenary Question 73 / 2013, on what dates have you discussed this matter with Barnet; on what dates have TfL officers discussed this matter with Barnet; will you publish all correspondence with Barnet and the developers about this; and what is the present position?

Hampstead Police Station

Question No: 2014/0982

[Andrew Dismore](#)

I previously raised with you the failure of the police to notify Royal Mail of the closure of Hampstead Police Station resulting in a large pile of post being left on the doorstep; and I also raised with you the failure of the police to change the opening hours sign outside the station, leaving the impression that this (and indeed other) stations were still open even though you had closed them as part of your cuts. Now, a fire alarm at the closed Hampstead Police station ran for 48 hours from Saturday morning and only stopped ringing on Monday lunchtime because officers did not have the access code to turn it off, resulting in sleepless nights for neighbours all weekend due to this shrieking security system with officers unable to turn it off. Residents were told the matter was being looked into at a "senior level" which did no good and another was transferred to the Met's lost property department by a hapless phone operator who did not even know they had a property services department and put her through to lost property. When are you going to get a grip on the consequences of your police station closure plan?

Swiss Cottage Crown Post Office

Question No: 2014/0983

[Andrew Dismore](#)

The Post Office has just officially announced that Swiss Cottage Crown Post Office will be transferred to WH Smith on Thursday, 27th February; the Crown Office will close at the end of business on Wednesday, 26th February at 5.30 p.m. Do you feel this decision of the post office to close this important crown post office will adversely impact on postal services for Londoners?

HS2 (2)

Question No: 2014/0984

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Do you agree that the proposed use of the North London line for the HS2 /HS1 link is misconceived and that this stretch of the route should be tunnelled?

HS2 (3)

Question No: 2014/0985

[Andrew Dismore](#)

What representations have you made to a) the Government b) HS2 about the proposed HS2/ HS1 link ?

Secret HS2 report

Question No: 2014/0986

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Will you join with The Commons Transport Committee in asking Transport Secretary Patrick McLoughlin to make public the information and report gleaned by the Major Projects Authority on the HS2 rail project?

Mount Pleasant scheme 1

Question No: 2014/0987

[Andrew Dismore](#)

How many i) meetings ii) telephone discussions and iii) email exchanges and on what dates did a) you and b) your/ GLA staff have with RMG/ the developers of the Mount Pleasant scheme before you decided to call it in?

Mount Pleasant scheme 2

Question No: 2014/0988

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Will you publish all correspondence your office has had with RMG/ the developers of the Mount Pleasant scheme before you decided to call it in?

Mount Pleasant scheme 3

Question No: 2014/0989

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Were you aware that Camden and Islington Councils had listed the Mount Pleasant scheme for decision by them for dates only a matter of weeks after the date you called in the application?

Mount Pleasant scheme 4

Question No: 2014/0990

[Andrew Dismore](#)

What arrangements are you making to consult a) local residents and b) the two boroughs over the Mount Pleasant scheme?

Mount Pleasant scheme 5

Question No: 2014/0991

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Do you accept that any decision you make on the Mount Pleasant planning application will have an effect on the likely value of the closed Clerkenwell Fire Station site, closed as a result of your cuts?

Mount Pleasant scheme 6

Question No: 2014/0992

[Andrew Dismore](#)

How do you propose to avoid a conflict of interest when making your decision on the Mount Pleasant planning application between the interests of local people affected by the environmental impacts of your decision and the need for affordable housing on the one hand and your interest in the value of the Clerkenwell Fire Station site on the other?

Mount Pleasant scheme 7

Question No: 2014/0993

[Andrew Dismore](#)

What percentage of affordable housing do you think should be provided as part of the Mount Pleasant development?

Mount Pleasant scheme 8

Question No: 2014/0994

[Andrew Dismore](#)

What representations did RMG/ the developers of the Mount Pleasant scheme make to you to persuade you to call it in?

Mount Pleasant scheme 9

Question No: 2014/0995

[Andrew Dismore](#)

What is the timetable for your consultation and for making your decision on the Mount Pleasant scheme?

Mount Pleasant scheme 10

Question No: 2014/0996

[Andrew Dismore](#)

When did RMG/ the developers first approach you about calling in the Mount Pleasant scheme?

Mount Pleasant scheme 11

Question No: 2014/0997

[Andrew Dismore](#)

The Mount Pleasant Forum recently hand delivered an open letter to you inviting you for a walk around the site and a chance to meet the local community. Have you read the letter? Have you replied to it? If not, why not?

Mount Pleasant scheme 12

Question No: 2014/0998

[Andrew Dismore](#)

As you will now be taking the decision on the Mount Pleasant scheme yourself, will you accept the invitation of local residents to conduct a site visit with them? If not, why not?

Mount Pleasant scheme 13

Question No: 2014/0999

[Andrew Dismore](#)

The Mount Pleasant Forum have provided a very viable and attractive alternative scheme for Mount Pleasant based on research and advice from industry professionals, including even knights of the realm. Are you prepared to look at an alternative scheme?

Mount Pleasant scheme 14

Question No: 2014/1000

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Will you secure a guarantee from the RMG/ developers that the 3,000 vehicle movements a day from the construction of the Mount Pleasant scheme spewing onto Farringdon Rd will be zero emissions vehicles?

Mount Pleasant scheme 15

Question No: 2014/1001

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Many residents affected by the Mount Pleasant scheme have been afraid and left feeling vulnerable by the RMG/ developers' light consultants demanding access to their properties. Are you concerned that local residents are made to feel violated in their homes by the negative effects of a poorly designed scheme, and if so what are you going to do about it?

Mount Pleasant scheme 16

Question No: 2014/1002

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Is it appropriate that a gagging clause should be part of the compensation agreement for those affected by the Mount Pleasant scheme?

Mount Pleasant scheme 17

Question No: 2014/1003

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Is it appropriate that different levels of compensation are being offered to different people based not on how much light will be lost but by how much the resident knows of their legal rights? For example a barrister has been offered upwards of £27K while other residents' offers have started at around £5K.

Mount Pleasant scheme 18

Question No: 2014/1004

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Have you walked around and studied the Mount Pleasant scheme site?

Mount Pleasant scheme 19

Question No: 2014/1005

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Does your excuse for the Mount Pleasant scheme call in of "speeding things up" actually mean a quick approval?

Increased aircraft noise

Question No: 2014/1006

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Further to your answer of 18-Dec-2013 "Yes. I received a reply from Colin Matthews on 11 December. Both he and National Air Traffic Services (NATS) report that there have been no flightpath or airspace changes in the vicinity of Barnet. This reinforces my view that Heathrow's negative effects are felt far and wide across London, and many miles outside the 57dB noise contour the airport claims best represents those affected. I was concerned to read Mr Matthews' statement that 'Heathrow impacts far fewer London residents than has been the case in the past'. While this may be true in the longer term, the Government's own figures show that the number affected has increased in the last 10 years. I intend to respond to Mr Matthews to make these matters clear, and am more than happy to publish in full any correspondence I have with the airport and NATS on this vital matter." Have you now responded to Mr Matthews, has he now replied and will you now make public your correspondence?

Higher education boycotts 1

Question No: 2014/1007

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Further to your holding answer to Question 2014/0240, Will you now give a substantive reply to "In view of the importance to London's economy of the higher education sector, what do you consider the consequences for the success of that sector to be, of the growing trend for student unions to pass anti-Israel academic and/or economic boycott motions?"

Higher education boycotts 2

Question No: 2014/1008

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Further to your holding answer to Question 2014/0241, Will you now give a substantive reply to "In view of the importance to London's economy of the higher education sector, what representations have you made to university authorities and to student unions about the growing trend for student unions to pass anti Israel academic and/or economic boycott motions?"

Anti Semitism on campus 1

Question No: 2014/1009

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Further to your holding answer to Question 2014/0242, Will you now give a substantive reply to "In view of the importance to London's economy of the higher education sector, what do you consider the consequences for the success of that sector to be, of anti Semitism on campus?"

Anti Semitism on campus 2

Question No: 2014/1010

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Further to your holding answer to Question 2014/0243, Will you now give a substantive reply to "In view of the importance to London's economy of the higher education sector, what representations have you made to university authorities and to student unions about anti Semitism on campus?"

Crossrail tunnelling

Question No: 2014/1011

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Further to your holding answer to Question 2014/0245, Will you now give a substantive reply to "Crossrail are tunnelling under Brooke's Court EC1N 7RR but now refuse to accept responsibility for the difficulties that have arisen from the noise of trains going under the property at all hours of the night disturbing residents in the basement of this block of flats. Crossrail say that the train noise they have been experiencing is being caused by London Underground trains but the problem did not exist before the tunneling. Will you urgently investigate the matter to find out who is responsible and what can be done to alleviate the problems these residents are experiencing?"

Bus 263

Question No: 2014/1012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Further to your holding answer to Question 2014/0246, Will you now give a substantive reply to A constituent has raised with me her concern as to where bus 263 is parked at Barnet hospital. It is a very difficult walk to and from the main entrance to the hospital, particularly so if one has a walking problem. "We have to go through a big car park or up or down a steep slope." Can a more convenient place be found for the stop?

