

4 July 2012

PRIORITY ORDER PAPER

Report No: 5

Subject: Questions to the Mayor

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Questions not asked during Mayor's Question Time will be given a written response by
Monday 9 July 2012.

Meetings with News International

Question No: 2059 / 2012

[Len Duvall](#)

Do you believe that it was right not to declare all meetings you had with News International Executives or owners?

Olympic Torch Relay

Question No: 2023 / 2012

[Andrew Boff](#)

How will you ensure that it is local community champions that carry the Olympic Torch when it reaches London on 21 July, and not employees of companies who have paid for the opportunity to carry the flame through their sponsorship deals with LOCOG or the IOC?

Bad air days during the London 2012 Games (1)

Question No: 1888 / 2012

[Jenny Jones](#)

Will you be honest and transparent to Londoners and visitors about smog episodes during the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games?

New Bus for London

Question No: 1931 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

How many New Buses for London will be on London's streets by the Olympic Games?

Prioritising investigations

Question No: 2027 / 2012

[Victoria Borwick](#)

I welcome the news that the Metropolitan Police Service will now offer all victims of crime a home visit by a police officer. However since the majority of crimes are committed by a minority of people, will this new focus ensure, not only a police visit, but that less crimes are now "screened out" from being fully investigated?

Assessment of Poverty

Question No: 2060 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

What assessments have you recently made of growing poverty in the capital?

Electronic tagging

Question No: 2028 / 2012

[Tony Arbour](#)

Following the Steven Grisales murder case, will the sentencing unit be investigating the failings in the current electronic tagging system?

What's Affordable Housing

Question No: 2062 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

What is your definition of an affordable home?

SNT

Question No: 2066 / 2012

[Navin Shah](#)

Please provide a timeframe for when Safer Neighbourhood Teams that are temporarily below strength will be at full complement.

Riot policing

Question No: 2030 / 2012

[Steve O'Connell](#)

What changes have been made to policing to ensure the riots are never repeated?

Low Ambitions

Question No: 2068 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Why have you set your ambitions on the Green economy so low, in your second term?

Privatisation of the police

Question No: 2072 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

What parts of the police service do you think are suitable for privatisation?

Cable car

Question No: 1922 / 2012

[Darren Johnson](#)

Is the cable car part of the public transport system or a tourist attraction?

New Taxi for London

Question No: 2017 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

Will you launch an open competition to design a new, zero-emission taxi for London?

MPS Accountability

Question No: 2073 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Your previous Deputy Mayor Kit Malthouse stated it was “inconceivable” that the Met Commissioner would not attend meetings of the Police & Crime Committee. Your new Deputy Mayor for Policing advised the Met Commissioner not to attend the PCC meeting on 21st June, giving us eight minutes notice prior to the meeting. Which Deputy Mayor do you agree with?

Diamond Jubilee lessons for Olympic transport (1)

Question No: 2043 / 2012

[Richard Tracey](#)

What lessons for the Olympics have been learnt from the transport problems during the Diamond Jubilee?

Freedom Pass

Question No: 2048 / 2012

[Richard Tracey](#)

Can the Mayor confirm whether TfL and London Councils are still on track to return the Freedom Pass's age of eligibility to 60 by September?

Metal Task force

Question No: 2049 / 2012

[James Cleverly](#)

How has metal theft been affected since the creation of the MPS unit to tackle metal theft last year?

High Speed 2 Rail

Question No: 2077 / 2012

[Onkar Sahota](#)

What concerns have you asked the Government to address on the current outline plans for HS2?

Election Promises

Question No: 2078 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

Did you have your fingers crossed when you made promises on the campaign trail which you no longer feel bound by now you are elected, for example your pledge to place a thousand more police officers on London Streets?

A12 OLYMPIC CLEAN UP

Question No: 2053 / 2012

[Roger Evans](#)

The A12 through Havering and Redbridge along with major junctions at Gants Hill, Gallows Corner and Redbridge Roundabout, will be a gateway route for many spectators travelling to The Games. The condition of the roadside leaves much to be desired with weeds, litter and graffiti creating a poor impression for our visitors. What steps are being taken to clean up the road before the Games begin?

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

Olympics

Question No: 2081 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

What is the biggest risk to achieve a successful and non-controversial Games for London?

Soaring Private Rents

Question No: 2082 / 2012

[Tom Copley](#)

Last year rents in the private sector in London rose by nearly 10%, whilst many people were forced to accept a real terms cut in wages. Does the mayor accept the urgent need to get a grip on soaring rents in the private rented sector, and what specific proposals does he have to deal with this problem?

Questions for Written Answer

Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant

Question No: 1879 / 2012

[Jenny Jones](#)

I have been contacted by constituents who were unable to enjoy the Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant because More London restricted access to their land to those with prior clearance and a small number of early arrivals. There was plenty of space for more people to enter the site when More London closed the security barriers. As a fellow advocate of genuinely public spaces and a funder of the pageant stewarding arrangements, will you raise this instance of overzealous private control with More London, and negotiate better terms from privatised spaces for major public events in which you are involved in the future?

Parking on Cycle Superhighways (1)

Question No: 1880 / 2012

[Jenny Jones](#)

A constituent has asked, why are parking restrictions on Cycle Superhighways lifted at weekends? She comments that when driving through Tooting she saw several cyclists swerving back and forth between the lanes and the main traffic to avoid the many parked cars, defeating the purpose of the Cycle Superhighway.

Parking on Cycle Superhighways (2)

Question No: 1881 / 2012

[Jenny Jones](#)

Will you ask TfL to review the effectiveness of the section of Cycle Superhighway 7 going through Tooting at weekends, in particular whether the car parking policy needs to be revisited?

Bow roundabout (1)

Question No: 1882 / 2012

[Jenny Jones](#)

Can you explain why the eastbound approach to Bow Roundabout was treated with new safety measures but the equally dangerous west bound approach was delayed until after the London 2012 Games?

Bow roundabout (2)

Question No: 1883 / 2012

[Jenny Jones](#)

Given that the safety scheme at Bow Roundabout is deemed by most cyclists to be inadequate and does nothing for pedestrians, when will you open discussions on the development of a proper long term solution for safety at this junction?

Bow roundabout (3)

Question No: 1884 / 2012

[Jenny Jones](#)

The Bow Roundabout safety scheme initially had a physical divider to separate cyclists from lorries and other traffic, but I understand that this was abandoned due to the frequency with which vehicles went across it. Do you regard the cyclist space you have created as safe if it is being so frequently invaded?

Speed limit on Oxford Street

Question No: 1885 / 2012

[Jenny Jones](#)

Given the exceptionally high number of collisions involving pedestrians and buses along Oxford Street, would you consider limiting the speed of buses along Europe's busiest shopping street to 15mph or less during the London 2012 Games?

Private hire regulation

Question No: 1886 / 2012

[Jenny Jones](#)

There is a concern that drivers are registering their cars as private hire vehicles in order to gain the perks which this affords. Has your office considered different ways that it could validate the claim to be a private hire vehicle, such as the production of tax returns?

300 acres of green space

Question No: 1887 / 2012

[Jenny Jones](#)

With reference to your election manifesto promise to improve 300 acres of green space, does this include East London Green Grid projects which have already been completed?

Bad air days during the London 2012 Games (2)

Question No: 1889 / 2012

[Jenny Jones](#)

What will you do to address the need highlighted by the Commission for Sustainable London 2012 to warn visitors if we experience a smog episode during the London 2012 Games, i.e. two or more days of moderate or higher air pollution for any regulated pollutant?

Bad air days during the London 2012 Games (3)

Question No: 1890 / 2012

[Jenny Jones](#)

Will the health information for Londoners and visitors provided by Defra during the London 2012 Games include potential warnings via the media of smog episodes involving either particulates or nitrogen dioxide?

Bad air days during the London 2012 Games (4)

Question No: 1891 / 2012

[Jenny Jones](#)

Will you ask TfL to put links to both airTEXT and the London Air Quality Network on their GetAheadoftheGames.com website to ensure that Londoners and visitors have access to health information on air pollution during the London 2012 Games?

Air Quality commitment

Question No: 1892 / 2012

[Jenny Jones](#)

Do you remain of the view that you can meet the nitrogen dioxide limit values by 2015 as laid out in your Air Quality Strategy?

Air pollution in Hounslow

Question No: 1893 / 2012

[Jenny Jones](#)

What action are you taking to protect Londoners in Hounslow suffering a worsening of nitrogen dioxide as a result of the removal of the bus lane on the M4?

Diesel engines in London

Question No: 1894 / 2012

[Jenny Jones](#)

What percentage of cars in London had diesel engines in each year from 2000 and 2011 inclusive?

Congestion charge discounts

Question No: 1895 / 2012

[Jenny Jones](#)

I welcomed reports that you may tighten the criteria for the 100% discount for the congestion charge later this year. If you do this, will you include emissions limits for oxides of nitrogen and particulate matter in addition to carbon to ensure the discount is technology neutral?

Lobbying on air pollution

Question No: 1896 / 2012

[Jenny Jones](#)

What specific proposals does the Air-Quality Initiative of the Regions have that relate in any way to: concentrations set for legal limits of regulated air pollutants; and/or binding deadlines for full compliance with such standards?

Research on airports (1)

Question No: 1897 / 2012

[Jenny Jones](#)

You have promised that your third study on your proposed new hub airport will examine environmental issues. Will you ensure that this includes analysis of the embodied carbon and resource consumption implications of building a new hub airport?

Research on airports (2)

Question No: 1898 / 2012

[Jenny Jones](#)

The National Air Traffic Services have said that the proposed location for an airport in the Thames Estuary would be in the 'very worst spot' due to crowded airspace. Will you ensure this issue is examined in detail in your third study on your proposed new hub airport?

Olympic Media Centre options

Question No: 1899 / 2012

[Jenny Jones](#)

Will you ensure that any appraisal of the options for adapting or demolishing the Olympic Media Centre takes full account of the environmental implications, including the potential for wasted embodied carbon in the building?

London 2017 World Athletics Championships

Question No: 1900 / 2012

[Jenny Jones](#)

As a partner in these championships, can you tell me when food and drink sponsors and/or partners will be selected, and what the process will be?

Procurement policy and workfare

Question No: 1901 / 2012

[Jenny Jones](#)

When promoting opportunities for the Government-appointed work providers through procurement and investment plans, will you assess those providers and the opportunities they provide against your Responsible Procurement policy?

Government employment schemes

Question No: 1902 / 2012

[Jenny Jones](#)

In your manifesto you pledged to work with the Government-appointed work provider companies to promote opportunities through procurement and investment plans. Will this include working with providers through the following programmes: (a) mandatory work activity, (b) the work programme, (c) the community action programme, (d) sector-based work academies and (e) the work experience programme?

Work programme (1)

Question No: 1903 / 2012

[Jenny Jones](#)

What progress have you made in establishing an effective performance management framework for the Work Programme in London?

Work programme (2)

Question No: 1904 / 2012

[Jenny Jones](#)

Have you started to benchmark Work Programme providers using the London Skills & Employment Observatory's star rating system?

Cycle parking at Brockley station

Question No: 1905 / 2012

[Darren Johnson](#)

What are the plans to replace cycle parking facilities at Brockley Overground station, following the removal of the previous parking shelter to accommodate the new ticket barriers?

Clearance at Drayton Park

Question No: 1906 / 2012

[Darren Johnson](#)

From the investigation into vegetation on railway embankments I carried out on behalf of the Assembly earlier this year, it was very clear that Network Rail were often failing to communicate properly with local people and were failing to spell out the full extent of trackside vegetation management work they were due to carry out. The widespread local concerns about the drastic clearance of trees and bushes besides the railway line at Drayton Park Station and Ashburton Triangle is yet another example of this. Do you share local residents' concerns and will you be making representations to Network Rail?

Streatham overground station

Question No: 1907 / 2012

[Darren Johnson](#)

Has TfL made any estimates as to the cost of making Streatham Station accessible?

Streatham High Road (1)

Question No: 1908 / 2012

[Darren Johnson](#)

If there was demonstrable local support for a 20mph speed limit on Streatham High Road in order to make it safer and more pleasant for pedestrians and cyclists, would you consider this?

Streatham High Road (2)

Question No: 1909 / 2012

[Darren Johnson](#)

Has a 20mph speed limit been considered for Streatham High Road?

Streatham High Road (3)

Question No: 1910 / 2012

[Darren Johnson](#)

What measures are being considered to make Streatham High Road safer for pedestrians and cyclists?

Average speed cameras

Question No: 1911 / 2012

[Darren Johnson](#)

Could you provide me with an update on the trials for average speed cameras in 20mph areas in London, how effective they have been and whether TfL has any plans to roll these out?

