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**PRIORITY ORDER PAPER**

**Report No: 5**

**Subject: Questions to the Mayor**

**Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat**

Questions not asked during Mayor's Question Time will be given a written response by  
Monday 22 March 2010

**Manifesto Commitments**

**Question No: 1138 / 2010**

[John Biggs](#)

Should Londoners hold you to your Manifesto and election commitments?

**Police – Borough Devolved Budgets**

**Question No: 1106 / 2010**

[Dee Doocey](#)

You have promised to increase resources to front line policing. What cuts will Borough Commanders have to make in their Borough Devolved Budgets in order to meet the 5% cut they are required to make in each of the next 3 years?

**River Crossings (1)**

**Question No: 974 / 2010**

[James Cleverly](#)

Will you lobby the Department for Transport to extend the Dartford Crossing discount scheme to residents in my constituency, in recognition of the congestion they have suffered since the contraflow in the Blackwall Tunnel was stopped?

**Living wage commitment**

**Question No: 905 / 2010**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Do you stand by your election campaign promise that only hotels and restaurants paying the London Living Wage would be promoted by Visit London ahead of the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games?

## **Cumberland Market**

**Question No: 983 / 2010**

[Brian Coleman](#)

Does the Mayor share the concerns of my constituents regarding the secretive approach with which the Crown Estate has handled its proposed sale of Cumberland Market, and will he seek assurances from the Crown Estate that the level of affordable housing provision will not suffer as a result of any potential sale?

## **Global Warming**

**Question No: 945 / 2010**

[Richard Barnbrook](#)

London taxpayers' millions are being committed to your new "Climate Change" strategy. Energy providers are citing infrastructure projects to comply with government co2 reduction targets and renewable energy initiatives as the reason for keeping tariffs high despite much lower wholesale prices. Is it right that Londoners should be hammered twice for what is an unproven theory and doesn't this actually compound fuel poverty?

## **Crossrail Business Rate Supplement**

**Question No: 992 / 2010**

[Steve O'Connell](#)

Considering the Mayor is unwilling to grant a variation on the BRS for businesses in areas that benefit little from Crossrail, such as Sutton and Croydon, will the Mayor be lobbying government to ensure that towns outside of London that directly benefit from Crossrail pay their share of the development costs?

## **Policing Pledge**

**Question No: 1219 / 2010**

[John Biggs](#)

Do you consider the Metropolitan policing pledge to be a good thing?

## **Congestion Charge Zone – Western Extension**

**Question No: 1023 / 2010**

[Kit Malthouse](#)

Can the Mayor please confirm the further procedures now required by law that will put him in a position to make a decision to remove or retain the western extension to the congestion charge zone?

## **Ticket office closures**

**Question No: 1143 / 2010**

[Navin Shah](#)

Are you intending to defend local ticket offices in Tube stations from closure by yourself?

## **People's Question Time**

**Question No: 1022 / 2010**

[Roger Evans](#)

Does the Mayor agree that the primary purpose of People's Question Time is to fully address the questions and concerns of Londoners, and this should be facilitated wherever possible?

## **Thames Estuary Airport**

**Question No: 1146 / 2010**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

A memo from your office apparently says that building an airport in the Thames Estuary would be the 'single biggest... and bravest' project your administration does. Could it be?

## **Eurostar Platforms (2)**

**Question No: 1014 / 2010**

[Richard Tracey](#)

With regard to your answer to question 3077/2009, when are franchise negotiations between South West Trains and the Government likely to be resolved so that at least Platform 20 could be used?

## **Black History Month**

**Question No: 1148 / 2010**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

Was your decision to cut 92% of the annual Black History Month budget motivated by your cultural advisor's ill-informed beliefs that BHM is "a bit boring" as it "does" slavery every year<sup>1</sup>?

## **Civic Amenity Sites**

**Question No: 997 / 2010**

[Tony Arbour](#)

Will you seek to take over civic amenity sites (tips) so that Londoners will be able to access their nearest tips without creating more global warming than they are saving because they may be forced to travel many miles to those provided by their own boroughs?

## **Affordable Homes**

**Question No: 1149 / 2010**

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Having broken your election pledge to deliver 50,000 affordable homes, what faith can we have that the boroughs will deliver 40,000 new affordable homes by 2011 as indicated in your London Housing Strategy?

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<sup>1</sup> At Young People's Question Time on 17th September 2009, Munira Mirza, Mayoral Adviser on Arts and Culture said "Sometimes, it can get a bit boring, doing slavery every year".