Finchley Memorial Hospital bus 1

Question No: 2014/1013

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Further to your holding answer to Question 2014/0248, Will you now give a substantive reply to "As Finchley Memorial Hospital's new buildings and surrounds were built for bus access and as any visitor to the hospital can see that there is ample space for a bus service to access the site and drop off and pick up passengers why according to your previous answers is the entrance not suitable for buses?"

Cycling and pedestrian casualties

Question No: 2014/1014

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Further to your holding answer to Question 2014/0251, Will you now give a substantive reply to "Further to Question 2013/5120 "How many cyclists and how many pedestrians have been killed and how many seriously injured in London, in Barnet, and in Camden this calendar year to date?" Will you now provide a substantive response for the last calendar year, 2013?"

Stirling Corner 2

Question No: 2014/1015

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Further to your answer to Question 2014/0258 And further to your answer to Question 4161/2012 "I cycle the whole of London. When I next do Stirling Corner I will give you a report" ; And your answers to questions 261/2013, 522/2013, 1041/2013, 1464/2013 and Question 2039/2013 and Question 2497 / 2013 referring back to your non- answers to my invitation to you to attempt to go round Stirling Corner on your bike, and your repeated answer

"I have nothing to add to MQ 4161/2012.", and your answer to Question 3083 / 2013, "I cycle the whole of London and when I next pass through Stirling Corner I will be sure to give you a report"; and your answer to Question 2013/3698- "Since my last response to you on this matter "I cycle the whole of London and when I next pass through Stirling Corner I will be sure to give you a report", I have not cycled through Stirling Corner. However, when I next pass through Stirling Corner, I will be sure to give you a report." And further to Question 2013/5236- "Have you ever cycled round Stirling Corner? Have you cycled round Stirling Corner since you promised to do so; if not why not; and if not when do you expect to cycle round Stirling Corner? Or is it that you have no intention of doing so in the foreseeable future and just want to pretend you are a keen cyclist with cyclists' concerns at heart and have no intention of honouring your commitment to do so, so that your original answer can be seen as

nothing more than a fobbing off exercise? Or are you frightened of doing so, as it is too dangerous? Why do you have nothing to add? Aren't you embarrassed by your non responses when reminded of your promise? And to Question 2013/4184 "I have nothing further to add to my previous answers to this question. It costs around £70 to respond to each Mayor's Question and this question has now been asked 10 times." "Why have you nothing to add? Are you not ashamed of your continual failure to honour this commitment? Why are you trying to avoid legitimate scrutiny of your work by suggesting that questions such as this that you find difficult and embarrassing should not be repeatedly asked until you provide a proper reply?" Your answer being- "This is the 11th time you have asked this question. I have not cycled through Stirling Corner. However, when I next cycle through Stirling Corner, I will be sure to give you a report." Did you pass by Sterling Corner on your recent visit to Hendon? Have you cycled round the roundabout yet? If not, why not? Your written response being "This is the 12th time you have asked this question. Please see my response to MQ5236 / 2013" Isn't it about time you honoured your commitment to ride round the junction on your bike, assuming you have yet to do so, so you don't have to keep answering this question which reveals your failure to honour your pledge?

Outer London Fund for Cricklewood

Question No: 2014/1016

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Further to your holding answer to Question 2014/0260, will you now give a substantive reply to "Are you aware there is a problem with the delivery of the public realm project. The plan to de-clutter the pavements, make them more accessible and pleasing to the eye has hit a major issue with BT's refusal to discuss the upgrading of their phone boxes to the pedestal model. The residents have regularly requested the removal of boxes as they attract anti-social behaviour (marketing of sexual services, use for sleeping and urinating), and we have evidence that their usage for phone calls must be very low. In spite of 5 years of communication with BT following surveys which identified the residents and business requests for the removal of these boxes, only 5 have been removed, out of 18 on the less than a mile length of the Broadway/Lane. The area where these boxes have been removed proves the local rationale for their removal; the pavements are now clear of rubbish and provide more space for pedestrians, and no unpleasant activities. Will you now engage directly with BT director to support improving the character, quality and economic vitality of Cricklewood in this way?"

Met Police appointment car system

Question No: 2014/1017

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Further to your holding answer to Question 2014/0267, will you now give a substantive reply to "What criteria will you apply when assessing the success or otherwise of the Met Police appointment car system?"

Met Police contact point system 1

Question No: 2014/1018

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Further to your holding answer to Question 2014/0268, will you now give a substantive reply to "On average, how many contact point visits per week have been taken up in Barnet in the last 3 months?"

Met Police contact point system 2

Question No: 2014/1019

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Further to your holding answer to Question 2014/0269, will you now give a substantive reply to "On average, how many contact point visits per week have been taken up in Camden in the last 3 months?"

Race claims against the police

Question No: 2014/1020

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Further to your answer to Question 2014/0280 and to Question 532 / 2013 on race claims against the police, "how many i) of the 34 internal cases and ii) how many of 33 cases brought by members of the public referred to in the answer resulted in disciplinary action; iii) of those that resulted in disciplinary action, how many led to the dismissal of the officer or staff member concerned in each of the two types of case; and iv) how many out of court settlements contained "no publicity" clauses in each of the two types of case?" Your written response being "Please refer to the letter sent to you on 22 January 2014". The text of the letter being "Dear Andrew Thank you for your letter dated November 28th 2013 with regard to the settling of complaints of racism made by the public against police officers and members of staff. I cannot comment on individual cases but can assure you that all cases of racism are investigated and disciplinary action taken where appropriate. MOPAC/MPS do regularly defend cases to trial, however as your letter acknowledges there are occasions where the cost of defending a claim would be disproportionate to the cost of offering an out of court settlement and in these circumstances we do look to settle out of court. However I can assure you this is to minimise the impact on the public purse. The MPS have confirmed that no non-disclosure agreements have been signed with regard the settlement of complaints of racism made by the public. Yours sincerely Stephen Greenhalgh Deputy Mayor for Policing And Crime" As this letter does not provide any statistical information whatsoever, will you now finally state how many i) of the 34 internal cases and ii) how many of 33 cases brought by members of the public referred to in your previous answer on this subject resulted in disciplinary action; iii) of those that resulted in disciplinary action, how many led to the dismissal of the officer or staff member concerned in each of the two types of case? or bearing in mind your answer to Question 2014/0278 "Further to your answer to Question 532 / 2013 on race claims against the police, on what date did MOPAC receive my original question in February 2013; on what date did they pass the request for the information requested to the Metropolitan Police; and on what date did the Met give MOPAC the data provided in the response?" Your written response being "The question was received by MOPAC on 12 February 2013 and the data was requested from the MPS on the same day. An initial response from the MPS was received on 20 February 2013. There was then an ongoing dialogue between MOPAC and the MPS in order to ensure a full and comprehensive response was provided. A final response was submitted by

MOPAC on 9 October 2013. MOPAC has new procedures and new arrangements with colleagues which are designed to ensure that a delay of this kind should not occur in future." will I have to wait nearly another year to get closer to the bottom of the story?

Tasers

Question No: 2014/1021

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Further to your holding answer to Question 2014/0283, will you now give a substantive reply to "Further to Question 2013/5184 "Were any ill effects such as burns or other symptoms or damage to clothing suffered by those against whom tasers were deployed by Camden officers?" and your response - "Officers are drafting a response which will be sent shortly". Will you now provide a substantive reply?"

Camden Police Numbers 1

Question No: 2014/1022

[Andrew Dismore](#)

As of 31st December 2013, how many full time sworn police officers were there in Camden; how many special constables; how many PCSOs; how many sergeants; how many non PCSO civilian staff were there; what were the comparable figures for 1st May 2010, and 31st December 2012; and what do you expect the figures to be on 1st May 2015?

Camden Police Numbers 2

Question No: 2014/1023

[Andrew Dismore](#)

As of 31st December 2013 , how many police officers and PCSOs in total were there in Barnet's safer neighbourhood clusters, what were the comparable figures for the borough's safer neighbourhood teams in total as at 1st May 2010, and 31st December 2012; and what do you expect the figures to be on 1st May 2015?

Barnet Police Numbers 1

Question No: 2014/1024

[Andrew Dismore](#)

As of 31st December 2013, how many full time sworn police officers were there in Barnet ; how many special constables; how many PCSOs; how many sergeants; how many non PCSO civilian staff were there; what were the comparable figures for 1st May 2010, and 31st December 2012; and what do you expect the figures to be on 1st May 2015?

Barnet Police Numbers 2

Question No: 2014/1025

[Andrew Dismore](#)

As of 31st December 2013 , how many police officers and PCSOs in total were there in Barnet's safer neighbourhood clusters, what were the comparable figures for the borough's safer neighbourhood teams in total as at 1st May 2010, and 31st December 2012; and what do you expect the figures to be on 1st May 2015?