Bus Rapid Transit schemes

Question No: 1912 / 2012

[Darren Johnson](#)

Have you asked TfL to give any consideration to Bus Rapid Transit systems as part of TfL's future transport plans and, if so, could you provide details?

Bus indicator text service (1)

Question No: 1913 / 2012

[Darren Johnson](#)

How much income is generated for TfL by the bus indicator text service, for which Londoners are obliged to pay "the standard network rate plus a 12p charge to receive the response"?

Bus indicator text service (2)

Question No: 1914 / 2012

[Darren Johnson](#)

Should income from TfL's bus indicator text service be used to pay for the rollout of more bus indicators at bus stops?

Safer minicabs (1)

Question No: 1915 / 2012

[Darren Johnson](#)

What will you be doing over the next year in connection with your violence against women strategy, 'The way forward', to increase public safety for women using minicabs?

Safer minicabs (2)

Question No: 1916 / 2012

[Darren Johnson](#)

In your violence against women strategy, 'The way forward', you state women don't feel safe travelling in minicabs. Have you studied why this is the case?

Cycle access at Peckham Rye station

Question No: 1917 / 2012

[Darren Johnson](#)

When you extend the London Overground service later this year, and as the station is remodelled, will you take steps to ensure cyclists can get their bikes onto and off platforms at Peckham Rye station more easily, for example with gullies up the steps to roll bikes along?

Research into the private rented sector

Question No: 1918 / 2012

[Darren Johnson](#)

Your February 2010 Housing Strategy committed you to undertaking a London-specific assessment of the private rented sector to identify sub-markets. This appears to have been dropped in your draft revised strategy published for consultation in December 2011. Are you still committed to carrying out this research and if so when can we expect it to be published?

Affordable housing monitoring

Question No: 1919 / 2012

[Darren Johnson](#)

Thank you for your answer to question 1811/2012. Will you publish this data broken down by year, borough and by the number of rooms so that, for example, a resident of Croydon could find out the average rent level for a two bed Affordable Rent flat built in their borough?

Homes to rent in Hackney

Question No: 1920 / 2012

[Darren Johnson](#)

Hackney Citizens Advice Bureau recently conducted a survey of the 1,585 properties that were available to let in their borough via Rightmove and Gumtree on the 15th June 2012. They found that only 143 of those homes were advertised at rents that fell below the Local Housing Allowance caps, and that only 14 of those were let by landlords who were willing to let to housing benefit recipients. Of the 1,090 properties with two or more bedrooms, suitable for families, only 36 were within the benefit caps and only 5 of those were let by landlords willing to accept benefit recipients. Will you urgently raise the findings of this startling snapshot with the Government and press for a rethink on the benefit caps in order to ensure that residents of Hackney receiving benefits due to low wages, retirement, bringing up children, sickness, disability, or unemployment are able to access a wider choice of properties in their borough?

Accessible bus stops

Question No: 1921 / 2012

[Darren Johnson](#)

Of the 250 bus routes serving Olympic venues, which serve bus stops that fail to meet TfL's accessibility standards and how many bus stops are inaccessible on each route?

Cycle parking standards

Question No: 1923 / 2012

[Darren Johnson](#)

How many cycle parking spaces would need to be provided at City Hall under your revised London Plan standard of 1 per 150 square meters of gross floorspace?

Cycle parking standards on the Olympic Park

Question No: 1924 / 2012

[Darren Johnson](#)

What action are you taking to ensure that your proposed revised cycle parking standard for offices (B1 non-financial), at one space for 150 square metres of space, is adopted on the Olympic Park?

Going Dutch on the Olympic Park

Question No: 1925 / 2012

[Darren Johnson](#)

Given your commitment to the London Cycling Campaign's Love London Go Dutch principles are you confident that provision for cycle users in the new legacy Olympic Park will be equal to, or better than, those in the Netherlands?

Cycling in the Lea Valley this summer

Question No: 1926 / 2012

[Darren Johnson](#)

Can you comment on the decision of LOCOG to close the popular Lea Valley towpath from Homerton to Bow, at just two months notice, throughout the whole summer, and not just the Olympic and Paralympics Games period, because of security issues? With both the towpath and the Wick Lane to Stratford High Street section of Greenway closed what safe routes are walkers and cyclists expected to take?

Cycling to the Olympic Park

Question No: 1927 / 2012

[Darren Johnson](#)

What secure cycle parking provision and what safe cycle routes are being provided for people travelling to the Olympic Park from the boroughs to the east of the Park such as Barking and Dagenham, Newham and Havering and will the routes and their nearest cycle parking location at the Southern Transport Plaza require them to negotiate the Stratford gyratory?

Cycling during the London 2012 Games

Question No: 1928 / 2012

[Darren Johnson](#)

What additional cycle parking is being provided for London commuters who are being encouraged to travel by bicycle during the London 2012 Games?

Go Dutch flagship schemes

Question No: 1929 / 2012

[Darren Johnson](#)

You have previously identified Vauxhall Cross and Greenwich as locations where you expect to deliver continental-quality provision for cyclists. You also stated in answer to question 1286/2012, regarding your timetable for identifying three high profile Go Dutch locations, that you had asked your Deputy Mayor for Transport to meet with the London Cycling Campaign (LCC) to discuss this in detail. The LCC is not aware of such a meeting being arranged. When will the public consultation on the flagship schemes commence?

Violence against women training for London Ambassadors

Question No: 1930 / 2012

[Jenny Jones](#)

Can you describe in detail the essential information and training that the London Ambassadors have received, or will yet receive, on how to recognise and respond to reports of violence against women? Can you also confirm that they and/or their supervisors will have helplines available?

Cable car (1)

Question No: 1932 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Please update me on your progress with securing European Union funding towards the cable car?

Cable car (2)

Question No: 1933 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Will there be certain weather conditions that will prevent the cable car from running? Please provide details.

Cycle Hire scheme (1)

Question No: 1934 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

In your answer to MQ 3095/2011 you promised that the casual user payment system would be improved. Will you now give me a date by which users will be able to hire a bicycle by inserting their card just once?

Cycle Hire scheme (2)

Question No: 1935 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Further to your answer 1316/2011 about the cycle hire scheme will you reconsider setting a deadline for the cycle hire scheme becoming Oyster compatible?

Cycle Hire scheme (3)

Question No: 1936 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Will you consider expanding the cycle hire scheme to Hampstead and Highgate so that pupils from local schools as well as commuters and other potential users can benefit from the scheme? Please explain the reasons for your position on this suggestion?

Cycle Hire scheme (4)

Question No: 1937 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Why did TfL instruct Serco staff to stop carrying out maintenance on docking stations on the pavement?

Cycle Hire scheme (5)

Question No: 1938 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Please publish a table showing for each month since the start of the London cycle hire scheme (1) the number of new members, (b) the number of people not renewing their membership, and (3) the running total for every month of the actual number of members of the scheme.

Cycle Hire scheme (6)

Question No: 1939 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Please publish a table showing for each month since the start of the casual usage of the cycle hire scheme the number of people actually using the scheme via this form of payment.

Cycle Hire scheme (7)

Question No: 1940 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Please publish a table showing for the month of May 2012 the average time per day that each docking station has:

- a) no available bikes
- b) no available docking spaces for bikes

TfL spending

Question No: 1941 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

In your answer to MQT 1168/2012 you stated that you do not have a separate cost for the benches at Blackhorse Road Station. Could you tell me if it is standard TfL project management practice to not record the detailed costs and spending of the project? If it isn't will you explain why you cannot provide me with a cost for the new benches at Blackhorse Road Station?

Promoting cycling

Question No: 1942 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Sustran's DIY Streets project has been a great success in encouraging more people, especially children, to get about on foot and by bike, empowering residents and developing a sense of community. Will you commit to funding DIY Streets projects in every borough?

Children's bicycles on the Underground

Question No: 1943 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Will you explain why children's bicycles are treated differently to large pieces of luggage by TfL? Despite the fact that they are often smaller than large luggage and therefore less of a hazard on escalators and in the event of a train evacuation?

Cycle storage on Tramlink

Question No: 1944 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Will you explain why the new Tramlink carriages had their cycle storage areas removed before being put into service?

Romford to Paddington overcharging

Question No: 1945 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

I have been contacted by a constituent who was charged £3.80 instead £3.70 for his Zone 1-2 extension ticket. In responding to him TfL stated that they automatically refunded passengers who had been overcharged. However they also stated that they did not automatically refund passengers who had purchased the over-priced ticket as an extension. Will you now ensure all these passengers are automatically refunded?

Project Horizon (1)

Question No: 1946 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Please list each department in TfL and the number of posts removed under Project Horizon?

Project Horizon (2)

Question No: 1947 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

For each department in TfL please list the number of contractor and agency staff currently working in them; and the length of their contracts?

Wembley Central station

Question No: 1948 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What plans do TfL have to renovate the facade of Wembley Central station?

Lay members of Police misconduct hearings

Question No: 1949 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Who is responsible for the selection, appointment, training and management of independent lay members to police misconduct hearings?

Speed limit on Oxford Street

Question No: 1950 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

During the Olympics Oxford Street will be crowded with even more pedestrians than usual. To help protect pedestrians will the Mayor introduce a temporary 20mph limit for buses and taxis driving down Oxford Street?

Brent Cross Shopping centre (1)

Question No: 1951 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What discussions have you, the Deputy Mayor for Planning or any other GLA officer had with Hammerson, Westfield, the Whitgift Foundation, Gavin Barwell MP or any other parties about the potential relaxation of planning conditions at Brent Cross Shopping Centre?

Brent Cross Shopping Centre (2)

Question No: 1952 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Do you agree that it would be wholly improper to link discussions about the Brent Cross Shopping Centre with discussions about proposed developments in Croydon Town Centre (notwithstanding the fact that the same developer has interests in both locations)?

Croydon Town Centre

Question No: 1953 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

According to the Croydon Advertiser you were due to meet the local MP Gavin Barwell to discuss the regeneration of Croydon Town Centre in June. What was discussed at this meeting, what will be the results of this meeting and will you publish the agenda and notes of the meeting?

Pedibus tours

Question No: 1954 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What steps will you take to reduce the nuisance caused to residents by Pedibus tours?

Turnham Green tube stop

Question No: 1955 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Will you update residents on your plans for a public consultation over plans for additional Piccadilly Line services to stop at Turnham Green?

Metropolitan line trains

Question No: 1956 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Why have 35 S8 trains had to be returned to their manufacturer less than one year after they were purchased? How much has this cost TfL and what lessons have been learnt from this for future procurement?

Wembley Park Sidings

Question No: 1957 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

How much is the refurbishment of Wembley Park sidings expected to cost and what is the timescale?

Removal of railings outside Belair Park

Question No: 1958 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Will you confirm that the railings outside Belair Park on the busy south circular will remain on site to protect pedestrians including local school children?

Pay day loan advertising on London Underground

Question No: 1959 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Will you take steps to stop Pay Day loan companies advertising on TfL advertising boards? One recent advert on the tube offered loans at 1734% APR.

Pedestrian safety

Question No: 1960 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Will you please outline what you and TfL are doing to improve pedestrian safety in London?

HGV safety review

Question No: 1961 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

I am very encouraged to hear that TfL are conducting a review into HGV and tipper truck safety as mentioned by Peter Hendy on June 20th. How will you ensure that both large and small haulage companies hear and act upon its recommendations?

2020 Vision for London

Question No: 1962 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

In the Mayor's 2020 Vision for London will you include a promise to eliminate all pedestrian, cyclist and traffic crash fatalities?

Police publishing fatal accident data

Question No: 1963 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

It is my understanding that the Met have promised to annually publish the legal outcome of fatal and life changing collision investigations. Will you tell me when we can expect the first report?

TfL Road network data

Question No: 1964 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

On page 10 of TfL's annual report there is a data table on the performance of the TfL road network. Will you explain what the figures for traffic flow actually mean?

Capital Call service

Question No: 1965 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Please could you explain why residents in London who need a taxi that will carry their wheelchair have to pay a surcharge for using the Capital Call taxi service when users outside London are not charged this surcharge?

Metropolitan Police Estate (1)

Question No: 1966 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Will you list the Police stations that have been valued as part of the Metropolitan Police estate strategy?

Metropolitan Police Estate (2)

Question No: 1967 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What plans do you have to consult with local communities in the event of police station closures?

Senior Police meeting

Question No: 1968 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

You recently met with Bernard Hogan Howe and Stephen Greenhalgh. What was discussed at this meeting?

Homes outside of London

Question No: 1969 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

How many new homes will be delivered outside Greater London during the current investment period (2011-2015)?

Seaside and Country Homes scheme

Question No: 1970 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Will the increased cost to boroughs of the new funding model for the Seaside and Country Homes scheme reduce the number of lettings they request each year?