## **Door-to-door Transport**

**Question No: 1003 / 2010**

[Victoria Borwick](#)

What consideration has been given to allocating users of door-to-door transport personal travel budgets, giving users the flexibility to choose from a variety of different transport providers?

## **Blackwall tunnel**

**Question No: 1139 / 2010**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

When will you reinstate the tidal flow at Blackwall Tunnel as promised?

## **Olympic Village**

**Question No: 964 / 2010**

[Andrew Boff](#)

Do the housing plans for the Olympic Village accord with the mixed tenure policy in the Mayor's Housing Strategy?

## **Street trees**

**Question No: 906 / 2010**

[Jenny Jones](#)

In your election manifesto you stated that 'there had been little commitment of resources' by the former mayor to reverse the loss of street trees in a third of London boroughs. Is your street tree planting policy reversing this trend?

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

## **Tax in UK**

**Question No: 1147 / 2010**

[John Biggs](#)

In my view, you have spent considerable time and energy in the past two years largely not answering my questions about whether you, your advisers and appointees pay their taxes in the UK in the way that the rest of us do. Do you now accept that this is a matter of public interest and concern and will you clarify whether you, your advisers and any of your board appointees do not pay taxes in the UK, are not domiciled here for tax purposes or have overseas assets and earnings sheltered from the UK authorities?

## **Tube late running**

**Question No: 1137 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

In your manifesto you promised to investigate one hour later Tube opening on Friday and Saturday nights. Where are you with those investigations?

## **Incentivising waste recycling, reduction and reuse**

**Question No: 1125 / 2010**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

You promised in your environment manifesto “to take action to make London the greenest city in the world”. What innovative new schemes that reward Londoners to reduce, reuse or recycle their waste have you introduced?

## **Cycle Hire Scheme**

**Question No: 1140 / 2010**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Will the London Cycle Hire Scheme be fully operational in May 2010?

### **Questions for Written Answer**

## **Three Mills lock ecology**

**Question No: 884 / 2010**

[Jenny Jones](#)

What steps are you taking to monitor and counteract any effects of the Three Mills Lock on the ecology of the formerly tidal section of the River Lea up to Hackney Marsh, where I am told there is a threat from floating pennywort?

## **Pedestrian crossing on Norwood Road**

**Question No: 885 / 2010**

[Jenny Jones](#)

A constituent has complained that the traffic lights on Norwood Road in West Norwood do not change frequently and make it very difficult for pedestrians to cross the road. Will you consider rephasing the lights to ensure they allow for regular pedestrian crossings?

## **US embassy redesign**

**Question No: 886 / 2010**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Will you look into why the images of the new US Embassy building do not include cycle lanes or cycle parking?

## **LSDC income inequality report**

**Question No: 887 / 2010**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Why have the London Sustainable Development Commission delayed in publishing “The Impact of Income Inequalities on Sustainable Development in London” report on equality and sustainability that was ready for publication in September 2009? When will it be published?

## **Road safety equality**

**Question No: 888 / 2010**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Can you outline the work previously done by the Community Development Officer in promoting road safety education work with ethnic minorities in London and how this will continue under the new system of devolved funding for boroughs?

## **Archway station closure**

**Question No: 889 / 2010**

[Jenny Jones](#)

A constituent complains that train drivers regularly fail to announce that the Archway station is closed, and that the next stop (Highgate) is in a different zone. Will you ask Transport for London to adjust the gates to accept people's Oyster cards that are valid up to Archway whilst the station is closed, and to extend this policy across the Oyster network?

## **Passing red signals on the Underground**

**Question No: 890 / 2010**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Will you instruct Transport for London to publish in the London Datastore the data on passing of red signals on the Underground and Overground networks on a monthly basis, including the causes (e.g. slippery rails, driver error, mechanical failure), some details (e.g. Northern Line, Bank station, train not in service) and some indication of severity (e.g. passed signal by 400 yards, by 4 yards)?

## **Cycle superhighways**

**Question No: 891 / 2010**

[Jenny Jones](#)

A constituent has noticed that in recent publications on cycle superhighways, a picture of a bus lane was featured of which half was the blue cycle superhighway, which effectively cuts the space cyclists currently have in half. Can the Mayor either explain in what way this benefits cyclists or confirm that the artists impression is an error and these features won't be introduced?

## **Crown Estate (1)**

**Question No: 892 / 2010**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Have you had any discussions with Crown Estate to discuss the impact of its proposals to sell off more than 1,200 of London's affordable homes to a new owner?

## **Crown Estate (2)**

**Question No: 893 / 2010**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Will you condemn the policy of refusing to re-let vacant homes on these estates given the demand for affordable housing in London and the Crown Estate's refusal to hold a housing transfer ballot of tenants on these estates?