Officers in uniform smoking

Question No: 2014/1026

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Further to Question 2014/0289, which was further to question 2013/5231 "What is your policy towards police officers in uniform smoking on duty in public in the street?" And your response to that question being "The MPS should always uphold the law in relation to smoking in buildings." Question 2014/0289 being, " Will you now answer the question as asked? Do you approve of police officers in uniform smoking on duty in public in the street? Does this project the image of the Met that you wish to see?" and your written response being "The Metropolitan Police Service should always uphold the law in relation to smoking in buildings." which is not an answer to the question that was asked, why are you shy of answering the simple question that was asked? Do you or do you not approve of police officers in uniform smoking on duty in public in the street? Does this or does this not project the image of the Met that you wish to see?

Met Police BOGOF offer

Question No: 2014/1027

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Deputy Mayor Greenhalgh has recently written to borough leaders about the two for one PCs special offer and about extending it to other ranks. Is this an attempt to shunt front line policing costs to boroughs that face massive cuts themselves?

School sport bullying

Question No: 2014/1028

[Andrew Dismore](#)

In August 2012 you called on the government to make it compulsory for pupils to take part in two hours sport a day. Research from Stonewall and YouGov has revealed that nearly a quarter of lesbian, gay and bisexual pupils are bullied during sport. What will you do to support schools to address the specific problems lesbian, gay and bisexual pupils face when playing school sport?

FreeSport programme

Question No: 2014/1029

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Your FreeSport programme aims to target groups which traditionally have not taken part in regular sport. Research from YouGov and Stonewall has found that in 2012 only one in twenty gay and bisexual men participated in an organised team sport, with more than six in ten expecting to experience homophobia if they did. How has FreeSport engaged with gay and bisexual Londoners?

Homophobia in amateur sport

Question No: 2014/1030

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Research conducted by Stonewall and YouGov has shown that one in five heterosexual people hear homophobic language while playing amateur football. That rises to two in five lesbian, gay and bisexual people. What discussions have the London Community Sports Board had about how to tackle homophobia in amateur sport?

Legacy Skills Investment Programme

Question No: 2014/1031

[Andrew Dismore](#)

According to research from YouGov and Stonewall, one in ten lesbians and bisexual women expect to experience homophobia from sports officials. That rises to one in five gay and bisexual men. What steps have you taken to make sure that your Legacy Skills Investment Programme trains officials in the importance of stamping out homophobia in sport?

Strategy for making sport more inclusive

Question No: 2014/1032

[Andrew Dismore](#)

In 2010 you published a five-year strategy for making sport more inclusive for disabled Londoners. Will you commit to doing the same for lesbian, gay and bisexual Londoners who don't participate in sport due to homophobia and discrimination?

Host capital of world sport

Question No: 2014/1033

[Andrew Dismore](#)

You have said that you want to make London the 'host capital of world sport'. Yet research from Stonewall and YouGov has found that across the country, seventy per cent of football fans hear homophobic language and abuse. What are you doing to make sure that sports events in London are places where all visitors can feel safe?

Football clubs in London

Question No: 2014/1034

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Football clubs play an important role in bringing local communities together in London. What is the Mayor doing to encourage football clubs in London to follow the lead of those such as Arsenal, which has set up the 'Gay Gooners' supporters group, so that lesbian, gay and bisexual fans can fully participate?

Well London Programme

Question No: 2014/1035

[Andrew Dismore](#)

In response to my earlier question about encouraging lesbian, gay and bisexual young people to participate in sport, you referred to the Well London Programme. Unless efforts to promote healthy living monitor the sexual orientation of participants, we can't know that they are working to help all Londoners. Can you confirm whether the second phase evaluation of the programme will monitor the health outcomes of lesbian, gay and bisexual people and, if not, whether you can ensure that the programme does so in future?

The Bishops Avenue

Question No: 2014/1036

[Andrew Dismore](#)

The Bishops Avenue in Barnet has become a stockpile of unused and empty mansions worth around £350m. Will you underwrite action by Barnet council to repossess one or more of the empty homes on the Bishops Avenue to help meet housing need? And will you lobby actively for a mansion tax on such empty homes to ensure the owners bring them back into use?

Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) (1)

Question No: 2014/1049

[Jennette Arnold](#)

Please can you update me on the performance of the Metropolitan Police Service's Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) team against its targets and key performance indicators?

Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) (2)

Question No: 2014/1050

[Jennette Arnold](#)

Given the Government's recent announcement that in April 2014 it will become common practice for NHS Hospitals to record data on FGM, what plans does the Metropolitan Police Service have to ensure this data is used to inform policy and practice when trying to catch and prosecute the perpetrators of FGM?

Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) (3)

Question No: 2014/1051

[Jennette Arnold](#)

Please can I have details on the specific work that the Metropolitan Police Service has done working in collaboration with organisations and individuals who campaign against FGM, such as FORWARD, Daughters of Even, the Victoria Climbié Foundation and Leyla Hussein, as well as any others?

Water Cannon (1)

Question No: 2014/1052

[Jennette Arnold](#)

It is my opinion that giving the Metropolitan Police Service the powers to use water cannon will lead us further towards a state where policing is carried out by fear, not by co-operation. The more fear there is amongst citizens, the more likely we'll see further riots in the future. Will you, before it is too late, review the plans to put water cannons on the streets of London and stop the unnecessary purchase of these cannons?

Water Cannon (2)

Question No: 2014/1053

[Jennette Arnold](#)

Please can I have a copy of the Equality Impact Assessment that has been done to supplement your policy to roll out water cannon on the streets of London?

Police Roadshows (1)

Question No: 2014/1054

[Jennette Arnold](#)

I welcome the roadshows that members of the Metropolitan Police Service are currently carrying out across London. They provide an opportunity for local residents to meet directly with policy makers, which can serve to increase democratic accountability. My one concern is that these roadshows are a token gesture and a simple public relations exercise. What are you doing to ensure that these engagements are meaningful and their outcomes will help shape policy and decision making in the future?

Police Roadshows (2)

Question No: 2014/1055

[Jennette Arnold](#)

What were the key outcomes of the Roadshow that recently took place in the London Borough of Hackney?

Silvertown Crossing

Question No: 2014/1056

[John Biggs](#)

What is your current thinking about how the proposed new crossing will connect into local roads to reduce the risk of rat-running?

Crossrail and Step Free Access (1)

Question No: 2014/1057

[John Biggs](#)

I was pleased to hear that you have stated that you would like Crossrail to be fully step free but can you give an assurance that this will be in place when Crossrail opens?

Crossrail and Step Free Access (2)

Question No: 2014/1058

[John Biggs](#)

TfL and the Dft are currently preparing a feasibility report on making the line step free. When do you expect this report to be published? Can you share any preliminary findings?

Step Free Access and London's Economy

Question No: 2014/1059

[John Biggs](#)

"Transport for All" have brought to my attention research commissioned by the DfT which shows that there is a benefit cost ratio of 2.9 - i.e. for every £1 invested, there was £2.9 of benefit to London's economy from improved access to stations? Are you familiar with this?

Nelson Mandela honour at the Olympic Park

Question No: 2014/1060

[John Biggs](#)

Do you support calls to commemorate Nelson Mandela in the toponymy of the Olympic Park?

Smithfield Market

Question No: 2014/1061

[John Biggs](#)

The Public Enquiry in to the Henderson Global Investors' plans for Smithfield Market opened on February 11th. Do you support the proposals submitted by SAVE (Save Britain's Heritage) and the Victorian Society that this historic market should be repaired and re-opened as an urban centre of food markets, restaurants and cafes?

London Living Wage

Question No: 2014/1062

[John Biggs](#)

Given the alleged continued exploitation of workers in the hospitality and the construction sectors and the refusal of the government to extend the powers of the Gangmasters' Licensing Authority to investigate such exploitation, what steps will you be taking to encourage London's hospitality and construction industries to introduce the London Living wage as a standard minimum for all workers?

Homelessness in Tower Hamlets

Question No: 2014/1063

[John Biggs](#)

Recent figures record that homelessness in Tower Hamlets has more than doubled since 2010. What are you going to do to tackle this shameful situation?

Zoning of Stratford Station

Question No: 2014/1064

[John Biggs](#)

In a recently issued report the Central Think Tank conclude that Stratford Tube Station should be re-classified as Zone 2 to help secure the Olympic Legacy and boost the economy. I would welcome your pledge to do so.

Housing finance

Question No: 2014/1065

[Tom Copley](#)

How much finance has been secured from third parties (other than the government) by the Housing and Land directorate in each year since 2011 for investment in house building? Please outline how much has been provided by each organisation.

Housing need

Question No: 2014/1066

[Tom Copley](#)

Your Draft Housing Strategy and Draft Further Alterations to the London Plan outline a target to build 42,000 new homes a year in London. This target is derived from an assessment of the number of homes that can be built on the land likely to become available over the period of the London Plan. Despite this target of 42,000 new homes, the Strategic Housing Market Assessment outlines a need to build 62,000 homes between 2015 and 2026. What changes to the way land availability is assessed would be necessary in order to achieve a target of 62,000 new homes a year without encroaching on the greenbelt and metropolitan open land?

House building (1)

Question No: 2014/1067

[Tom Copley](#)

Nationally, housing need has never been met without the involvement of the state through council house building. What capacity is there within the housing market in London to deliver the more than doubling of total housing supply that your new Draft Housing Strategy requires?