Seaside and Country Homes scheme (2)

Question No: 1971 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

How many homes were made available to households through the Seaside and Country Homes scheme in each of the last 5 years? Please also list the number of applications made during this period.

Pan-London housing mobility scheme

Question No: 1972 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

How many people have registered for the 'Housing Moves' scheme since its launch?

Pan-London housing mobility scheme (2)

Question No: 1973 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Why has the G15 group of housing associations – who collectively manage around 410,000 homes – contributed only 190 homes to your new pan-London housing mobility scheme? Will you encourage them to increase their contribution in line with the number of homes offered by boroughs (i.e. 5 per cent of relets)?

Homes for London – affordable housing supply

Question No: 1974 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

The Executive Director's Report discussed at the first meeting of the Homes for London Board (18 June 2012) references only 23,711 homes in its profile of the Affordable Homes Programme. Can you confirm which programme(s) will deliver the remaining 31,127 homes?

Affordable housing grants

Question No: 1975 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

How do you respond to a recent report from the IPPR [Together at home: A new strategy for housing] which calls for a shift away from subsidising rents and towards building new homes through a new system of affordable housing grants? Are you satisfied with the current balance of public spending on housing in London?

Right to Buy

Question No: 1976 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Further to your welcome response that it should be possible to achieve "better than

one-for-one replacement in London" through the Right to Buy scheme (MQ 1833/2012), will you commit to ring-fence replacement homes within the boroughs in which they are lost?

Olympic volunteers free travel

Question No: 1977 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Why are Olympic Volunteers not being offered free travel on the cable car when they are given free travel on other TfL modes?

Go Dutch standards

Question No: 1978 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Will you provide me with an update on your progress to date in implementing the Love London, Go Dutch standards as promised in your election campaign?

Junction review

Question No: 1979 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What timetable is the junction review group working to and when do you expect it to be releasing recommendations?

Entries in the GLA gifts and hospitality register

Question No: 1980 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Are you satisfied that your entries in the GLA gifts and hospitality register since May 2008 are full and entirely accurate?

List of meetings in your monthly report to the London Assembly

Question No: 1981 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Are you satisfied that you have provided a full and accurate list of meetings in your monthly report to the London Assembly since May 2008?

Pedestrian fatalities

Question No: 1982 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

For each year since 2008 please list how many pedestrians have died from collisions involving TfL buses in London?

Safeguarding Orchard Wharf

Question No: 1983 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

A constituent has contacted me with concerns over the safeguarding of Orchard Wharf (E14). Can you confirm the recommendation you intend to send to the Secretary of State as part of

your review of the safeguarding of London's wharves?

Olympic Route Network - road restrictions

Question No: 1984 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

How many roads and/or streets in London will have restrictions imposed to support the implementation of the Olympic Route Network and associated arrangements?

London 2012 - transport legacies

Question No: 1985 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What specific road transport legacies will the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games deliver?

Removal of bus stops from King Street, Twickenham

Question No: 1986 / 2012

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What representations has London Buses made in respect of the proposal by the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames to remove all bus stops from King Street, Twickenham?

Mayoral 'World Tour' (1)

Question No: 1987 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

Can you confirm the foreign destinations you plan to visit over the coming months following press reports of "a series of prime ministerial-style foreign trips" to boost foreign direct investment in London?

Mayoral 'World Tour' (2)

Question No: 1988 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

Please confirm the costs and funding source for any planned visits to India or China?

GLA International Offices

Question No: 1989 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

Has your decision to close the GLA's foreign representative offices improved or reduced London's chances of securing greater investment from the emerging markets of India and China?

GLA International Offices (2)

Question No: 1990 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

Will you review your decision to close London's international offices in Delhi and Mumbai given that India is now the second largest foreign investor in London, with Indian-owned businesses

generating more than £14.4 billion a year?

Air quality - nitrogen dioxide (1)

Question No: 1991 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

Do you dispute that London had the highest annual mean concentrations of nitrogen dioxide of any capital city in Europe in 2010, and if so why?

Air quality - nitrogen dioxide (2)

Question No: 1992 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

Do you dispute that annual mean concentrations of nitrogen dioxide in London are comparable with those in Beijing before the 2008 Olympics, and if so why?

Congestion charge exemption - CO2 levels

Question No: 1993 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

Does TfL's plan to tighten the carbon dioxide level at which cars can travel within the congestion zone for free risk having an adverse impact on levels of nitrogen oxides (NOx) and particulate matter (PM10)? Do you anticipate any increase in the number of diesel vehicles being purchased as a result of this policy?

Reducing diesel emissions

Question No: 1994 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

What actions are you taking to reduce diesel emissions from public transport vehicles, including buses, taxis and trains, following the World Health Organisation's classification of diesel exhaust fumes as a "major cancer risk"?

airText (1)

Question No: 1995 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

Given that the number of airTEXT subscribers has increased by only 500 since the publication of your Air Quality Strategy (2010), it will take another 998 years before your aspiration to sign up a further 250,000 participants is met. What more will you do to provide air quality information and health advice to those affected by pollution episodes in the meantime?

airText (2)

Question No: 1996 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

Please list the amount of funding you have previously allocated to support the development and take-up of the airTEXT service?

TfL 'No Engine Idling' campaign

Question No: 1997 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

Please set out the total cost of the 'No Engine Idling' campaign to date?

TfL 'No Engine Idling' campaign (2)

Question No: 1998 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

Further to MQ 0479/2012, will you publish a copy of the research TfL conducted with London drivers to understand which approach would be most effective in encouraging them to reduce the amount of time they spent idling unnecessarily? How many drivers were consulted, and what were they asked?

Air Quality advice on the GLA website

Question No: 1999 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

Does your refusal to publish smog alerts on the GLA website place you in breach of your duty to "promote improvements in the health of persons in Greater London" under the GLA Act (1999)? Why do you refuse to implement this relatively simple, cost-neutral, measure which would be of great benefit to those with existing respiratory problems, including the c.690,000 asthma sufferers in London?

Air Quality during the Olympics (1)

Question No: 2000 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

How will you inform competitors and spectators of local air quality conditions during the 2012 Olympic Games?

Air Quality during the Olympics (2)

Question No: 2001 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

You have previously said that you are "committed to raising Londoners' awareness of air quality and its effect on health, to encourage individuals to take action to improve air quality and help those affected by pollution episodes" (MQ 3126/2011). Will you therefore warn those residents who will be exposed to breaches of nitrogen dioxide limit values as a result of the 2012 Olympic Route Network and related traffic management arrangements?

Air Quality during the Olympics (3)

Question No: 2002 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

Would you consider implementing any additional mitigation measures in the event of a dangerous high pollution episode occurring during the Olympic Games, similar to the 'summer smog' of 2003 and 2006? Please also state how TfL would deal with the situation where the PM10 daily limit value of 35 Bad Air Days was breached either before or during the Games?

Use of pollution suppressants

Question No: 2003 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

Have you reduced, amended or increased the use of Pollution Suppressants since 1 March 2012 and if so why, how, where and when?

Air pollution in the London Underground

Question No: 2004 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

What are you doing to reduce air pollution levels in the Underground? Will you be warning the most vulnerable people, including visitors to the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, about air pollution levels in the London Underground?

PM10 daily limit value

Question No: 2005 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

PM10 daily limit value

Were there any monitoring stations in Greater London complying with the siting requirements of Directive 2008/50/EC which reported more exceedances of the PM10 daily limit value than the monitoring station on Marylebone Road in 2010 and/or 2011?

Best Practice Guidance on construction and demolition

Question No: 2006 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

Have you informed the European Commission of your delay in reviewing the best practice guidance for reducing emissions from construction and demolition, promised by November 2011 as part of a package of short-term measures to avoid incurring fines worth £300m?

Low Emission Zone – daily charge

Question No: 2007 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

How many non-complaint vehicles have paid the daily charge in order to drive within the Low Emission Zone since 03 January 2012?

Low Emission Zone – enforcement

Question No: 2008 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

How many non-complaint vehicles have been issued with a penalty charge notice following the introduction of more stringent emissions standards on 03 January 2012?

Public Statistics

Question No: 2009 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

Following the absorption of the LDA (London Development Agency) and HCA (Homes & Communities Agency) into the Greater London Authority (GLA), can you confirm if the GLA is

now a 'primary producer' of statistics, as defined by central Government?

Greater London Authority Disclosure Log

Question No: 2010 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

Why has the GLA Disclosure Log – which lists responses to Freedom of Information requests that are judged to be of general interest (<http://www.london.gov.uk/foi/disclosure-log>) – not been updated since November 2011?

Tree Data Exchange Agreement

Question No: 2011 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

Further to MQ 1234/2012, what more can you do to facilitate the two-way exchange of tree data between GiGL (Greenspace Information for Greater London) and London boroughs? This information could have a number of useful applications including the ability to protect certain trees from disease.

Mayoral Powers on education

Question No: 2012 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

Have you discussed your desire for greater Mayoral control of education in the capital with representatives from London Councils? If so, what was their response?

Olympic media centre

Question No: 2013 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

Following recent reports that plans are being considered to demolish the international broadcast centre after the Olympic Games are over, will you confirm that you would oppose any such move? Please also set out the approximate costs of demolishing 92,000 square metres of commercial space.

Olympic tickets

Question No: 2014 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

In answer to question 1269/2012 you stated: "One meeting was cancelled by central Government and my 2012 advisor attended the second on my behalf. During the meeting, at my request, he reiterated my view LOCOG needed to provide a full explanation on the outcome of ticket sales as soon as these were complete." Does supporting the full disclosure of ticket sales only after the Games are over not contradict your previous statement made on the 23rd February 2012 at Mayor's Question Time where you stated: "All I can say is that I fully share the desire of the Assembly for transparency" and your description of the London Assembly report Sold Out as "excellent", which specifically called for the immediate publication of information about tickets already sold.

Economic impact of the London 2012 Games

Question No: 2015 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

What assessment have you made of the likely spending increase during the Olympic Games arising from international visitor spend? Are you able to quantify the long term positive effect on the London economy of hosting the Olympic Games?

London Living Wage

Question No: 2016 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

Will you commit to write to all London Boroughs and schools encouraging them to adopt the London Living Wage, both for directly employed staff and those employed by contractors?

London Fire Bridge Museum

Question No: 2018 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

The London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority (LFEPA) has now committed to keeping open the London Fire Brigade Museum. However, its present site is likely to be disposed of within the next three years. As a "strong supporter" of the museum, what assistance are you now prepared to offer in finding a new permanent home for the museum?

Emergency fire crews

Question No: 2019 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

Are you satisfied with LFEPA's current arrangements for contracting emergency fire crews during business continuity events?

Maintenance of the London Fire Brigade fleet

Question No: 2020 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

What is your assessment of the financial and other risks to the London Fire Brigade from contract defaults of the PFI contractor who supplies and maintains the fleet of fire engines? How do you intend to mitigate these in your forthcoming budget?

MOPC Study (I)

Question No: 2021 / 2012

[Andrew Boff](#)

What is the remit of the MOPC's study into the nature of the sex industry in London?

MOPC Study (II)

Question No: 2022 / 2012

[Andrew Boff](#)

What was the specification for the tender of the MOPC study and how was the tender advertised?

DCMS Funding

Question No: 2024 / 2012

[Andrew Boff](#)

If the rumours about the future of the Department for Culture, Media and Sport after the Olympics and changes to its budget are to be believed, serious damage could be done to the already dubious sports legacy of the Olympic and Paralympic Games. What are you doing to ensure the promised sports legacy is delivered in London and does not suffer from any reduced funding to DCMS?

London Jobs Fair

Question No: 2025 / 2012

[Andrew Boff](#)

In your manifesto, you state that you will secure private sector funding to host an annual Mayoral jobs fair. How will you be going about getting this proposal off the ground?

Housing Moves

Question No: 2026 / 2012

[Andrew Boff](#)

What level of interest has the new Housing Moves scheme attracted so far from residents and boroughs?

Advertising Hoardings

Question No: 2029 / 2012

[Tony Arbour](#)

Would the Mayor consider amending the London Plan to ensure that the strategic impacts of large advertising hoardings on the local environment, especially across borough boundaries, are given proper weight by local planning authorities?

Riot trained officers

Question No: 2031 / 2012

[Steve O'Connell](#)

How many more riot trained police are there in the MPS since the riots?

Crime around Victoria Station (I)

Question No: 2032 / 2012

[Steve O'Connell](#)

Has crime increased or decreased around Victoria Station in the last 12 months?

Crime around Victoria Station (II)

Question No: 2033 / 2012

[Steve O'Connell](#)

Have complaints against the MPS increased or decreased around Victoria Station in the last 12 months?