## **Crown Estate (3)**

**Question No: 894 / 2010**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Will you urge the Crown Estate to extend its eight week consultation period in line with accepted Government good practice of at least three months?

## **Northern line closures**

**Question No: 895 / 2010**

[Jenny Jones](#)

How do the closures on the Northern Line affect your manifesto pledge to keep the Tube open for one hour later on Friday and Saturday nights, so that Londoners can get home safely at night?

## **Pedestrians (1)**

**Question No: 896 / 2010**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Following your answer to 0194/2009, do you agree that SCOOT technology should not be introduced at traffic signals in areas with high numbers of pedestrians, such as Oxford Street, as it would speed up traffic whilst completely ignoring a far larger number of people wanting to cross the road?

## **Pedestrians (2)**

**Question No: 897 / 2010**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Can you please provide a yes or no answer to my question 26/2010 regarding a pilot study to introduce a version of Countdown which tells pedestrians how long they have to wait until they can cross?

## **London Cycle Network Plus**

**Question No: 898 / 2010**

[Jenny Jones](#)

How will you deliver your election promise to the London Cycling Campaign to complete the London Cycle Network Plus (LCN+) to a high standard in all London boroughs?

## **Cycle training in schools**

**Question No: 899 / 2010**

[Jenny Jones](#)

In answer to my question 1773/2009, in which I welcomed your commitment that "all Year 6 children [will] receive Level 2 training by 2012", you stated that this would cost an estimated £5m a year. In answer to my question 0626/2010, you state that total spending on cycle training for adults and children remained at £3m in 2009/10 and will be devolved to boroughs in 2010/11. How will you ensure that boroughs put sufficient money into providing all year 6 pupils with level 2 cycle training by 2012?

## **Road safety expenditure**

**Question No: 900 / 2010**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Thank you for your answer to my question 628/2010. Will boroughs be required to report expenditure on road safety measures and 20mph zones when they report on interventions which have been completed in each borough over the previous year?

## **Smarter travel**

**Question No: 901 / 2010**

[Jenny Jones](#)

At the 3rd February Transport for London Board meeting you praised the smarter travel idea, saying: "This is our vision for transport in outer London. This is what we want to achieve." In response to my question 627 / 2010, you explained that you had reduced the budget for Smarter Travel from £30m in 2008/09 to £22m in 2009/10. Have any boroughs indicated that they will adopt the three year package approach trialed in Sutton and Richmond? Can you give details of the proposed individual budgets for these new schemes?

## **Internal flights**

**Question No: 902 / 2010**

[Jenny Jones](#)

By when will you achieve a ban on internal flights across the GLA group?

## **Policing priorities**

**Question No: 903 / 2010**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Why are you spending more money on the Directorate of Public Affairs and less money on frontline policing such as road safety?

## **Safer neighbourhood teams**

**Question No: 904 / 2010**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Could you provide the figures for the number of police sergeants, police constables and police community support officers currently in Safer Neighbourhood Teams, the level of vacancies for each role, and the expected date by which those vacancies will be filled, broken down by borough?

## **GLA group property redevelopment (1)**

**Question No: 907 / 2010**

[Jenny Jones](#)

What opportunities are there to extend the spirit of your draft replacement London Plan policy 4.9 on small shops when redeveloping properties owned by the GLA group?

## **GLA group property redevelopment (2)**

**Question No: 908 / 2010**

[Jenny Jones](#)

What opportunities are there for the GLA group to address a market failure by redeveloping properties to provide affordable spaces for small and independent local businesses in areas where such spaces are in short supply?

## **Mixed and balanced communities**

**Question No: 909 / 2010**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Further to your answer to question 630/2010, will you be introducing a new London Plan Key Performance Indicator to monitor and report on Policy 3.10 once you have sufficient certainty about the next census?

## **Community land trusts (1)**

**Question No: 910 / 2010**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Which developments sites or communities have you, the LDA or your Community Land Trust Delivery Board appraised as potential Community Land Trusts since coming into office?

## **Community land trusts (2)**

**Question No: 911 / 2010**

[Jenny Jones](#)

Can you share your methodology for appraising the feasibility and desirability of potential Community Land Trusts?

## **Mayoral accountability**

**Question No: 912 / 2010**

[Darren Johnson](#)

What is your response to a constituent who asks, when will you will take Mayor's Question Time seriously? She describes your "unwillingness to answer most of the questions" as a "charade", and further states that you "rarely answer a question, rather [you] behave in a flippant manner, disregarding the fact that [you are] there primarily to answer questions/issues that voters have directed to the various Assembly Members".