House building (2)

Question No: 2014/1068

[Tom Copley](#)

Given that the Mayor has previously spoken out against land banking by house builders, does he believe that the house building market is sufficiently competitive to deliver the number of homes outlined in the Draft Housing Strategy?

House building (3)

Question No: 2014/1069

[Tom Copley](#)

Why does the Mayor believe the 2011 London Plan target to deliver 32,210 new homes a year has never been met?

House building (4)

Question No: 2014/1070

[Tom Copley](#)

Will the Mayor consider borrowing in order to fund the construction of new homes in London?

London Housing Bank

Question No: 2014/1071

[Tom Copley](#)

Will the proposed London Housing Bank be able to borrow?

Affordable Housing

Question No: 2014/1072

[Tom Copley](#)

Can the Mayor still guarantee between April 2011 and March 2015, at least 55,000 affordable homes will be completed in London?

Homes for London (1)

Question No: 2014/1073

[Tom Copley](#)

Did the Homes for London board approve the affordable housing policies included in the Revised Early Minor Alterations to the London Plan?

Homes for London (2)

Question No: 2014/1074

[Tom Copley](#)

Please provide any minutes or notes relating to Homes for London board discussions on the affordable housing policies contained in the Revised Early Minor Alterations to the London Plan.

Private rented sector (1)

Question No: 2014/1075

[Tom Copley](#)

What benefits has your approach to improving London's private rented sector thus far generated for London's private tenants?

Private rented sector (2)

Question No: 2014/1076

[Tom Copley](#)

Do you believe there are currently a sufficient number of private tenants' groups representing the interests of London tenants?

Private rented sector (3)

Question No: 2014/1077

[Tom Copley](#)

What are you doing to help private landlords in London improve the standards of their properties?

Private rented sector (4)

Question No: 2014/1078

[Tom Copley](#)

What are you doing to help private landlords in London meet the energy efficiency standards that will be introduced in 2017?

Private rented sector (5)

Question No: 2014/1079

[Tom Copley](#)

Do you think private tenants in London have enough information available to them as consumers to make rational decisions about who they choose as their landlord?

Empty Homes

Question No: 2014/1080

[Tom Copley](#)

Why have only 11 empty homes in London been brought back into use so far this financial year?

Competition in the house building market

Question No: 2014/1081

[Tom Copley](#)

What is the Mayor doing to encourage greater competition in London's house building market and to promote small house builders?

Institutional investment

Question No: 2014/1082

[Tom Copley](#)

How many new privately rented developments have been funded by institutional investors in London in each year since 2008?

Community land trusts

Question No: 2014/1083

[Tom Copley](#)

Is it still a priority for the Mayor to deliver Community Land Trusts (CLTs) in London and, if so, what is his target for future delivery of new CLTs?

Monitoring the Impact of Benefit Changes on Londoners

Question No: 2014/1084

[Tom Copley](#)

Councillor Theo Blackwell wrote to you about the impact of Benefit changes to London Boroughs. He reports that of 3,384 households in Camden who were claiming Local Housing Allowance in April 2011 a year later 1,104 households were no longer on their rolls. Will the GLA track the number of housing benefit claimants to provide an evidence base for representations to Central Government about the impact benefit changes are having on Londoners?

Localisation of Council Tax Benefit

Question No: 2014/1085

[Tom Copley](#)

Are you still concerned about the impact of localisation of Council Tax benefit on low income households in London, and the tight table for implementation of this by April 2014?

Transitional arrangements for the Localisation of Council Tax Benefit

Question No: 2014/1086

[Tom Copley](#)

What representations have you made to the Government to ensure transitional arrangements are in place for the localisation of Council Tax Benefit to reflect the greater cost of housing in London?

Exemptions to cap on Local Housing Allowance

Question No: 2014/1087

[Tom Copley](#)

Can you confirm what assurances you have had from Government about exemptions for households in London from the changes to Local Housing Allowance?

Shared Ownership

Question No: 2014/1088

[Tom Copley](#)

A constituent has contacted me about the First Steps website which talks about "helping people on low and modest incomes in London" and enabling "working Londoners to become homeowners". My constituent is a nurse who earns around £26,500 per annum, and found that many housing associations state a minimum salary of £30,000 to £50,000 is required. What hope of getting on the housing ladder does your Housing Strategy offer to a key worker such as this, and do you think someone earning £26,500 should be in a position to access this 'low cost' housing?

Cultural Strategy

Question No: 2014/1089

[Tom Copley](#)

You said that you will be publishing a Cultural Strategy Update in March 2014 (2013/4758) what consultation is taking place to identify priorities for this strategy?

Cultural Strategy Group

Question No: 2014/1090

[Tom Copley](#)

When will the minutes of the Cultural Strategy Group that took place in November 2012 be published?

Open House Weekend

Question No: 2014/1091

[Tom Copley](#)

Thank you for your response saying your culture team would be willing to facilitate discussions about extending the Open House weekend (2013/4762) has your cultural team now made contact with Open House, and can I be kept informed of developments?

River Crossings and the London Borough of Bexley

Question No: 2014/1092

[Len Duvall](#)

What communications around a ferry or a fixed crossing have your officers had with Bexley Council?

River Crossings and the London Borough of Bexley

Question No: 2014/1093

[Len Duvall](#)

Does the London Borough of Bexley support or recognise the strategic need for a ferry or crossing at Galleons?

Buses to North Greenwich during the London Bridge Redevelopment

Question No: 2014/1094

[Len Duvall](#)

Thank you for your response to 2014/0302. This issue is as much one of interchange, so South East Londoners can travel on from North Greenwich. In December a signal failure outside London Bridge required the police to be called to North Greenwich to marshall the resulting queues for buses. How are TfL Rail working with London Underground and TOCs to improve the frequencies of buses to this important interchange?

Temporary bus routes during the London Bridge Redevelopment

Question No: 2014/1095

[Len Duvall](#)

Does the Mayor support the principle of extending existing and creating new temporary routes in South East London to accommodate the closure of London Bridge to Greenwich line trains? Will the Mayor look at increasing routes to New Cross and New Cross Gate? How many passengers are TfL's Travel Demand Management modelling for using an alternative route to London Bridge?

Night Buses to North Greenwich

Question No: 2014/1096

[Len Duvall](#)

I welcome 24 hour Underground services to North Greenwich. But North Greenwich is poorly served by night bus connections to the wider borough: the three routes serve Greenwich, Blackheath, Woolwich and Thamesmead. Will TfL improve the night bus service, particularly between North Greenwich and the south of the borough as 24 hour Underground arrives?

The Silvertown Link

Question No: 2014/1097

[Len Duvall](#)

What is the current state of progress of work around the Silvertown Link?

Cycling in South East London

Question No: 2014/1098

[Len Duvall](#)

I welcome the growth in TfL's ambition to solve the problems in creating Cycle Superhighways 5 at the New Cross one way system. What improvements can be made to 'hub and spoke' links into Greenwich and Lewisham town centres to increase the potential reach of the much delayed CS5 into outer South East London?

Abbey Wood Crossrail

Question No: 2014/1099

[Len Duvall](#)

How is the Mayor co-ordinating work to solve issues arising from the arrival of Crossrail in Abbey Wood, in terms of bus capacity and other concerns about its impact raised by the boroughs?

Old Oak Mayoral Development Corporation

Question No: 2014/1100

[Len Duvall](#)

What progress have you made in setting up the Development Corporation for Old Oak?

Development Corporation for Croydon

Question No: 2014/1101

[Len Duvall](#)

Do you believe Croydon needs an MDC?

Housing Supply

Question No: 2014/1102

[Nicky Gavron](#)

How do you respond to the CBRE's London Supply Report's analysis that housing development is disproportionately focused within inner London, leaving outer London boroughs unprepared for a rising population?

Neighbourhood planning 1

Question No: 2014/1103

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Do you agree that neighbourhood planning has been off to a very slow start in London? If so, what accounts for this?

Neighbourhood planning 2

Question No: 2014/1104

[Nicky Gavron](#)

What assistance have you provided to groups interested in establishing a neighbourhood forum and writing a neighbourhood plan?

Regional Planning 1

Question No: 2014/1105

[Nicky Gavron](#)

How many times has the Cross Boundary Steering Group met?

Regional Planning 2

Question No: 2014/1106

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Were minutes taken of the most recent meeting of the Cross Boundary Steering Group?

Regional Planning 3

Question No: 2014/1107

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Will the Cross Boundary Steering Group draft a written strategy for the South East region of England?

Change of use

Question No: 2014/1108

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Do you agree with the planning minister Nick Boles's assertion in a written statement to Parliament earlier this month that one of the benefits of permitted development rights is that local authorities "are unable to hit... builders with state levies" ie planning obligations such as Section 106 contributions?

London Infrastructure Plan

Question No: 2014/1109

[Nicky Gavron](#)

On what date will you publish the Infrastructure Plan?