Healthcare in Croydon

Question No: 2034 / 2012

[Stephen Knight](#)

With Croydon PCT reporting a £27.8m unplanned deficit, does the failure to control budgets threaten to increase inequality of healthcare in London's most populace borough and what can the Mayor do to help NHS London address these failings by the PCT?

Healthcare in Sutton

Question No: 2035 / 2012

[Steve O'Connell](#)

With Epsom and St Helier hospital trust running at a £12.3m deficit and the trusts demerger stalling with no organisation willing to take on Sutton and St Helier hospitals, is there a danger of hospital services being lost in Sutton and units closing there by leaving the borough with no way to maintain a reasonable level of healthcare or help the Mayor implement the three LHIB priorities?

Healthcare in Sutton and Croydon

Question No: 2036 / 2012

[Steve O'Connell](#)

Is there an option for the Mayor to take a greater say in the running of healthcare in Sutton and Croydon through a general power of competence, if available, considering the failures of the local hospital trusts and Croydon PCT to balance their account books?

Allders

Question No: 2037 / 2012

[Steve O'Connell](#)

Having put jobs and growth at the heart of this Mayoral term, what can the Mayor do to help save Allders, a key landmark business in the centre of Croydon?

Apprenticeships (2)

Question No: 2038 / 2012

[Steve O'Connell](#)

The 2012 CBI / Pearson Skills Survey of employers found that Government pledges to reduce the bureaucracy associated with apprenticeships are not yet being felt: 94 per cent of employers reported no change in their experience of measures to reduce apprenticeship bureaucracy. What are you doing to assist the Government and the National Apprenticeship Service in reducing this burden of red tape?

Skills for success

Question No: 2039 / 2012

[Steve O'Connell](#)

Please could you update us on the progress of your 'Skills for Success' scheme? How might my constituents in Croydon and Sutton benefit from the scheme?

Learning from the riots

Question No: 2040 / 2012

[Steve O'Connell](#)

The High Street Fund provided a lifeline for already struggling businesses to cope with the damage caused by the riots. However the charity struggled with basic organisational issues, such as adequate staffing, which may have impacted on the speed with which it could help those businesses with the most pressing needs. What are you doing to ensure that organisations like the High Street Fund get up and running quickly and operate effectively should similar disturbances occur again in the future?

Accessing CCTV on Buses

Question No: 2041 / 2012

[Steve O'Connell](#)

Is the Mayor content that the Metropolitan Police have sufficient ease of access to CCTV on buses?

Godstone Road Crossing

Question No: 2042 / 2012

[Steve O'Connell](#)

You will know that Transport for London has a proposed traffic safety scheme for Godstone Road, Kenley – a road where a 14-year old boy was involved in a non-fatal accident. The campaign, which I support, would like a full pelican crossing. Can the current scheme be adapted to a crossing without delaying its implementation?

Diamond Jubilee lessons for Olympic transport (2)

Question No: 2044 / 2012

[Richard Tracey](#)

Please advise the Assembly of some examples of changes that have been made to TfL's Olympic plans since the Diamond Jubilee?

Olympic Route Network (1)

Question No: 2045 / 2012

[Richard Tracey](#)

The Transport Committee recently heard that TfL believes 20% of Londoners are not as yet aware of the existence of an Olympic Route Network and Games Lanes. How feasible is it that this gap will be closed ahead of the Games?

Olympic Route Network (2)

Question No: 2046 / 2012

[Richard Tracey](#)

Are you confident that dissatisfaction with Games Lanes will not undermine public support for the Games, especially if they cause gridlock?

HS2

Question No: 2047 / 2012

[Richard Tracey](#)

In the light of the Secretary of State for Transport's statement reiterating that High Speed 2 will go ahead, do you share her view?

Great Outdoors

Question No: 2050 / 2012

[James Cleverly](#)

Which projects have so far been completed under the Great Outdoors initiative and what is the status of those still to be completed?

Redbridge Roundabout

Question No: 2051 / 2012

[Roger Evans](#)

Will you instruct TfL to reconsider closing a lane at Redbridge roundabout during the Olympics?

Redbridge College

Question No: 2052 / 2012

[Roger Evans](#)

Redbridge College has been assessed as first out of 32 further education establishments in London. Considering your stake in equipping young Londoners with skills to allow them to do well in the jobs market, will you look at what lessons can be taken from this successfully establishment?

London Health Improvement Board (1)

Question No: 2054 / 2012

[Gareth Bacon](#)

In order to tackle alcohol consumption in London and its associated health risks, will you be considering minimum unit pricing and if so at what level?

London Health Improvement Board (2)

Question No: 2055 / 2012

[Gareth Bacon](#)

With the LHIB having set its three priorities of tackling alcohol consumption, tackling childhood obesity and improving the prevention and early diagnosis of cancer, how will success be measured?

London Health Improvement Board (3)

Question No: 2056 / 2012

[Gareth Bacon](#)

Are the figures for the number of preventable cancer deaths in London caused by miss or non-diagnosis and what will the LHIB do to address this issue?

Health Premium incentive

Question No: 2057 / 2012

[Gareth Bacon](#)

What will be the impact on the GLA and borough budgets by the Department of Health's decision not to pay the premium until the third year of operation for the Health Improvement Boards? Will this be detrimental to the operation of the Boards and their role in improving healthcare standards?

9 Point Plan

Question No: 2058 / 2012

[Len Duvall](#)

Can you update us on the progress of your nine point plan?

Hate Crime Forum

Question No: 2061 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Will you replace the former Hate Crime Forum, and if so when, and if not why not?

Right to Buy

Question No: 2065 / 2012

[Tom Copley](#)

Are your housing policies undermined by the reinvigorated Right to Buy scheme?

Bonuses at Transport for London

Question No: 2069 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

How much will senior TfL staff be receiving in bonuses for the Olympics?

Conditions and Safeguards

Question No: 2070 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

What minimum conditions and safeguards do you consider should apply to those placed on unpaid job experience as part of the Work Programme?

Police Front counters

Question No: 2071 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Has your pledge to only close a police front counter if a suitable alternative nearby is provided no longer applicable?

Pedestrians at the Olympics

Question No: 2075 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Will pedestrians in London be safe on our streets during the forthcoming Olympic and Paralympic Games?

Cost of Changing Acronym

Question No: 2076 / 2012

[Fiona Twycross](#)

Can the Mayor explain why changing an acronym for the Mayor's Office for Police and Crime from MOPC to MOPAC after the MOPC has been in existence for less than a year was a priority? What costs were incurred in changing the acronym, for example in terms of design of the logo and change of letterhead and business cards and was this in the budget for 2012/2013?

Andrew Altman

Question No: 2079 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

Does this month's announcement that Andrew Altman is leaving the London Legacy Development Corporation in August put the legacy at risk?

Tax Status of Donors

Question No: 2080 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

Will you join me in agreeing that schemes designed to avoid tax through elaborate company structures and ruses are morally repugnant? Would you agree that people using such schemes, who are Londoners, are essentially 'freeloaders' and that we should collectively show our disapproval of their actions?

Olympic Bonuses

Question No: 2083 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

Will any staff at City Hall be in receipt of bonuses or other incentive or performance payments in relation to the Olympic Games?

Stirling Corner

Question No: 2084 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Will you make the traffic lights at Stirling Corner operate 24/7 instead of peak hours only and provide surface level pedestrian crossings?

Police Numbers in Barnet

Question No: 2085 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

As of 30th June, how many full time sworn police officers were there in Barnet; how many special constables; how many PCSOs; how many sergeants; what were the strength of each of the SNTs, broken down by officer ranks and types; what were the comparable figures for 30th June 2011 and 2010; and what he expects the figures to be on 30th June 2013?

Police Numbers in Camden

Question No: 2086 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

As of 30th June, how many full time sworn police officers were there in Camden; how many special constables; how many PCSOs; how many sergeants; what were the strength of each of the SNTs, broken down by officer ranks and types; what were the comparable figures for 30th June 2011 and 2010; and what he expects the figures to be on 30th June 2013?

New Bus Route

Question No: 2087 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Will you provide a bus route to service up and down Camley Street and down St Pancras Way?

The Dow Chemical Company

Question No: 2088 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Do you consider it is appropriate for The Dow Chemical Company, owners of Union Carbide who were responsible for the Bhopal disaster and which failed properly to compensate its victims, should be so much involved in the Olympics?

London Safety Camera Partnership

Question No: 2089 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Why was the London Safety Camera Partnership wound up without any public announcement or consultation and will you reinstate it?

Advertising on Transport for London

Question No: 2090 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

As the so-called Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus is not recognised by the UK or any other state apart from Turkey do you consider it is appropriate for it to advertise on Transport for London sites and transport and will you ban such advertisements?

Consultation on the 307 route

Question No: 2091 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Why were so many 307 bus users in High and East Barnet totally left out of the so called "consultation" on its rerouting and will you consider a further immediate consultation on modifications to the new route so that the compromise proposals from those who have been inconvenienced can be considered?

Stonegrove Regeneration

Question No: 2092 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

After your visit to the Stonegrove Regeneration in Edgware during the election campaign, are you satisfied that community cohesion is being respected and maintained by Barnet Council, in light of the likely deportation and dispersal from the estate of so-called temporary and private tenants, many of whom have lived on the estate for a long time including many over 8 years?

Extension of Route 210

Question No: 2093 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

When will you institute the extension of bus route 210, or another route to achieve the objective of linking by one route, Stamford Hill, Hendon, and Golders Green?

Chanukah on the Square

Question No: 2094 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Will you confirm your commitment to maintaining Chanukah on the Square for 2012?

Pedestrian Crossing Timings

Question No: 2095 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Will you review pedestrian crossing timings on Transport for London roads, to enable people with disabilities and older Londoners to be able to cross those roads safely?

London Growth Fund

Question No: 2096 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

In your manifesto you said, "I will also use £25 million from the new London Growth Fund, to invest in job and skill creation programmes through the London Enterprise Panel" and "Launch a new £35 million revolving fund, through the London Growth Fund, to provide low-cost loans to small and medium-sized businesses." Can you explain how will you do this when the current London Growth Fund is only worth £41m?

Growing Places Fund

Question No: 2097 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

When will you make a decision on how to spend the £70m Government grant from the Growing Places Fund that was announced in the budget?

Apprentiships

Question No: 2098 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

In July 2011 you announced 28,000 apprenticeships had been created. In February 2012 you announced the figure was now 54,000. At June MQT you said, "All information relating to

publicly available apprenticeships statistics can be found at www.thedataservice.org.uk." Why are you being so coy about the number of apprenticeships created in your first term as Mayor?

100 days

Question No: 2099 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

As part of your drive to get 1,000 businesses to commit to taking on apprentices can you confirm when you will be writing to business asking them to take part?

London Funding Commission

Question No: 2100 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

You have said that you hope "London gets back in funding what it contributes to the national purse." Can you give details of the contribution London has provided, and the amount of funding received for the financial years 2008/9, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2011/12?

London Living Wage

Question No: 2101 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Regarding your commitment to double the number of companies paying the LLW are you using the baseline figure of 51 or the figure of over 100, both referred to in MQT 1756/2012?

Business Improvement Districts

Question No: 2102 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

What GLA resources will you be using in your effort to increase the number of Business Improvement Districts to 50?

Team London Initiative

Question No: 2103 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

The Team London initiative was a fantastic opportunity for my constituents in Barnet. It funded a fantastically successful intergenerational project, MiCommunity, delivered by Age UK Barnet, which had young volunteers in schools teaching older people how to use computers and the internet. But I was surprised to find it was funded for less than a year, and even though it has proven results, is struggling to find more funding. Will you look at funding similar projects to keep successful cost effective initiatives such as this going?

Serco cycle repairs

Question No: 2104 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

How many complaints are received from users of the Barclays Cycle Hire Scheme about faulty bikes? How many refunds have had to be made due to faulty bikes since the scheme began?

900 series mobility bus services

Question No: 2105 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

How many of these bus services for older passengers does TfL currently run to enable people to access local shops and services? Which routes are these?

900 series mobility bus services 2

Question No: 2106 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Do TfL have plans to discontinue any of these services and if so which ones?

Freedom Pass

Question No: 2107 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Please give details of the timeline for the lowering of the Freedom Pass age for Londoners to 60. What technical steps need to be gone through and when, in order to deliver this pledge in September as you have stated?

Delay busting plan

Question No: 2108 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Further to your answer to my question number 1607/2012 please provide more details on the timescale for delivering your 14 point delay busting plan for the underground.

Cable Car funding

Question No: 2109 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

As two private enterprises who stand to gain the most benefit from the Thames Cable Car, were Excel and the O2 invited to contribute to the cost of the project and if so, how much?

London Road Bus Lane concern

Question No: 2110 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

I have been contacted by the Albert Association who are concerned about the contra flow bus lane running northwards from the Elephant and Castle along London Road, SE1 to St. George's Circus and into Waterloo Road. There has been many serious accidents and a teenage girl died as a result of her injuries received following an accident on 12th May. The Albert Association are asking for the removal of the contraflow, as they believe this will reduce accidents. What assessment have TfL made and what plans are there to reduce speeds and improve safety?

Bus kilometres operated

Question No: 2111 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Comparing 2011/12 with 2009/10, bus passenger numbers have increased by 3.9% but kms operated are only up slightly, by 1.4%. How much of the increase in kilometres operated was on

routes 12, 28, 25, 29, 38, 73, 149, 207, 436, 453, 507, 521 and N29?

Bus kilometres operated 2

Question No: 2112 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Please state in table form, the number of bus kilometres operated in 2011/12 compared with 2009/10 on routes 12, 28, 25, 29, 38, 73, 149, 207, 436, 453, 507, 521 and N29?

Bus route RV1

Question No: 2113 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

How many hydrogen fuel cell buses are currently in operation on route RV1? When will the entire RV1 route be serviced by hydrogen buses?

Junction of Cavendish Road and Clapham Common Southside

Question No: 2114 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Please give an update on plans for TfL to review this junction with a view to improving pedestrian safety following a number of accidents involving pedestrians. I understand that the review was due to take place this summer – is this still correct?

Bus service on Salter Road/Redriff Road, SE16

Question No: 2115 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

I have received complaints about poor reliability in bus services in this area, currently served by the C10 and 381 buses. It has been suggested that an easy means of improving this service may be to consider extending route 199 to loop round Salter Road and Lower Road or run the 47 or 188 via Redriff/Salter Road instead of Lower Road. Please could bus routes in this area be reviewed?

Cycle Hire expansion

Question No: 2116 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

When and where will the Cycle Hire Scheme be extended to South London? Will the scheme be coming to Stockwell and Brixton in the next two years?

Croydon Tramlink

Question No: 2117 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

You made a manifesto commitment to 'develop a Tramlink extension to Crystal Palace'. However at the last MQT you indicated that transport extensions to Crystal Palace and Bromley are not funded. How and when do you intend to put these plans into action?

Bus Countdown Crystal Palace

Question No: 2118 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

I have received complaints from bus users in Crystal Palace about the apparent inaccuracy of the bus countdown sign at the 'Crystal Palace Parade' stop, heading towards Sydenham. I am told that frequently long waits of up to twenty minutes or more are displayed on the countdown sign for many of the bus routes using the stop only for buses to then turn up unexpectedly. The countdown sign seems to indicate a quite poor service when in fact this is often not the case, which does not really help TfL's cause. Please could this be investigated?

Taxicard dispute

Question No: 2119 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Are you concerned that the current dispute between London Councils and TfL involving TfL's continued refusal to acknowledge that this year's underspend on the Taxicard scheme has been the result of boroughs making difficult decisions over charging and subsidy levels and insistence on the recovery of £791k may put the future of the entire scheme at risk?

Police Stations in Lambeth and Southwark

Question No: 2120 / 2012

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Please give an update in table form of the current and future status of each of the police premises in Lambeth and Southwark boroughs. Of those buildings currently in use, please list the police work which takes place at each site.

Decent homes for London

Question No: 2121 / 2012

[Fiona Twycross](#)

About one third of social housing in London still falls below the Decent Homes standards. Given this and the mayor's responsibility for allocation of Decent Homes funding, how will you monitor and ensure progress in improvements to existing social housing?

Affordable accommodation for students

Question No: 2122 / 2012

[Fiona Twycross](#)

What, if any, proportion of student rental accommodation is included in the plans for increased affordable rented housing in London? Does the mayor have figures for what the average cost of student accommodation is in London?

Bike hire charges for charity ride

Question No: 2123 / 2012

[Fiona Twycross](#)

I've been asked to raise a question on behalf of someone who took part in the recent Nightrider on 9 June for Greenacres. About a fifth of the way through the ride, her bike broke to extent it was not possible for her to continue. At the suggestion of the organisers she borrowed a bike from Waterloo Place. On completion of the ride she was not able to secure a refund from TfL despite initially being assured by TfL staff that she would probably be given a refund. She's

subsequently had to pay £35 out of her own pocket. Would the mayor ask TfL to reconsider their decision in this matter?

Underemployment in London

Question No: 2124 / 2012

[Fiona Twycross](#)

Given the numbers of people who would like to take on full-time work but are facing underemployment continues to rise, for example in part-time roles, what is the mayor doing to tackle underemployment in London?

Debt/impact of changes to tax credits

Question No: 2125 / 2012

[Fiona Twycross](#)

Given recent reports that 3.6 million families are just 'one bill away from disaster', does the mayor know how many of these families live in London? Has the mayor undertaken an assessment of the impact of changes to tax credits brought in by the government on families in London?

Food banks/food poverty in London

Question No: 2126 / 2012

[Fiona Twycross](#)

Has the mayor undertaken a survey of food banks in London to assess how many people in London are now reliant on food banks and gain an understanding of how extensive a problem this is? Is the mayor aware of growing reports of children in London who are going hungry and what is he doing to prevent the issue of food poverty increasing in our city? Which agencies and organisations is the mayor working with to address this issue?

Support for businesses

Question No: 2127 / 2012

[Fiona Twycross](#)

The National Insurance Holiday Scheme was introduced by the Government to create jobs in small businesses across the UK but does not apply in London. With unemployment running at above 10% in London has the Mayor spoken to the Chancellor about extending the scheme to London?

Spatial distribution of unemployment

Question No: 2128 / 2012

[Fiona Twycross](#)

A constituent has asked me how the mayor can explain the recent spatial distribution of percentage change of jobseekers allowance claimants in London? What steps is he taking to address the issue?

Discussions with Chancellor

Question No: 2129 / 2012

[Fiona Twycross](#)

What issues relating to London has the Mayor raised with the Chancellor in person, either in a

meeting or by telephone since his re-election?

Discussions with the Prime Minister

Question No: 2130 / 2012

[Fiona Twycross](#)

What issues relating to London has the Mayor raised with the Prime Minister in person, either in a meeting or on the telephone since his re-election?

Mental Health in London

Question No: 2131 / 2012

[Fiona Twycross](#)

Does the Mayor have a plan for how he is going to address public mental health in London?

Taxicard users

Question No: 2132 / 2012

[Len Duvall](#)

What assessment has the Mayor made of the effects of increased traffic during the Olympics on taxi-card scheme users?

Internet Coverage

Question No: 2133 / 2012

[Len Duvall](#)

Is it disingenuous of you to proclaim that Londoners will enjoy 'fabulous new and free' wifi on TfL underground network when they will have to pay for it after the Olympics?

Internet Coverage 2

Question No: 2134 / 2012

[Len Duvall](#)

What discussions has the Mayor had with internet service providers about the potential loss of internet connection due to the increased number of users during Olympics, and what advice has he received on this?

Internet Coverage 3

Question No: 2135 / 2012

[Len Duvall](#)

Will Londoners' see data caps on internet usage during peak times during the Olympics due to an increased number of people accessing the internet?

Internet Coverage 4

Question No: 2136 / 2012

[Len Duvall](#)

What fee has the Mayor agreed for Virgin to charge for wifi on London Underground after the Olympics and will he ensure that this is not prohibitively expensive to non-Virgin subscribers?

Internet Coverage 5

Question No: 2137 / 2012

[Len Duvall](#)

Will there be data restrictions on the Wifi available on London Underground?

Internet Coverage 6

Question No: 2138 / 2012

[Len Duvall](#)

Does the Mayor consider the pay-as-you-go model commercially viable for the wifi on the TfL network and what discussions has he held on charging through Oyster cards?

Ask Boris on Twitter

Question No: 2139 / 2012

[Len Duvall](#)

Would the Mayor consider Ask Boris on Twitter success? If so, why has it be reduced from an hour to half an hour?

Betting offices

Question No: 2140 / 2012

[Len Duvall](#)

What assessment has the Mayor made of the need to change planning class rules on high street betting shops from "A2" to sui generis and will he support calls to change the law on this?

Immigration and the Job Market

Question No: 2141 / 2012

[Len Duvall](#)

In the Daily Telegraph the Mayor claimed he would be looking into why young Londoners are losing out to migrants in the job market. However, immigration was not part of the terms of reference of that inquiry and the call for evidence has already closed. As such, it is not clear how the inquiry will look at immigration and, more importantly, what opportunities will be available for relevant stakeholders and experts to contribute to this line of inquiry. Will the Mayor change the terms of reference of the inquiry to reflect this and allow relevant stakeholders the opportunity to provide evidence on this issue?

Fire Station Closures

Question No: 2142 / 2012

[Len Duvall](#)

In light of your response to Members at MQT regarding fire station closures, will he list stations at risk of closure in a) Lewisham and b) Greenwich?

Bus Services Contracts

Question No: 2143 / 2012

[Len Duvall](#)

Can you outline when bus contracts will be up for renewal in a) Greenwich and b) Lewisham and outline the tendering process?

Organisational Policing

Question No: 2144 / 2012

[Len Duvall](#)

What steps are you taking to highlight proposed changes to organisational policing in the MET, including local policing measures?

Regeneration Strategy

Question No: 2145 / 2012

[Len Duvall](#)

Will the Mayor supply me with the Mayoral strategy for regeneration or point me in the right direction to documents that outline what the Mayor intends to achieve in this area?

Routemasters

Question No: 2146 / 2012

[Nicky Gavron](#)

You said you would have eight new Routemasters on the road by the end of May 2012 but only half that figure was delivered. What has delayed the roll out of the new Routemaster?

London Plan Minor Alterations

Question No: 2147 / 2012

[Nicky Gavron](#)

The minor alterations to the London Plan remove the need for affordable housing to “meet the needs of eligible households including availability at a cost low enough for them to afford”. Why has this affordability criteria been removed and what do you think the consequences of this are for the affordability of affordable housing?

High Speed 2

Question No: 2148 / 2012

[Nicky Gavron](#)

The Government appears to be wavering in its support for HS2. Do you believe HS2 will materialise under this Government?

Rough Sleeping 1

Question No: 2149 / 2012

[Nicky Gavron](#)

The government devolved to you £33.8 million to spend between 2011 and 2015 on commissioning rough sleeping services. The Mayor’s final budget shows £7.5 million was spent in 2011/12 and that £21 million will be spent in the remaining three years from 2012 to 2015 – including the £9.5 million being spent this year. That makes only £28.5 million, meaning that £5.3 million is currently missing from the budget.

The full £33.8 million was in December’s draft budget.

Why was £5.3 million cut from rough sleeping services between your draft and final budget?

Rough Sleeping 2

Question No: 2150 / 2012

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Will rough sleeping be eradicated in London by the end of 2012?

Rough Sleeping 3

Question No: 2151 / 2012

[Nicky Gavron](#)

The Mayor's 'Rough Sleeping Commissioning Framework 2011-2015' consultation closed on 12 August 2011. Over ten months later the finalised framework has still not been published.

According to pages 15 and 16 of the consultation document, seven services providing vital services to London's rough sleepers ended on 31 March 2012. I understand that these services cannot be re-let until the finalised commissioning framework is published.

Could you therefore tell me if those services are still being provided and, if so, how and on what basis are they being provided?

Rough Sleeping 4

Question No: 2152 / 2012

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Why has it taken over ten months to publish a finalised 'Rough Sleeping Commissioning Framework'? What has delayed the publication process and when will it be published?

Rough Sleeping 5

Question No: 2153 / 2012

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Are any new rough sleeping services currently being commissioned and, if so, on what basis are they being commissioned given that the commissioning framework has not yet been published?

Rough Sleeping 6

Question No: 2154 / 2012

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Will the London Delivery Board continue beyond 31 December 2012, the target date by which you aim to eradicate rough sleeping in London?

London Landlord Accreditation Scheme

Question No: 2155 / 2012

[Nicky Gavron](#)

What specific actions have you taken to promote the London Landlord Accreditation Scheme?

London Rental Standard (1)

Question No: 2156 / 2012

[Nicky Gavron](#)

What are the time frames for delivering the London Rental Standard?

London Rental Standard (2)

Question No: 2157 / 2012

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Will the London Rental Standard be a voluntary scheme?

Homes for London Board

Question No: 2158 / 2012

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Will you allow public attendance at meetings of the Homes for London board for sections of those meetings where the agenda reports have already been made publicly available on the internet?

Rent Deposit Scheme

Question No: 2159 / 2012

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Your 2008 manifesto pledged to “explore the possibility of a tenant deposit scheme with a guaranteed arbitration period of one month”. What progress has been made?