Anti-social behaviour Definitions

Question No: 2014/1110

[Joanne McCartney](#)

In October 2013 the way the MPS recorded ASB changed. Please list which of the 'old' crime types are included under the new categories -

ASB Personal

ASB Environmental

ASB Nuisance

Anti-social behaviour

Question No: 2014/1111

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Please provide a breakdown of ASB calls BY BOROUGH for the past 8 quarters.

Victim Satisfaction

Question No: 2014/1112

[Joanne McCartney](#)

In reference to my question 2014/0318. I asked for victim satisfaction for ALL BOROUGHs for this quarter and the past 6 quarters. I ask again please could you provide a breakdown of victim satisfaction BY BOROUGH for this quarter and for the past 6 quarters.

Datastore Definitions

Question No: 2014/1113

[Joanne McCartney](#)

On the London Datastore under Officer Strength you give three 'Other Business Groups' that officers are categorised by 'TP Non-Boroughs' 'Specialist Operations' and Specialist Crime & Operations' please provide a definition of each category and a list of which units in the MPS fall under which category.

Neighbourhoods

Question No: 2014/1114

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Please provide a list of each of the Neighbourhood quadrants by Borough including which wards are in those quadrants.

Diversity in the Met

Question No: 2014/1115

[Joanne McCartney](#)

How many people make up the MPS's senior management team? Of those how many are women?

Diversity in the Met (2)

Question No: 2014/1116

[Joanne McCartney](#)

How people are there at sergeant rank currently in the MPS? Of those how many are women?

Diversity in the Met (3)

Question No: 2014/1117

[Joanne McCartney](#)

How many people are there at inspector rank currently in the MPS? Of those how many are women?

Diversity in the Met (4)

Question No: 2014/1118

[Joanne McCartney](#)

How many people are there at PC rank currently in the MPS? Of those how many are women?

MPS Frontline

Question No: 2014/1119

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Using the HMIC definition of 'frontline' policing - how many police officers are currently in 'frontline' policing roles across the MPS? www.hmic.gov.uk/news/releases/release-007-2011/

MPS Visible Officers

Question No: 2014/1120

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Using the HMIC definition of 'visible' policing - how many police officers are currently in 'visible' policing roles across the MPS?

www.hmic.gov.uk/news/releases/release-007-2011/

MPS Middle Office and Back Office

Question No: 2014/1121

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Using the HMIC definition of 'middle office and back office' role's policing - how many police officers are currently in 'middle office and back office' policing roles across the MPS?

www.hmic.gov.uk/news/releases/release-007-2011/

Drag racing on the North Circular

Question No: 2014/1122

[Joanne McCartney](#)

A constituent has contacted me with their concerns over drag racing on the North Circular. My constituent has heard that TfL's traffic camera unit and the police are not sharing data that would apprehend perpetrators. Could you confirm whether this is the case, and if so ensure that TfL and the Metropolitan police work together to prevent further accidents along this stretch of road?

Rate of Tuberculosis

Question No: 2014/1123

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Recent figures shows that the rate of tuberculosis is triple the national average in a part of my constituency in Edmonton. What action can be taken via the London Health Board to combat the spread of tuberculosis in London, and to reduce the rate of tuberculosis in Enfield and Haringey?

Buses at Enfield Town

Question No: 2014/1124

[Joanne McCartney](#)

I have had a complaint from a constituent that there is inadequate bus capacity for school children attending school in Enfield Town. What is TfL doing to increase bus capacity at the end of school day in Enfield Town? What work is in occurring with London Borough of Enfield to address any capacity issues?

Lack of podium and microphone at Trafalgar Square Events

Question No: 2014/1125

[Joanne McCartney](#)

The Chair of the London Forum of Epilepsy Action has contacted me with regards to the Carol service event held in Trafalgar Square in December. They were dismayed to hear that a new rule has been introduced meaning no podiums or microphones are allowed at the event. This is the only opportunity that the London Forum of Epilepsy Action have to fundraise each year, and found with a lack of microphone the charity were unable to say their name or announce the next carol, which is impractical. What was the reason for this rule change and will you reassess this rule to ensure that charities can fundraise effectively when in Trafalgar Square?

Trees in Southbury Road

Question No: 2014/1126

[Joanne McCartney](#)

A constituent has requested that trees be pruned outside his house in Southbury Road, and after much disagreement over who has the responsibility for these trees, TfL said they would prune them in August 2013. However, the constituent informs me that the trees have still not been pruned. Please can you ensure that these trees are pruned as soon as possible.

London Translation Services

Question No: 2014/1127

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Following MQ 3346/2010, you informed me that you would liaise with London Councils about the proposal to pool translation services in London in order to save resources. Please could you provide me with an update on this issue.

School places and Metropolitan Open Land

Question No: 2014/1128

[Joanne McCartney](#)

What discussions or meetings have you had with local councils about the need of additional school places and protecting Green Belt and Metropolitan Open Land? Could you please also let me know when these took place?

Cuts to green levies

Question No: 2014/1129

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Following your answer to MQ 2014/0331 the answer provided does not clarify if the analysis will be made publically available. Will it be made so?

Changes to the metrics for RE:NEW

Question No: 2014/1130

[Murad Qureshi](#)

In answer to MQ 2014/0332 the answer states that the reason the targets set for the RE:NEW programme are in carbon reduction and not number of homes retrofitted is because it is primarily a carbon reduction programme. If this is the case, why was an initial target of retro-fitting 200,000 homes made?

Allowable Solutions

Question No: 2014/1131

[Murad Qureshi](#)

In answer to MQ 2014/0347 the answer states that your senior advisor has followed up on the DCLG consultation response with the Government. What progress has been made as a result of these discussions?

Flooding in London (1)

Question No: 2014/1132

[Murad Qureshi](#)

What action will you take to prevent the building of homes in areas where the Environment Agency deems there to be a significant risk of flooding?

Flooding in London (2)

Question No: 2014/1133

[Murad Qureshi](#)

How many planning applications have you approved for locations that the Environment Agency deems to be at a high risk of flooding?

Flooding in London (3)

Question No: 2014/1134

[Murad Qureshi](#)

When was the last time the London Resilience Team held an exercise based around a scenario of flooding in London?

Capita and RE:NEW (1)

Question No: 2014/1135

[Murad Qureshi](#)

How much has been spent on the services Capita provides for the RE:NEW programme and when were they first engaged to provide these services?

Capita and RE:NEW (2)

Question No: 2014/1136

[Murad Qureshi](#)

In answer to MQ 2013/3762 you promised a progress summary in December on the RE:NEW Support Team. Can you confirm when this will now be published?

RE:NEW Support and the EU

Question No: 2014/1137

[Murad Qureshi](#)

I believe the GLA is trying to secure EU funding post March 2014 for the RE:NEW Support Team. Has this now been achieved?

Climate Change Mitigation and Energy Strategy

Question No: 2014/1138

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Can the Mayor confirm when the Climate Change Mitigation and Energy Strategy will next be updated?

RE:NEW (1)

Question No: 2014/1139

[Murad Qureshi](#)

How many of the 50,000 homes visited since May 2012 have gone on to have further insulation measures installed?

RE:NEW (2)

Question No: 2014/1140

[Murad Qureshi](#)

I understand that only 3% of homes treated through the RE:NEW programme were found to have had further measures installed. How can you explain this appalling lost opportunity?

Changes to ECO (1)

Question No: 2014/1141

[Murad Qureshi](#)

What is the state of London's insulation market since, what is in my opinion, the Prime Minister's disastrous change to ECO?

Changes to ECO (2)

Question No: 2014/1142

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Do you intend to respond to the government's consultation on changes to the ECO once it is published?

Changes to ECO (3)

Question No: 2014/1143

[Murad Qureshi](#)

If you do respond to the consultation, will you make the response publically available?

Changes to ECO (4)

Question No: 2014/1144

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Given the likely cuts in funds available through the ECO to retro-fit London homes is the Mayor considering the possibility of a financial "top up" to make up the difference?

IceLink Powerline (1)

Question No: 2014/1145

[Murad Qureshi](#)

What discussions has the Mayor held on the possibility of London benefiting from the IceLink proposal?

IceLink Powerline (2)

Question No: 2014/1146

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Can you confirm if the London Pension Funds Authority has been formally approached as a potential investor in the IceLink Powerline?

Dredging of Rivers

Question No: 2014/1147

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Will you undertake to find out when all of London's rivers were last dredged?

Fuel Poverty

Question No: 2014/1148

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Is the Mayor aware of new research published by the Energy Bill Revolution and Association for the Conservation of Energy which shows an increase in fuel poverty under both the new and old measure? What action will you take to ensure that your policies recognise the increase in scale of the problem?

New Recycling Fund (1)

Question No: 2014/1149

[Murad Qureshi](#)

What targets have been set in relation to the London Waste & Recycling Board's Driving up Performance Fund?

New Recycling Fund (2)

Question No: 2014/1150

[Murad Qureshi](#)

What criteria were used to determine what projects would receive funding from this programme?

Pocket Parks Programme

Question No: 2014/1151

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Please provide an update on the Pocket Parks Programme, how many of the promised 100 new or enhanced pocket parks have been created to date?