Fair Rents Guide

Question No: 2160 / 2012

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Your 2008 manifesto pledged to “protect private tenants from unscrupulous landlords by publishing an online ‘Fair Rents Guide’”. How has the online rents guide (now called the London Rents Map) protected tenants from ‘unscrupulous’ landlords?

Garden Development (1)

Question No: 2161 / 2012

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Your revised London Plan states that it “supports development plan-led presumptions against development on backgardens where locally justified by a sound local evidence base”.

What types of evidence do you envisage providing a sound justification for such a presumption?

Garden Development (2)

Question No: 2162 / 2012

[Nicky Gavron](#)

What takes precedence, a presumption against development on back gardens that is supported by the London Plan or the National Planning Policy Framework’s presumption in favour of sustainable development when a planning proposal presents a conflict between the two?

London Housing Strategy

Question No: 2163 / 2012

[Nicky Gavron](#)

When will the Revised London Housing Strategy be published?

Community Infrastructure Levy (1)

Question No: 2164 / 2012

[Nicky Gavron](#)

With the uncertainty surrounding the effects of the Community Infrastructure Levy, what efforts have you taken to ensure the mayoral CIL will not have an adverse impact on the viability of development given that most boroughs are still to release their schedules?

Community Infrastructure Levy (2)

Question No: 2165 / 2012

[Nicky Gavron](#)

The Community Infrastructure Levy has to ensure it does not impact on the viability of development. Since the Mayoral CIL was published, the government has changed the definition of viability. This means that the boroughs, who are now publishing their own CILs, will be developing them to a different definition of "viability" to what the GLA did.

What impact, if any, do you anticipate this change in definition having?

Agency staff on London Underground (1)

Question No: 2166 / 2012

[Navin Shah](#)

I was recently contacted by contractors Trainpeople, a company which TfL employ who were not paid for their work on 15 June. London Underground neglected to pay Trainpeople's invoices this month, and as a result employees' wages could not be paid in full. Do you think this is acceptable? How will you ensure that this does not happen in the future?

Agency staff on London Underground (2)

Question No: 2167 / 2012

[Navin Shah](#)

Is this not another example of TfL contractors being at a disadvantage to TfL employees if TfL neglect to pay them on time, or in this case, at all?

Landlords in London (1)

Question No: 2168 / 2012

[Navin Shah](#)

New research has said landlords are more likely to evict tenants or not renew tenancy agreements than landlords in other parts of the country as a result of housing benefit changes. You have been vocal about people moving out of London because of these changes but how do you suggest landlords can be convinced to lower rents?

Landlords in London (2)

Question No: 2169 / 2012

[Navin Shah](#)

How do you overcome the surveys findings that 40% of London landlords said they would stop letting to housing benefit tenants in the next year?

Landlords in London (3)

Question No: 2170 / 2012

[Navin Shah](#)

How do you protect the 38 per cent of tenants receiving housing benefit claimants who are now are not able to pay for heating or food?

Chiltern Services to Sudbury Stations

Question No: 2171 / 2012

[Navin Shah](#)

Suburban rail services on the Chiltern line out of Marylebone are among the least frequent in London, and Sudbury & Harrow Road in my constituency is the worst-served station in the whole of London with just nine trains daily, Monday-Friday only. Suburban users have not benefited at all from the recent route upgrade, and TfL's suggestions for service improvements in the December timetable change have all been rejected. What will you do to try and improve this unacceptable situation, including opening discussions with Chiltern about possible TfL funding assistance?

Harlesden Town Centre

Question No: 2172 / 2012

[Navin Shah](#)

TfL are funding a new traffic scheme in Harlesden. This will result in an increase of lorries down residential roads as a) the weight restriction on the Mitre Bridge in Scrubs Lane means lorries have to travel through Harlesden, b) the option chosen by the Council has made a section of the High Street for pedestrians, buses and bicycles. Do you think it acceptable for lorries to be routed this way and do you think this proposal is viable?

Olympic Gamesmakers

Question No: 2173 / 2012

[Navin Shah](#)

I have been contacted by a constituent who would like to know what is the ethnic diversity of Olympic Gamesmakers and in particular Team Leaders?

Olympic Torchbearers

Question No: 2174 / 2012

[Navin Shah](#)

What is the ethnic diversity of Olympic torch bearers in London?

Elderly Care

Question No: 2176 / 2012

[Navin Shah](#)

Thank you for your response to Question No: 1477 / 2012. However, my constituent feels that this was inadequate with regard to your role in ensuring health equality across the capital. Can you not ensure equality of elderly care as part of your role?

Library Closures

Question No: 2177 / 2012

[Navin Shah](#)

Thank you for your response to Question No: 1695 / 2012. You state that you are working closely with the Arts Council and London Councils. Please can you give details of this work?

Parking in shopping areas

Question No: 2178 / 2012

[Navin Shah](#)

Thank you for your response Question No: 1696 / 2012. What are the responses TfL have received from boroughs with regards to parking in non-residential, strategic shopping areas?

Jubilee Line

Question No: 2179 / 2012

[Navin Shah](#)

Thank you for your answer to Question No: 1700 / 2012. I understand that you were briefed in person, however presumably TfL will be compiling a report which I would like to see. Please provide me with this once it has been completed.

Brent Cross Cricklewood (1)

Question No: 2180 / 2012

[Navin Shah](#)

What is the explanation for the change in Transport for London's position towards the Brent Cross Cricklewood development?

Brent Cross Cricklewood (2)

Question No: 2181 / 2012

[Navin Shah](#)

If the approved Brent Cross Cricklewood scheme becomes overwhelmingly a retail development, do you support the provision of a newly-considered 'living bridge' over the A406 North Circular Road? If 'small shops, cafes or community facilities' were placed on it, would you have a duty of care regarding air quality, for staff working on the bridge?

Legal Deposit Libraries Act 2003

Question No: 2182 / 2012

[Navin Shah](#)

Do you acknowledge that documents that have been published by you with allocated ISBN registrations must under the Legal Deposit Libraries Act 2003 be deposited with the British Library, and that many have not. Will you comply with the law retrospectively?

Crossrail Stations

Question No: 2183 / 2012

[Navin Shah](#)

What is your opinion on the relative merits of Crossrail stations at Kensal in Kensington & Chelsea, and one at Old Oak in Hammersmith & Fulham in the future? Do you favour Crossrail

connecting to the West Coast Main Line, which would end any "Paddington terminators" at Kensal?

Crossrail

Question No: 2184 / 2012

[Navin Shah](#)

Do you approve of Sir Terry Farrell's Old Oak light-rail proposal, and would you favour any Kensal Crossrail station to be convertible, in its specified design, to light-rail, for when and if Old Oak Crossrail/HS2 station is built, with light-rail perhaps being extended at that time to Westbourne Park station?

Oyster Card Machines

Question No: 2185 / 2012

[Navin Shah](#)

Where have you allowed standard self-service Oyster Card machines to be installed, other than at TfL and National Rail stations? What financial arrangements, and collection and maintenance regimes, would, say a shopping centre have to agree, in order to be allowed to have one?

The Knowledge

Question No: 2186 / 2012

[Navin Shah](#)

I have been contacted by a constituent who is interested in taking The Knowledge and has attempted to contact the London Taxi and Private Hire to question them about the process. However, unfortunately he found the phone number provided on the TfL website was unhelpful. Will you please ensure a contact number is available on the website where people interested in speaking to someone directly about taking The Knowledge can easily be found?

Funding for Free Schools

Question No: 2187 / 2012

[Navin Shah](#)

Please outline any funding you have earmarked for Free Schools?

Torch Relay

Question No: 2188 / 2012

[Navin Shah](#)

Would you support a change to the route the torch relay is taking through London Boroughs if there was a fear of protests along the proposed route?

Shopping Centres

Question No: 2189 / 2012

[Navin Shah](#)

Do you have a strategy for the location and number of exceptionally-large shopping centres in London? Have you or your officers considered intervening in breaking any deadlocked shopping centre ownership battles and the possible provision of compensatory planning approval elsewhere in London, thereby over-riding local, legitimate planning considerations?

Remuneration to Chair of your London Waste and Recycling Board(LWaRB)

Question No: 2190 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

What was the remuneration prior to the election of the Chair of your London Waste and Recycling Board (LWaRB)?

£150,000 to consultants

Question No: 2191 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Can you please explain why you have agreed to pay consultants £150,000 of public money to produce a report for a public body to bid for public money? (MD1004)

Will you make public the invoices for the work involved in this project?

Failures at the Jubilee

Question No: 2192 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

I have been contacted by a constituent who expressed disappointment about the failure of London to deal with key issues during the Jubilee weekend. These are as follows:

- Transport running a Sunday service when 1.2 million people were lining the Thames.
- The writer comments that he experienced “utter chaos, especially after the event” and questions “Did nobody think of the spectators on this special day?”
- Drainage. He states there were huge pools of water within minutes of the rain pour questioning how it is possible for there to be a lack of draining next to the “world’s greatest river” concluding “it must take a special expertise to be so incompetent”
- The absence of toilets in key areas.
- The failure to provide waste bins.
- The failure to push back barriers on bridges after the event forcing people to walk through the pools of water.

How do you suggest I respond to this constituent on each of these points considering this event took no less than two years to prepare for?

RE:NEW home efficiency programme

Question No: 2193 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

You have committed to retrofit 20,000 homes under your RE:NEW home efficiency programme in 2012 / 13. How many do you plan to retrofit by the end of your second term as Mayor?

National roll-out of RE:NEW home efficiency programme

Question No: 2194 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

When you first launched your RE:NEW home efficiency programme the expectation was that after you completed the retrofit of 200,000 homes by 2012 the government would take up the

mantle and roll out the scheme nationally to treat 1.2 million homes with energy saving measures by 2015.

Has the government signalled it will adopt the RE:NEW programme as part of a national programme and do you have any revised target dates for the retrofit of the 200,000th home?

Statues at Leicester Square

Question No: 2195 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

As part of the revamp of Leicester Square - funded from your Great Outdoors programme - five monuments to famous artists and intellectuals have been removed. They are busts of William Hogarth, Isaac Newton, John Hunter, Joshua Reynolds and a statue of Charles Chaplin. The statue of William Shakespeare has been allowed to remain.

Why have the statues been removed, where are they now and what is to become of the statues? Are there plans for their return to the square?

Water run-off at Leicester Square

Question No: 2196 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

As part of the revamp of Leicester Square - funded from your Great Outdoors programme - "more than 11,000 square metres of attractive granite paving" has been laid. As you know, much of London's flooding problem is exacerbated by homeowners paving over their gardens with non-permeable materials, thus increasing the strain on London's drains and sewers. With this in mind, can you please advise me how much of Leicester Square was paved before the revamp and how much is paved now? And can you please also advise how much of Leicester Square is now covered with permeable material compared to before the revamp?

Granite paving at Leicester Square

Question No: 2197 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

As part of the revamp of Leicester Square - funded from your Great Outdoors programme - "more than 11,000 square metres of attractive granite has been laid".

Can you please advise where the new granite came from and what has happened to the paving or other material it replaced? How have you ensured that the new granite is responsibly sourced?

Development on back gardens

Question No: 2198 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

What do you intend to do to encourage local authorities like Bexley and Enfield to abide by the London Plan 2011, which states that "Boroughs may in their Local Development Frameworks introduce a presumption against development on back gardens or other residential gardens where this can be locally justified" Along with Hounslow and Wandsworth, these local authorities have approved a larger number of such developments than in 2006?

Changes to Landfill tax

Question No: 2199 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Due to the fact that last month (24th May) Parliament Square had over 50 skip lorries protesting against imposed changes to Landfill Tax and the dire consequences to these business and the building & construction industry.

Are you aware of the potential impact this could now have on London and the upcoming Olympics? As a consequence of this tax hike, waste businesses could well become insolvent, leaving skips on London's streets and rubbish uncleared.

Noise Complaints to TfL

Question No: 2200 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

TfL's annual Health, Safety and Environment report shows a huge increase in noise complaints from 643 in 2009/10 to 951 in 2010/11. Can you please let me have a breakdown of these complaints and let me know what TfL is doing to address the problems that are clearly causing a great deal of concern?

Blue Badge Holders and the Congestion Charge

Question No: 2201 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

How many blue badge holders were incorrectly charged the congestion charge during your last term? Please provide me with yearly breakdowns?

Congestion charge penalty notices

Question No: 2202 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

How many incorrect congestion charge penalty notices were issued during your last term? Please include within these figures the number of successful appeals and provide me with yearly breakdowns.

Forced marriages (1)

Question No: 2203 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Can you tell me what level of resources is allocated to investigating forced marriage incidences by the MET's special unit?