Low Emission Vehicle Roadmap

Question No: 2014/1152

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Does your answer to MQ 2014/0152 indicate that your 2009 Electric Vehicle Delivery Plan is now redundant and your plans to prioritise the growth of electric vehicles were something of a flop?

Source London

Question No: 2014/1153

[Murad Qureshi](#)

In relation to MQ answer 2014/0168 Do you feel it is really appropriate to continue to claim credit for a scheme that is not open to public scrutiny?

Southwark CAB Support for Home Energy Advice Team

Question No: 2014/1154

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Will you support my proposal for the establishment of a Home Energy Advice Team as outlined in the Labour Group Budget Amendment and backed by Southwark Citizen's Advice Bureaux?

Flooding in London

Question No: 2014/1155

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Do you know how many homes in greater London have been affected by the recent floods?

Statement on Hillsborough by Bernard Hogan-Howe

Question No: 2014/1156

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Given recent revelations regarding the Hillsborough disaster, will MOPAC reassess Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe's involvement in the event?

Marylebone Police Station sale

Question No: 2014/1157

[Murad Qureshi](#)

When was Marylebone Police Station sold, to whom and what price did it achieve?

St John's Wood Police Station sale

Question No: 2014/1158

[Murad Qureshi](#)

When was St John's Wood Police Station sold, to whom and what price did it achieve?

Harrow Rd Police Station sale

Question No: 2014/1159

[Murad Qureshi](#)

When was Harrow Rd Police Station sold, to whom and what price did it achieve?

Replacement front desks for Police Stations lost in City of Westminster

Question No: 2014/1160

[Murad Qureshi](#)

North of Oxford Street, the City of Westminster has lost 3 Police stations - Marylebone, St John's Wood & Harrow Road. Where are the replacement front-counter desks you promised to replace these lost stations ?

Ealing Common Step Free Access

Question No: 2014/1161

[Onkar Sahota](#)

Will the Mayor consider ensuring that Londoners who find it difficult to access the tube network, such as those in wheelchairs or with prams, can get step free access to Ealing Common station?

West Acton Step Free Access

Question No: 2014/1162

[Onkar Sahota](#)

Will the Mayor consider ensuring that Londoners who find it difficult to access the tube network, such as those in wheelchairs or with prams, can get step free access to West Acton station?

North Ealing Step Free Access

Question No: 2014/1163

[Onkar Sahota](#)

Will the Mayor consider ensuring that Londoners who find it difficult to access the tube network, such as those in wheelchairs or with prams, can get step free access to North Ealing station?

Mayor's Quarterly Telephone Polls

Question No: 2014/1164

[Onkar Sahota](#)

Given that the Mayor lists regular quarterly telephone polls being carried out during April 2012 and March 2013 in his Equalities Report, will he commit to share the outcome of those polls with Assembly Members?

Estuary Airport and the Davies Commission

Question No: 2014/1165

[Onkar Sahota](#)

Considering that the Mayor's Estuary Airport was not shortlisted, with the Davies Commission requiring much work to be undertaken this year before it may well be, and given that the Mayor has already spent £3.2m to date, can he outline whether it is the GLA or the Commission that will pay for the additional work required, and how much he is budgeting for?

Crossrail Art Programme at Ealing Broadway

Question No: 2014/1166

[Onkar Sahota](#)

Will the Mayor work to ensure Ealing Broadway, the largest suburban rail station on the future Crossrail line, can also obtain a world-class artistic legacy through the Crossrail Art Programme, and will he instruct Crossrail to secure such a legacy at this station?

Ealing Fields Free School

Question No: 2014/1167

[Onkar Sahota](#)

Given that the Mayor confirmed his Free Schools for London Unit are in negotiations with the proposed Ealing Fields Free School (MQT 2013/1655) some nine months ago, and given that the Secretary of State has agreed funding for the school, will the Mayor now confirm what potential sites for the Free School have been discussed?

Bus Funding for Free Schools

Question No: 2014/1168

[Onkar Sahota](#)

Does the Mayor believe it is fair that the Government is funding TfL to cover the additional costs of providing additional bus services for Free Schools, whilst not providing any resources to fund additional bus services for non-Free Schools, and what representations has he made to the Government to make this anomaly more equitable?

Piccadilly Line Upgrade Delay

Question No: 2014/1169

[Onkar Sahota](#)

Has the Mayor delayed yet again the upgrading of the Piccadilly Line beyond 2019 in order to wait for the outcome of the Davies Commission, and if not, why has the delay been put back for completion until 2020?

London Borough of Heathrow & Hillingdon

Question No: 2014/1170

[Onkar Sahota](#)

Given that the Leader of the London Borough of Hillingdon has stated at the recent meeting of Hillingdon Full Council that the position of the Council is to retain the Heathrow Airport site within the Borough as a development opportunity, what assessment has the Mayor made as to the viability of his as of yet undetailed proposals for a new London Borough of Heathrow?

TfL & Sainsbury's at Northwood

Question No: 2014/1171

[Onkar Sahota](#)

Despite the Director of Commercial Planning having suggested in a letter to the local MP that TfL were looking to restart their proposals for development at Northwood Station, local constituents have had it clarified from Sainsbury's, the preferred anchor tenant of the development that their "plans have not been dropped and we will continue to work with TfL and the developer". Given that I have repeatedly asked the Mayor to instruct TfL in this matter (MWT 2013/4284, 2013/4285, 2013/0418, 2013/0417) will he finally detail precisely what TfL's plans for the station and surrounding land are, and offer immediate assurance to residents and traders in Northwood?

Old Oak Common Mayoral Development Corporation

Question No: 2014/1172

[Onkar Sahota](#)

Will the Mayor outline the working timetable for his proposals for a Mayoral Development Corporation for the proposed redevelopment of the Old Oak Common area of West London?

TfL Opposition to Extending Bus Routes for Ealing Hospital Users

Question No: 2014/1173

[Onkar Sahota](#)

Given that the Secretary of State has announced the "downgrading" of Ealing Hospital's A&E, the closure of its Maternity Unit and the reduction in acute beds, when will TfL ensure there are direct bus connections between Ealing Hospital & West Middlesex Hospital and Central Middlesex Hospital & West Middlesex Hospital? Can you also outline what discussions TfL have had with the Ealing Clinical Commissioning Group and the NHS West London Clinical Commissioning Group to meet the estimated £550,000 to £700,000 cost TfL have told Ealing Council's Transport Scrutiny Committee it would cost, if TfL refuse to pay?

Outer West London Flooding - River Pinn

Question No: 2014/1174

[Onkar Sahota](#)

Given the Mayor's duties for resilience, what actions has he undertaken with the London Borough of Hillingdon, emergency services and other partners given the Environment Agency's flood alert for the River Pinn?

Outer West London Flooding - River Colne

Question No: 2014/1175

[Onkar Sahota](#)

Given the Mayor's duties for resilience, what actions has he undertaken with the London Borough of Hillingdon, emergency services and other partners given the Environment Agency's flood alert for the River Colne?

Outer West London Flooding - Frays River

Question No: 2014/1176

[Onkar Sahota](#)

Given the Mayor's duties for resilience, what actions has he undertaken with the London Borough of Hillingdon, emergency services and other partners given the Environment Agency's flood alert for Frays River?

River Pinn Catchment Flood Management Plan

Question No: 2014/1177

[Onkar Sahota](#)

Can the Mayor outline what actions he has taken as part of his London Regional Flood Risk Appraisal and his Drain London scheme to mitigate the impact of potential flooding of the River Pinn, River Colne and Frays River?

Watford Euston Line

Question No: 2014/1178

[Navin Shah](#)

I have had complaints that staff will not assist wheelchair users on to the slow trains on this line and that this is because the ramps are not suitable for the new stock. What action is being taken to ensure the ramps are replaced with ones which are fit for purpose and when will it be ready?

MOPAC Roadshow

Question No: 2014/1179

[Navin Shah](#)

When will MOPAC go to Brent and Harrow to update local constituents and community groups on the roll out of the Local Policing Model?

TfL proposals to widen Mollison Way

Question No: 2014/1180

[Navin Shah](#)

My constituents welcome TfL proposals to widen Mollison Way at the Western end.

However, my constituents living in Edgware do not understand why TfL are not proposing to widen Mollison Way at the Eastern end as the problems at both ends are the same?

Bakerloo Line

Question No: 2014/1181

[Navin Shah](#)

Further to your replies to 2013/4822 and 2008/2633, it is now clear that the current stock serving the Bakerloo Line will remain in service until 2023 at the earliest. Please can you advise on whether these trains will now be equipped with CCTV and dot matrix next stop indicators?

Junction - Harrow Road / Kilburn Lane / Ladbroke Grove (1)

Question No: 2014/1182

[Navin Shah](#)

Please can the Mayor provide an update to the answer provided to 0681/2012 and earlier questions concerning the same location?

Junction - Harrow Road / Kilburn Lane / Ladbroke Grove (2)

Question No: 2014/1183

[Navin Shah](#)

Please can the Mayor advise on the results of the trial undertaken to widen central islands at this junction?