Forced marriages (2)

Question No: 2204 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Do you intend to allocate any additional resources to the investigation of forced marriages incidences in light of the Government's proposed legislation?

Forced marriages (3)

Question No: 2205 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

London has the highest number of reported forced marriage incidences. The issue of forced marriages often arises within the context of forced marriages between first cousins. This aspect of the forced marriage debate is a forgotten one; however, there are strong medical grounds against marriage between first cousins. Will you consider promoting an advertising campaign which highlights the medical risks to children born to parents who are first cousins?

Travel during the Olympics

Question No: 2206 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

TFL are advising Londoners to avoid travelling on public transport during the games whilst at the same time asking motorists to use public transport instead of driving. Do you agree that these are confusing and conflicting messages for Londoners who still have to work and travel around the city during the games?

Flooding on the network

Question No: 2207 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

How many incidents of flooding have there been on the transport network, including at stations over ground in the last three months?

Empty properties above shops

Question No: 2208 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Do you know how many empty properties lie above shops in London?

Crossrail employment opportunities

Question No: 2209 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

I have been contacted by a constituent who is questioning Crossrail's record in providing employment opportunities and apprenticeships for local young people. This particular lady lives in the Queens Park Ward in Westminster and has a son who has qualifications in Civil Engineering but who has, to date had little success in securing a viable employment opportunity with Crossrail. Can you please let me know what Crossrail's targets are in this respect and how many local people have been employed by Crossrail since inception of the scheme? I have already written to Crossrail about this but without avail.

Artists in Leicester Square

Question No: 2210 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Will you agree to make representations to Westminster Council with a view to reinstating the ousted artists to their usual Leicester Square pitches in time for the Olympics?

Policing in the Royal Parks (1)

Question No: 2211 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Can you provide me with annual crime figures for the Royal Parks for the last two years before the policing of the Royal Parks was absorbed into the MET?

Policing in the Royal Parks (2)

Question No: 2212 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Can you provide me with the annual crime figures for the Royal Parks after the policing of the Royal Parks was adsorbed into the MET?

Policing in the Royal Parks (3)

Question No: 2213 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Since the policing of the Royal Parks has been absorbed into the MET, how has policing the Royal Parks been undertaken? I would like to know how the parks are policed operationally, for example, are they part of the Safer Neighbourhood Policing remit or is there a special dedicated unit?

Tube upgrades between Eastcote and Uxbridge (1)

Question No: 2214 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Can you confirm how many arrival/departure boards were installed at and between Eastcote and Uxbridge stations as part of the upgrade of these stations and at what cost?

Tube upgrades between Eastcote and Uxbridge (2)

Question No: 2215 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

How many of the installed arrival/departure boards between Eastcote and Uxbridge stations are in operation displaying live information to commuters. If there are any not yet in operation, when do you expect them to become operational with live information?

Suicides on the transport network

Question No: 2216 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

In response to my question to you No 1402/2012, you confirmed that there were a total of 185 incidents of passengers being hit by a London Underground, DLR or London Over ground train. Can you provide a breakdown of these incidences by line?

Funding for the London Health Improvement Board (1)

Question No: 2217 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

As the London Health Improvement Board is not due to become a statutory body until April 2014, what discussions have you had with the Department of Health about putting in place

mechanisms before then to grant the London Health Improvement Board their funding from the top slice of London boroughs' public health budgets?

Funding for the London Health Improvement Board (2)

Question No: 2218 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

What discussions have you had with the boroughs about ensuring a fair distribution of funding for everyone when you top slice their public health budgets?

Funding for the London Health Improvement Board (3)

Question No: 2219 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

What discussions have you had with the boroughs and the Department for Health to decide on the level of top-slicing from the boroughs' public health budgets?

Funding for the London Health Improvement Board (4)

Question No: 2220 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Can you list all the meetings you and your representatives have had with the Department of Health regarding funding for when the London Health Improvement Board begins to operate next year?

Missiles on rooftops (1)

Question No: 2221 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

When were you advised by the MoD of the need to place missiles into residential communities like Bow, Blackheath, Oxleas Wood, Lea Valley Reservoir, Barn Hill in Epping Forest and Fred Wigg Tower in Leytonstone?

Missiles on rooftops (2)

Question No: 2222 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

What advice has the MET given to the MoD about the necessity for these missiles?

Missiles on rooftops (3)

Question No: 2223 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

What representations have been made to you by the local communities affected by these surface-to-air missiles?

Missiles on rooftops (4)

Question No: 2224 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Do you share the concerns residents have about the presence of these missiles in their

communities?

Missiles on rooftops (5)

Question No: 2225 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Have you given any consideration to using your planning powers to call in any of the proposals to install surface-to-air missiles on top of residential properties in London?

Muslim Engagement Task Force (1)

Question No: 2226 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

What do you aim to achieve by setting up a Muslim Engagement Task Force?

Muslim Engagement Task Force (2)

Question No: 2227 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Is the successful establishment of a Muslim Engagement Task Force a mayoral commitment for you this term?

Muslim Engagement Task Force (3)

Question No: 2228 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Your intention to establish a Muslim Engagement Task Force was reported in the diary pages of the Evening Standard with little substance about its actual workings. Can you confirm how this task force will be set up, what it will aim to achieve and the timescale for doing this.

Muslim Engagement Task Force (4)

Question No: 2229 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

It was reported that you have made an offer to your former wife, Alegra Mostyn-Owen to join the Muslim Engagement Task Force at City Hall. If this post materialises, what level of remuneration will Ms Alegra Mostyn-Owen receive?

Lost Property and TFL bikes

Question No: 2230 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Why is lost property relating to the TFL bike hire scheme not managed by TFL in the same way as lost property elsewhere on the TFL transport network? For example, it is easy to forget the bike fob with keys attached to it at a docking station. TFL's website does not mention how customers should go about retrieving lost items and customers are asked to call a different number to the usual Lost Property Office at Baker Street.

Lost Bike Hire Key Fobs

Question No: 2231 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Apart from a bar code and the Sponsor's logo, the bike hire scheme key fobs display no other information. Will you consider adding to it information about what someone should do if they find a lost key fob?

Bike Hire Scheme on the Oyster card (1)

Question No: 2232 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

When, if ever, will the Bike Hire Scheme be adopted onto the Oyster card?

Bike Hire Scheme on the Oyster card (2)

Question No: 2233 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

What, if any, are the obstacles to adopting the Bike Hire Scheme onto the Oyster card?

Olympic Rings at Paddington

Question No: 2234 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Considering the direct link between Heathrow and Paddington Station via Heathrow Express and Heathrow Connect, and the likelihood, therefore that Paddington will constitute a "gateway" into London from Heathrow, why have Olympic Rings not been installed at Paddington?

Review of the Terrorism Act 2003

Question No: 2235 / 2012

[Murad Qureshi](#)

At a hustings during the GLA election campaign (27th of April at Norton Rose offices), you agreed that government should review the 2003 Terrorism Act so that British citizens could be tried before British courts. You also supported the case for the case of Babar Ahmad to be heard before a British judge and jury. Can you update me on what action you have taken since being re-elected to progress these commitments?

Voluntary Sector

Question No: 2236 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

How is the emphasis by you and the coalition Government to outsource service delivery to the voluntary sector affected by funding cuts to that sector?

Rape Offences

Question No: 2237 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Thank you for your reply to my question 1646/2012 last month. I am confused why you have disputed the increase of a 75% increase in rape offences during your first Mayoral term. The

figures provided to us by the MPS (via the MPA) showed that there were 1,904 reported rapes in the financial year 2007/8. Information currently on the MPS website shows that there were 3,334 in the financial year 2011/12. This equates to a 75.11% increase, not a 53% increase as you claim. If either of these yearly totals provided by the MPS is incorrect, please can you provide me with the accurate figures for both years?

Thameslink Franchise

Question No: 2238 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

The new 'out for tender' Thameslink franchise includes the Great Northern line route which runs through my constituency, Enfield & Haringey. What influence is TfL seeking to exert on the conditions on this franchise and what improvements do you believe are needed?

Overground Rail Ticket Offices

Question No: 2239 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

The new 'out for tender' Thameslink franchise includes the Great Northern line route which runs through my constituency, Enfield & Haringey. Will you ensure that those category E stations (Grange Park & Bowes Park) that the recent McNulty government report recommends closing will remain open and that you will actively seek assurances on this issue?

Dangerous Dogs

Question No: 2240 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Do you believe that the MPS should have powers to impose dog control orders, similar to those introduced in Scotland? Did you make any representations on the desirability of these orders in your recent response to the government's consultation on dangerous dogs?

Full-time Equivalent Police Officers

Question No: 2241 / 2012

[Tom Copley](#)

How many full time equivalent police officers were there in London on:

- a. 30th April 2008
- b. 31st May 2008
- c. 30th April 2012

Police Officers in Redbridge

Question No: 2242 / 2012

[Tom Copley](#)

How many a. full time equivalent police officers; b. PCSOs were there in Redbridge on 30th May 2012?

Police Officers in Havering

Question No: 2243 / 2012

[Tom Copley](#)

How many a. full time equivalent police officers; b. PCSOs were there in Havering on 30th May 2012?

Planning Enforcement Team

Question No: 2244 / 2012

[Tom Copley](#)

Will you establish a planning enforcement team at the Greater London Authority to work cross-borough on tackling the issue of illegally constructed outbuildings being rented out as homes (beds in sheds)?

HS2

Question No: 2245 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

What do you estimate the total cost to Londoners will be if HS2 proceeds?

HS2 – 2

Question No: 2246 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

What he estimates the contribution from the Boroughs will be of HS2 if it proceeds?

HS2 - 3

Question No: 2247 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

What percentage of the London population does he estimate will use HS2 if it proceeds?

Olympic Tickets

Question No: 2248 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

As Mayor, how are you equitably and appropriately using your ability to influence the allocation of tickets for the Olympic Games?

Olympic Tickets and Assembly Members

Question No: 2249 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

Will any Assembly Members be in receipt of free tickets and if so whom, and by what criteria will such tickets be allocated?

Transparency and London Academies Enterprise Trust

Question No: 2250 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

Through MD983 you appointed Joan Deslandes, Barbara Harrison and Toby Young as trustees. The trust is a vehicle for distributing taxpayer's money to Academies. Can you provide brief cvs for each appointee, including a description of the strengths, experience and qualities that they bring to this important role?

Academies and Special Needs

Question No: 2251 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

There are currently legal challenges to the ability of Academy Schools to refuse to admit children with statements of special educational needs. Can you confirm that Academy Schools supported by GLA funds will be expected not to operate such policies and what steps will you be taking to ensure this?

ELUtec

Question No: 2252 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

Do you welcome the designation of CEME as a University Technical College? Given that we ultimately, I understand, still own the building, what involvement has you and your staff had in the proposal or decision and what continuing role will City Hall have?

Job Creation

Question No: 2253 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

In your answer to 1380/2012 you both confirmed that you have a target for job creation and admitted that there is no definition or consistent measure of what the term 'job creation' means. Can you confirm that your creation of a 'framework for consistent measurement' will include a clear definition of what is meant by the term?

Olympics Budget

Question No: 2254 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

Given the GOE "London 2012 Olympic and Paralympics Games Quarterly Reports" have consistently shown the London 2012 Olympics games would come in under budget can you explain what threats you saw that would prompt you to claim you would "deliver the 2012 Games on time and on budget"

£183m for LOCOG (1)

Question No: 2255 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

OCOg has received £183m of public money, but are not covered by FOI as they are a private company. And regardless of their legal status they sit on the back of £billions of public money. Is it right that taxpayers do not know how their money is being spent, and an event overwhelmingly funded by them is being managed? What representations will you be making to address this democratic deficit?

£183m for LOCOG (2)

Question No: 2256 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

When LOCOG was established what provisions were made regarding the providing of public funds to them? Was any estimates made of how much public money would be required by LOCOG at that time?

£183m for LOCOG (3)

Question No: 2257 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

Do you agree that £183m of taxpayers' money are being given to LOCOG so that they can claim to have maintained balanced budget? If not, why not?

LOCOG as a private company

Question No: 2258 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

Olympics Minister Hugh Robertson has said it is essential LOCOG was set up as private company or they would not have been able to raise sponsorship. Do you agree with him? If so can you explain why?

Disruption to London's Streets

Question No: 2259 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

I have been contacted by a constituent who complains of frequent disruption to Londoners when streets are closed and buses diverted whilst organised races take place for runners and for cyclists. Will you conduct a review of this practise with a view to perhaps relocating some of the races to one of the main London parks?

Buses on Diversion

Question No: 2260 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

I have received complaints from constituents that when buses are on diversion some drivers refuse to stop on request at bus stops as they are not on "the route". This has caused considerable inconvenience. Do you share my view that best practise would be for bus drivers to stop at bus stops on request from their passengers, rather than holding them prisoner and preventing them leaving the bus until the bus is back on "the route" often some distance from the passenger's original destination.