Junction - Harrow Road / Kilburn Lane / Ladbroke Grove (3)

Question No: 2014/1184

[Navin Shah](#)

Local residents continue to remind me of the the need for this important junction to have a full pedestrian phase. Does the Mayor agree, and will he liaise with Westminster to make sure this happens?

Police's performance on adult safeguarding issues

Question No: 2014/1185

[Navin Shah](#)

According to the latest Adult Safeguarding team newsletter from Harrow Council the police only take action on 7% of adult safeguarding cases that come to them and only prosecuted in 6% of cases, nationally and in Harrow, despite surveys showing that generally victims want the perpetrators prosecuted (with some exceptions for family members). I would like to know why these figures are so low, what kind of resource is put into this and what (if anything) is being done to improve matters?

Ramps at stations (1)

Question No: 2014/1186

[Navin Shah](#)

I understand from a transport stakeholder that there are still 53 stations where a lack of platform to train access prevents wheelchair users boarding and disembarking from trains (6 on Overground, the rest on Underground). When will all Tube stations where a gap or step prevents access will have a ramp available?

Ramps at stations (2)

Question No: 2014/1187

[Navin Shah](#)

Can you provide details of what has prevented TfL so far from installing a ramp at stations across London?

London Overground

Question No: 2014/1188

[Navin Shah](#)

A constituent would like to know whether you intend to place a single order for West Anglia, Gospel-Oak-to-Barking, and Watford DC line trains, to enlarge the London Overground train fleet?

London Overground

Question No: 2014/1189

[Navin Shah](#)

A constituent would like to know whether you will consider adding a limited amount of transverse seating in the new trains, for use on longer routes, similar to the variation between the new Metropolitan line and the Circle line trains?

Rail lines from Old Oak Common (1)

Question No: 2014/1190

[Navin Shah](#)

Given the possibility of the Dudding Hill line being electrified, and used for Crossrail to the West Coast Main Line or by London Overground to Hendon, can you lead discussions amongst industry stakeholders, to consider modernisation and electrification strategies?

Rail lines from Old Oak Common (2)

Question No: 2014/1191

[Navin Shah](#)

Will you take on a similar role regarding the Midland Main Line freight tracks through a proposed new Cricklewood station, to Hendon Thameslink, and possibly on a terminus at Hendon RAF Museum?

Rail lines from Old Oak Common (3)

Question No: 2014/1192

[Navin Shah](#)

Will you also do the same, regarding the tracks in the Kew Bridge area, needed for any London Overground service to Hounslow?

Willesden Junction Station

Question No: 2014/1193

[Navin Shah](#)

In parallel to your Old Oak Common studies, you may consider reinstating straighter High-Level platforms (removed in the 1890s), four Watford DC Line platforms, two West Coast Main Slow Line platforms (removed in the 1960s) and also creating a new ticket office on the A404 Harrow Road. Will you publish information about various options you are considering?

Assault and abuse of London bus drivers

Question No: 2014/1194

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

I commend my colleague Roger Evans AM in successfully highlighting the high level of assaults and verbal abuse against London's bus drivers. What do you propose to do about this situation and how does this fit in with your claims that bus crime is decreasing?

Crystal Palace Park - MOU

Question No: 2014/1195

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Please publish the Memorandum of Understanding signed by the GLA, LB Bromley and ZRG in March 2013 concerning the development on the top site of Crystal Palace Park.

Crystal Palace Park. Transport impact

Question No: 2014/1196

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

When is it planned to undertake a transport impact assessment on the proposal to redevelop the top site on Crystal Place Park? How many car journeys would be generated by the Crystal Palace Park Development each day if the development were to go ahead?

Crystal Palace Park - Overseas Government Investment

Question No: 2014/1197

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Are you concerned that LB Bromley are allegedly proposing to let a large part of Crystal Palace Park's public Metropolitan Open Lane to an overseas private developer for 125 years? What scrutiny and public oversight will be in place to ensure the interests of the local community and public access to the park is protected for the entire length of this proposed lease period?

Crystal Palace Park - Sub contracts and leases

Question No: 2014/1198

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

What controls and scrutiny to protect the public interest will be in place over any sub-contractors and sub lessees to ZRG at Crystal Palace Park.

Crystal Palace Park - Potential Uses of Development

Question No: 2014/1199

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

What commercial usages are being considered for the buildings at Crystal Palace Park top site? How are potential conflicts between what is planned and the planning restrictions currently imposed on this land going to be resolved?

GLA funds for Crystal Palace Park

Question No: 2014/1200

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Decision ADD39 in July 2013 indicated that the GLA would consider £1.95million of match funding to LB Bromley in the event of their Heritage Lottery Fund bid for Crystal Palace Park proving successful. Now that the bid has been rejected has this funding been withdrawn accordingly?

GLA funds for Crystal Palace Park 2

Question No: 2014/1201

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

How much money has been made available by the GLA for the Crystal Palace Park project and from which budgets has this been allocated?

Peabody Hill estate bus update

Question No: 2014/1202

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Further to question number 2722/2013 and subsequent questions, please give an update on the request from Peabody Hill estate for a bus service.

255 bus extension

Question No: 2014/1203

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

When do TfL now anticipate the extension of the 255 bus route to begin operating?

Pedestrian Crossings - A

Question No: 2014/1204

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

I have received complaints about the lack of adequate pedestrian crossing times at the 'green man' crossing times on the major roads approaching Camberwell Green. Please can you provide the timings of the pedestrian phases at these locations and indicate whether these have been rephased/reduced?

Lambeth post office closures

Question No: 2014/1205

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

I am concerned that two post offices in close proximity to each other in Lambeth - Kennington and Stockwell - are proposed for closure. Will you make representations opposing these closures to the Post Office?

Burglary and pickpocketing

Question No: 2014/1206

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Please provide data for the last three years on numbers of domestic burglaries and pickpocketing in Lambeth and Southwark.

Tube ticket offices

Question No: 2014/1207

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Please provide information on how you propose to staff each tube station in my constituency under your current proposals. Please indicate how many staff members will be on duty at each station and how this compares to current staffing levels at each station.

Bus driver toilet facilities

Question No: 2014/1208

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

A resident from my constituency has raised the following with me regarding conditions for bus drivers: 'As contracts require them to keep to very tight schedules, turn around times at termini are short or non existent and TfL does not ensure that there are lavatory facilities. We have spoken to drivers arriving at Tottenham Court Road, the centre of our grand city, who have to find an obliging private café. TfL is an equal opportunity employer but I cannot see how women could work in such an environment.' Please ask TfL to give this issue some attention, both at the location in question and elsewhere.

Bus driver numbers

Question No: 2014/1209

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

How many bus drivers are employed by London Bus' contractors and how many of them are women?

Bus stop names

Question No: 2014/1210

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Where are TfL planning to review bus stop names over the next six months?

155 bus

Question No: 2014/1211

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Will TfL consider extending bus route 155 to serve the City?

Low-Floor TRAX Trains

Question No: 2014/1212

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

In Utah, USA trains have automatic ramps that extend from the door, facilitating independent travel. Has TfL investigated their use, both on London Underground and London Overground?

Conversion of route 148 to "New Routemaster"

Question No: 2014/1213

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

The magazine of the London Omnibus Traction Society states that when bus route 148 is converted to "new routemaster" operation on 15th February 2014, it will continue to be a one person operated service. Can you confirm whether conductors will be working on this route? If so, can you explain what days/times they will be working?

C10 bus

Question No: 2014/1214

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Poor performance on the C10 bus route has been a subject of much discussion on the SE1 website forum recently, including an incident whereby frustrated passengers refused to get off a C10 which had terminated early at Elephant and Castle in the evening rush hour, instead of continuing through Rotherhithe. I appreciate that TfL are making efforts to improve the service in the morning but it seems a further more large scale review is required. Please ask TfL to instigate this.

Zone 1-2 Travelcard

Question No: 2014/1215

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

I have been asked put the following question to you by a member of the public via the Suggest a Question portal.

"Why has the 1-2 zone Day Travelcard been made redundant? This means a city traveller or worker like myself who needs the public transport to visit numerous locations has to buy a 1-6 Travelcard at a cost of £8.90. That's an increase of almost £2 on the original fee.

"Not only is this ridiculously expensive given that we already have the single most expensive tube network in the world but it's simply not practical. Zones 1-2 covers the majority of the central London network and is practical for local users who need to expense business travel. I find it also quite troubling that unsuspecting tourists will get hammered for almost £9.00 per person per day for travel in the scenic zone. A family of four could spend over £30 per day just to use our transport system!"

Child poverty

Question No: 2014/1216

[Fiona Twycross](#)

650,000 London children live in poverty, a proportion 12% higher than any other English region. What target have you set for reducing child poverty in London and what specific steps are you taking to achieve this?

Tube strike

Question No: 2014/1217

[Fiona Twycross](#)

On the Today Programme on 5 February you claimed that there had been "intimidation" in the RMT union to encourage people to vote for the recent strike. What evidence do you have of intimidation?