DSei Arms' Fair

Question No: 2261 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

Will you be making representations against the holding of the DSei Arms' Fair at Excel? If not, please explain why you do not find its staging, in London, particularly offensive.

Canary Wharf Ticket Office Opening Hours

Question No: 2262 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

In response to my question 1395/2012 regarding the opening hours of this ticket office you blame staff sickness for the unplanned closures. Do you stand by this statement? What contingencies do you have to ensure this hotspot station is fully staffed during the Olympic and Paralympic Games?

Equalities

Question No: 2263 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

Following Richard Barnes departure, who now leads on Equalities for you? I understand that, as an interim, it was Munira Mirza. Is this to be permanent?

London Strategic Migration Partnership

Question No: 2264 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

Following Richard Barnes departure, who is now Chairing and/or Leading the London Strategic Migration Partnership? I understand that, as an interim, it was Munira Mirza. Is this to be permanent?

Provision of Games tickets to the families of victims of July 7 2005 (1)

Question No: 2265 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

Can you provide a breakdown of the cost of all of these tickets?

Provision of Games tickets to the families of victims of July 7 2005 (2)

Question No: 2266 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

Was it right that LOCOG charged for these tickets rather than providing them for free? If so why?

Olympic Crowd Management

Question No: 2267 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

Olympics Minister Hugh Robertson has conceded that the Olympic Board underestimated the number of stewards needed at the Games. Can you explain why this was?

Deliver the 2012 Games

Question No: 2268 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

For MQT 1585/2012 I asked, "Why did you claim, in your manifesto, that you will deliver the 2012 Games on time and on budget, when the big build was completed in July 2011?" Your answer was, "Please see my response to oral MQ 1319 /2012."

The only mention of the Olympics in that oral response is, "Ensuring a true Olympic legacy, that

is obviously to come. Some of those homes are there already but there will be, altogether, 11,000 new homes and 10,000 new jobs.”

I do not think that this actually answers the question I posed, so can you therefore answer the question, without referring to previous MQT answers?

Olympic Legacy Expenditure

Question No: 2269 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

For MQT 1587/2012 I asked, “Why, during the election, did you promise to publish the Olympic legacy expenditure when this has already been happening since April 2011?” Your answer was, “Please see my response to oral MQ 1319 /2012.”

The only mention of the Olympics in that oral response is, “Ensuring a true Olympic legacy, that is obviously to come. Some of those homes are there already but there will be, altogether, 11,000 new homes and 10,000 new jobs.”

I do not think that this actually answers the question I posed, so can you therefore answer the question, without referring to previous MQT answers?

Host London House

Question No: 2270 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

For MQT 1590/2012 I asked, “The decision to host “London House” was announced in April 2011, so why did you re-announce it during the election campaign?” Your answer was, “Please see my response to oral MQ 1319 /2012.”

There was no mention of “London House” in that reply. Can you try to answer the question again?

10,000 Jobs

Question No: 2271 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

For MQT 1596/2012 I asked, “Why did you claim, during the election, that you would create 10,000 Olympic legacy jobs, when the London Legacy Development Company had announced this in October 2010?” Your answer was, “Please see my response to oral MQ 1319 /2012.” The only mention of the Olympics in that oral response is, “Ensuring a true Olympic legacy, that is obviously to come. Some of those homes are there already but there will be, altogether, 11,000 new homes and 10,000 new jobs.” I do not think that this actually answers the question I posed, so can you therefore answer the question, without referring to previous MQT answers?

11,000 Homes

Question No: 2272 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

For MQT 1597/2012 I asked, “Why did you claim, during the election, that you would 11,000 homes on the Olympic Park, when the London Legacy Development Company had announced this in October 2010?” Your answer was, “Please see my response to oral MQ 1319 /2012.”

The only mention of the Olympics in that oral response is, “Ensuring a true Olympic legacy, that is obviously to come. Some of those homes are there already but there will be, altogether, 11,000 new homes and 10,000 new jobs.”

I do not think that this actually answers the question I posed, so can you therefore answer the

question, without referring to previous MQT answers?

International Students

Question No: 2273 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

What representations are you making to Government, possibly in partnership with London Higher, to ensure that visa reforms and regulatory inspections do not place at risk or impose an undue burden on the excellent work, and ability to recruit, of London's bona fide HE institutions in attracting overseas students? You will be aware that this is an internationally competitive business at which London excels but that the example of ill-judged regulatory changes in the USA several years ago shows how easily this can be jeopardised (In asking this question, I should declare that I am a Governor of a London H.E. institution).

Barking Station

Question No: 2274 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

You will be aware that the station is becoming a very congested hub, and experiencing rapid passenger growth. I welcome the recent investment to rebuild the bus stands and street area outside the station, which has improved this area and the management of crowding, and its sense of safety. Further investment is however needed, to improve the ticket office and barrier areas and to improve platform access, preferably with the installation of escalators and improved step-free access (while respecting its listed status). Can you advise what priority this enjoys in TfL's investment programme and, given that it is a Network Rail station, and any investment is likely to involve some form of partnership with them, what steps are being taken to lobby Network Rail and secure a higher priority in their investment programme?

Transport Priorities

Question No: 2275 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

Will you be revising the transport strategy and if so, on what time-scale and will it be a full review or a series of amendments?

Parking at Canning Town Station

Question No: 2276 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

This is a more general issue, I think, exemplified by Canning Town station. Where a driver is collecting a disabled traveller and must temporarily park their vehicle in a setting down bay in order to assist the traveller into their vehicle, they may be technically liable for a penalty notice for contravening the 'no parking' rule. Is this reasonable and, while aware of the risk of abuse, should leniency or a regulatory change or a reasonable 'defence' be allowed in such cases?

Terminal Bonuses & Payments

Question No: 2277 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

Please provide a schedule of the terminal payments made to S67 staff who left following the election.

National Schools Championship (1)

Question No: 2279 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

Can you provide details of how you have worked with the Government to deliver a successful National Schools Championship for London schools?

National Schools Championship (2)

Question No: 2280 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

Can you provide details of how you have explored what more can be done for amateur sports clubs across the capital to get involved in the National Schools Championships?

ORN or Games Lanes?

Question No: 2281 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

You have promised that you would open the Olympic Route Network to taxi drivers and other motorists. However TfL have said, "The Olympic and Paralympic Route Networks are generally open to all road users; it is only the Games Lanes on these networks that are reserved for use by Games vehicles and emergency services vehicles only." Can you confirm whether your promise was about the ORN or the Games Lanes?

Helping Disabled People Back To Work

Question No: 2282 / 2012

[Onkar Sahota](#)

What steps are you taking to help disabled people back into work, in particular how will you ensure that disabled Londoners' benefit from jobs created from infrastructure schemes and your Outer London Fund?

Raising Awareness

Question No: 2283 / 2012

[Onkar Sahota](#)

What steps are you taking to increase awareness of mental health amongst London's diverse businesses, not only to tackle stigma but also raise awareness of services available to Londoners through the NHS.

Awareness of Rights

Question No: 2284 / 2012

[Onkar Sahota](#)

What steps are you taking to ensure disabled people are aware of their rights under existing employment law to help counter discrimination in the workplace?

Additional station volunteers for Gamestime (1)

Question No: 2285 / 2012

[Jennette Arnold](#)

Can you provide me with a breakdown of how many Gamestime volunteers there will be

available per station to assist disabled travellers across London's transport network? Please include which stations the volunteers will be available at and what times they will be available from and to.

Additional station volunteers for Gamestime (2)

Question No: 2286 / 2012

[Jennette Arnold](#)

Will Gamestime volunteers deployed at London stations be in a position to assist disabled passengers to platform level?

Increase in Disabled Passengers during Gamestime

Question No: 2287 / 2012

[Jennette Arnold](#)

Please answer both parts of this question

- a) Can you provide me with a breakdown as to what percentage increase of wheelchair using passengers, blind/visually impaired passengers and disabled passengers overall you expect across London's Transport Network over Gamestime this summer?
- b) Are you confident that London's transport network is ready to meet this increased demand

Know Your Rights (1)

Question No: 2288 / 2012

[Jennette Arnold](#)

In your answer to MQ 1713/2012 you said that you are working with organisations involved with the campaign to gather information on enquiries generated and outcomes. Please answer both questions a) and b)

- a) Will you be publishing a report outlining the outcomes of the campaign?
- b) When can Londoners expect the results of the campaign to be published so that they may judge its success?

Know Your Rights (2)

Question No: 2289 / 2012

[Jennette Arnold](#)

In your answer to MQ 1714/2012 you say that the know your rights campaign was targeted at vulnerable and disadvantaged groups including low income families, carers, disabled, BAME and older people. However, the information on the Know Your Rights section of London.gov.uk state "The 'Know Your Right' Campaign was set up in January 2009 to ensure that older people and carers in London were able to access financial help when they require it, and to provide those who are entitled to financial assistance the help to claim for it."

Please answer both parts a) and b)

- a) Can you provide me with information as to how the Campaign targeted low income families, disabled and BAME groups specifically?
- b) Will you commit to updating London.gov.uk accordingly so that Londoners may be kept up to date with your work?

Part Time work for Parents

Question No: 2290 / 2012

[Jennette Arnold](#)

In your manifesto you committed to “spearhead a campaign for 20,000 part-time jobs to help parents return to work”

In your answer to MQ 1718/2012 you said “You are currently working with your business led London Enterprise Panel, and GLA officers to develop a high quality employer led part-time jobs campaign.”

Will you share with Londoners what time-line are you working to in developing, announcing and rolling out this campaign?

Islington Cycling

Question No: 2291 / 2012

[Jennette Arnold](#)

Constituents in Islington have expressed concern that the proposals for 20mph limits in London Borough of Islington will be frustrated if the phase timings of traffic signals at interchanges between red routes and council roads are not changed.

Where the sequencing of lights has been set up to facilitate 30mph operation drivers will be encouraged to speed up to 30mph and not drive in a more relaxed, “smoother” way at 20mph.

Will the Mayor ensure that Transport for London’s Traffic Signals Unit prioritises the timing changes necessary for the smooth flow of traffic in the 20mph speed limit areas of the London Borough of Islington?

London Living Wage for GLA Family Sub-Contractors

Question No: 2292 / 2012

[Jennette Arnold](#)

Can their Mayor confirm that when the MOPAC’s facilities management contract with the Interserve Group is reviewed in 2014, provision will be made for the payment of the London Living Wage to all employees, including sub-contractors?

Unanswered question regarding Sexual Offences on Buses

Question No: 2293 / 2012

[Jennette Arnold](#)

My question MQ 0503/2012 remains unanswered so I ask again:

Of the 300 sexual offences reported on London’s Bus Network in 2010/11 how many led to

- a) an arrest,
- b) a charge
- c) a conviction?

Cable Car

Question No: 2294 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

Should you not apologise to Londoners for misleading them that the Cable Car would be built at no cost to them?

Meeting with City of London Corporation

Question No: 2295 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

When you met with Corporation representatives on 18th June, you listed, in your report subjects covered. Did you also discuss concerns about the Spitalfields Fruit and Wool Exchange application, given the importance of the scheme to the City Corporation? Was the issue raised?

Jubilee Line Compensation to CWG

Question No: 2296 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

Your previous Mayoral Answers and the schedules of payments referred to suggest that compensation payments to Canary Wharf Group for non-performance of the Jubilee Line, up to April this year, have amounted to at least £21,458,672. Do you recognise this figure and, given that payments appear to be clocking in at £1.684million a month, can you give an indication of when you anticipate they will cease, and what obstacles still exist to require continuing payments?

Supersewer

Question No: 2297 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

In your written response last month (1672/2012) you indicate a newly found, and I think election campaign related, desire to see the proposals reviewed, particularly at 'some of the locations'. Can you list the locations that cause you (renewed) concern?

Investment in London 1

Question No: 2298 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

In your answer to 1588/2012 you advise that during the Olympics, I will host a programme that will showcase London to 300 business leaders who have plans to expand internationally during the next two years'. Can you list them, in a schedule, preferably by company and sector?

Investment in London 2

Question No: 2299 / 2012

[John Biggs](#)

In your answer to 1588/2012 you advise that London and Partners has already helped many international companies accelerate their investment plans for London as a result of the games creating more than 6500 jobs for Londoners. Can you provide a schedule demonstrating where this number comes from?

Henly's Corner

Question No: 2301 / 2012

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Are you happy with the changes at Henly's Corner?

Police buildings

Question No: 2302 / 2012

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Can you provide us with a list of all police buildings, including front counters, that have been identified for closure and/or disposal?