London and Partners

Question No: 2014/1218

[Fiona Twycross](#)

In your 2014/15 Draft Budget you agreed to provide London & Partners with an overall budget of £11.179 million for the forthcoming financial year. Please provide a breakdown of projected programme spending for London & Partners in 2014/14.

London Living Wage

Question No: 2014/1219

[Fiona Twycross](#)

180,000 more Londoners are now paid less than the London Living Wage when compared to 2007. Do you agree that future sustained increases in the number of Londoners paid less than the London Living Wage should result a switch in focus away from a voluntary approach to a statutory approach?

Apprentices Oyster card discounts

Question No: 2014/1220

[Fiona Twycross](#)

What will be the cost to TfL of each apprentice discount travel card that is issued in the financial year 2014/15?

Childcare (1)

Question No: 2014/1221

[Fiona Twycross](#)

Please provide an update on the GLA's £8 million joint initiative with the Department for Education to encourage longer nursery opening hours.

Childcare (2)

Question No: 2014/1222

[Fiona Twycross](#)

How many nursery providers do you anticipate will be supported to offer longer opening hours by the recently announced £8 million joint initiative between the GLA and the Department for Education?

Private rented sector (1)

Question No: 2014/1223

[Fiona Twycross](#)

The 2013 London's Poverty Profile found the number of private rented sector tenants living in poverty is 460,000 higher now when compared to a decade ago. 39% of private rented sector tenants now live in poverty, a figure higher than any other housing tenure in London. What are you doing to alleviate this cost of living crisis in the private rented sector?

Private rented sector (2)

Question No: 2014/1224

[Fiona Twycross](#)

While private rented sector rents continue to rise above inflation, standards remain worse than any other tenure of housing in London. What are you doing to ensure that property standards in the private rented sector reflect the costs tenants, i.e. the consumer, are forced to pay in a constrained market?

Housing supply

Question No: 2014/1225

[Fiona Twycross](#)

London Development Database data shows that, last year, housing completions in London fell to the lowest level ever recorded by the LDD, a figure lower than even that recorded during the global financial crisis. What are you going to do to reverse this downward trend that has emerged since you became Mayor?

Homelessness

Question No: 2014/1226

[Fiona Twycross](#)

After years of steady decline, homelessness in London has increased in recent years. What are you doing to tackle this problem and, in particular, what conversations are you having with the Government and the London Boroughs about the measures needed to prevent rising homelessness?

Equalities Training

Question No: 2014/1227

[Fiona Twycross](#)

When was the last time that senior staff in the Metropolitan Police and the London Fire Brigade undertook equalities training?

Sprinklers

Question No: 2014/1228

[Fiona Twycross](#)

If evidence shows that since the repeal of Section 20 of the London Building Acts, buildings in London have drained their sprinkler systems; will you lobby Government to place it back in legislation?

Increase in fires (1)

Question No: 2014/1229

[Fiona Twycross](#)

Are you embarrassed that, even though fires have fallen by 64% over the last ten years, fires have actually increased by 8% since you became Mayor in May 2008?

Increase in fires (2)

Question No: 2014/1230

[Fiona Twycross](#)

In response to my previous question (2014/0452) on the national fire dispute where I asked what discussions you may have had with national government on a resolution, you implied that as the dispute was between government and the FBU, it was not under your powers. Yet, you happily remark on national tax policy, why not the fire dispute that impacts on the London Fire Brigade that is part of the GLA family?

Apprenticeship starts

Question No: 2014/1231

[Fiona Twycross](#)

In your response to MQ 2013/4932, you said that the final apprenticeships starts data will be released in January 2014. Can you tell me when you expect this information to be published as it is currently not on London Datastore, and can you tell me what analysis you have drawn from these figures?

Apprenticeship travel discount (1)

Question No: 2014/1232

[Fiona Twycross](#)

Thank you for your response to MQ 2013/4945. The number of apprenticeship starts in London for the academic year 2012/13 is 45,070 according to the November 2013 figures on London Datastore and the number of Apprentice Oyster Photocards issued is 3487 to date since March 2013. Do you agree that this figure is very low?

Apprenticeship travel discount (2)

Question No: 2014/1233

[Fiona Twycross](#)

Can you tell me whether you set a target for the uptake of the apprentices discounted oyster card and if so, how does the figure of 3487 Apprentice Oyster photocards compare to your target?

Apprenticeship travel discount (3)

Question No: 2014/1234

[Fiona Twycross](#)

What level of increase for the uptake of your photocards are you expecting during National Apprenticeship Week?

Apprenticeship travel discount (4)

Question No: 2014/1235

[Fiona Twycross](#)

Can you list the ways that you inform apprentices in London about the discounted Apprentice Oyster Photocard? What method is most effective?

Apprentices over 25

Question No: 2014/1236

[Fiona Twycross](#)

There has been a significant rise in the number of apprentices aged over 25 since 2009/10. Are you concerned that this may have an impact on alleviating youth unemployment in London?

Growing Places Fund

Question No: 2014/1237

[Fiona Twycross](#)

Does the Growing Places Fund seek to increase the number of apprenticeships going to under 25s to reduce youth unemployment as suggested in MQ 2246/2013 or for simply increasing the total number of apprenticeship starts in London? Will the evaluation of the Growing Places Fund in relation to apprenticeships look at the breakdown of ages in apprenticeships created as a result of this funding and the impact on youth unemployment in London?

EU Membership

Question No: 2014/1238

[Fiona Twycross](#)

When is Gerard Lyons going to produce the report you commissioned about the pros and cons of European Union membership?

Social Supermarkets

Question No: 2014/1239

[Fiona Twycross](#)

Thank you for your answer (2014/0415) in which you said social supermarkets will be opening later this year. Can you provide more details about the timescale and where these pilots will be located?

London Plan - Allotments and Community Farms

Question No: 2014/1240

[Fiona Twycross](#)

How are you planning to support the creation of new allotments and community farms in the revised London Plan?

London Plan - All London Green Grid

Question No: 2014/1241

[Fiona Twycross](#)

What resources or financial mechanisms will you be creating to support the further delivery of the All London Green Grid?

Welfare reform

Question No: 2014/1242

[Fiona Twycross](#)

In your answer (2013/4349) you said that you did not want to duplicate work of organisations monitoring the impacts of welfare reform. Who is responsible for 'keeping a close eye on this work' and what have you observed so far?

Fire Cuts (1)

Question No: 2014/1243

[Fiona Twycross](#)

Following the closure of Clerkenwell fire station, what impact will this have on the public safety of those residents living in the vicinity of the fire station?

Fire Cuts (2)

Question No: 2014/1244

[Fiona Twycross](#)

Following the closure of Downham fire station, what impact will this have on the public safety of those residents living in the vicinity of the fire station?

Fire Cuts (3)

Question No: 2014/1245

[Fiona Twycross](#)

Following the closure of Kingsland fire station, what impact will this have on the public safety of those residents living in the vicinity of the fire station?

Fire Cuts (4)

Question No: 2014/1246

[Fiona Twycross](#)

Following the closure of Knightsbridge fire station, what impact will this have on the public safety of those residents living in the vicinity of the fire station?

Fire Cuts (5)

Question No: 2014/1247

[Fiona Twycross](#)

Following the closure of Silvertown fire station, what impact will this have on the public safety of those residents living in the vicinity of the fire station?

Use of Water Cannons (1)

Question No: 2014/1248

[Fiona Twycross](#)

On 6th May 2013 you wrote to the Home Secretary and are quoted as saying 'Following briefing by the [Met] commissioner I am broadly convinced of the value of having water cannon available to the MPS [Metropolitan police service] for those circumstances where its absence would lead to greater disorder or the use of more extreme force'. Do you consider you have a mandate to introduce the use of water cannons?

Use of Water Cannons (2)

Question No: 2014/1249

[Fiona Twycross](#)

Would you envisage if the MPS had a water cannon it would ever be used to tackle fires?

Crystal Palace Park (1)

Question No: 2014/1250

[Fiona Twycross](#)

Have you read the results of the first questionnaire carried out by Arup at its consultation event? They are available on the London Crystal Palace website and show a majority favouring a museum, art gallery or visitor attraction rather than hotels and retail. What do you think of the findings of this initial consultation meeting?

Crystal Palace Park (2)

Question No: 2014/1251

[Fiona Twycross](#)

Despite your own personal enthusiasm for the plans to build of a replica of Crystal Palace in Crystal Palace Park the findings of the consultation show respondents top three priorities were restoring the park, attracting locals and protecting heritage. Will you listen to these views even if they are different to your own stated view?

Crystal Palace Park (3)

Question No: 2014/1252

[Fiona Twycross](#)

Are you aware of concerns raised about the initial consultation meeting about Crystal Palace Park in December, and what is your office's involvement in the consultation process?

Staffing of Underground stations

Question No: 2014/1253

[Fiona Twycross](#)

Has an impact assessment been carried out about how a tube station would cope with the reduced numbers of staff if there were to be a terrorist attack similar to those seen on 7th July 2005?

De-regulation of buses

Question No: 2014/1254

[Fiona Twycross](#)

Do you believe that London's buses would be improved by replacing the quality contract system with the system of total deregulation, and has your view on this changed?