## **Ruislip Lido**

**Question No: 913 / 2010**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Will you support the Friends of Ruislip Lido in their campaign to prevent boating being introduced to the Lido, and to prevent part of the Lido green space being used for extra parking?

## **Oyster discrepancies**

**Question No: 914 / 2010**

[Darren Johnson](#)

On rail services that have been linked up with the Oyster card system prior to 2nd January (which are mostly north of the river) the 16-18 Oyster card fare is half price. However, on networks that have only just had the Oyster machines connected, (many of them south of the river) the fare is the full adult price for 16-18 year olds. Can you please explain why there is this discrepancy and what you can do to remedy it?

## **Hybrid taxis**

**Question No: 915 / 2010**

[Darren Johnson](#)

The development of a stop/start hybrid taxi was a low cost solution to reducing taxi emissions and fuel bills. Why did you withdraw funding from the development of the project in October last year? Are there any plans to continue development plans once the recession is over?

## **Mayor's Fund**

**Question No: 916 / 2010**

[Darren Johnson](#)

What guarantee will you give that your Mayor's Fund charity will not allow the use of funds for such items as ball gowns and will you automatically suspend any appointees of yours who claim for inappropriate expenses?

## **Open source software**

**Question No: 917 / 2010**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Given that the Government's open source action plan requiring the use of open source software wherever there is no significant overall cost difference was first published in 2004, that open source software can provide significant cost savings at a time of constrained budgets, and that your answer to question 696/2010 shows slow progress in some of the functional bodies, will you ask the functional bodies and the GLA to develop and publish open source action plans?

## **GLA group high incomes**

**Question No: 918 / 2010**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Can you provide me with the number of staff who earn more than £135,000 in the GLA and each of the functional bodies?

## **Living wage (1)**

**Question No: 919 / 2010**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Further to question 52/2010, why was a commitment from Park Plaza Westminster Bridge to paying the London Living Wage not secured when the contract was signed in mid November 2009?

## **Living wage (2)**

**Question No: 920 / 2010**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Will you secure a commitment to the London Living Wage as part of the England 2018 bid for the World Cup, as per the bid for the London 2012 Games?

## **Living wage (3)**

**Question No: 921 / 2010**

[Darren Johnson](#)

When attending the London Contract and Suppliers Group Meeting, how did your Statutory Deputy Mayor Richard Barnes promote the London Living Wage?

## **Living wage (4)**

**Question No: 922 / 2010**

[Darren Johnson](#)

When delivering his keynote speech to the TfL Major Supplier Event in Covent Garden, how did your Statutory Deputy Mayor Richard Barnes promote the London Living Wage? How did any of the presentations and seminars address the London Living Wage?

## **Press officers (1)**

**Question No: 923 / 2010**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Can you confirm that your answer to question 3650/2009 regarding press officers and media consultants included Crossrail as part of the Transport for London total?

## **Press officers (2)**

**Question No: 924 / 2010**

[Darren Johnson](#)

What is the marketing, media and consultation budget for Crossrail, including consultants and in-house staff?

## **Electric charging points**

**Question No: 925 / 2010**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Your press release of 25th February states that you are planning to spend £17m on installing 7,500 electric charging points by 2012/13. Can you confirm this and provide me with an estimated cost for installing the remaining 17,500 charging points in the two years prior to 2015?

## **Air quality time extension**

**Question No: 926 / 2010**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Should I deduce from your inability to answer my question 647/2010, that you have not sought this information yourself and that the next draft of your air quality strategy will fail to deal with this crucial requirement of the European Directive on Air Quality regarding infraction penalties

for failure to meet the margins of tolerance?

## **Debendification (1)**

**Question No: 927 / 2010**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Why did you answer my questions on the replacement of bendy buses by comparing your chosen replacement to the most polluting older bendy buses on environmental impacts, and to the newer Euro 5 bendy buses on cost? Is it the case that when replacing the bendy bus on route 38, you chose an option which was not only more expensive than purchasing newer Euro 5 bendy buses, but also more polluting?

## **Debendification (2)**

**Question No: 928 / 2010**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Given that the replacement of the bendy bus on route 38 was the model to be followed on the debendification of most other routes, are you concerned that you have chosen to roll out a policy across London which imposes both extra costs and extra pollution on Londoners?

## **Thames Estuary steering group study**

**Question No: 929 / 2010**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Do you intend to allocate LDA funding to a more in-depth study of the Thames Estuary Airport proposal as recommended by Sir David King, which is estimated to cost in excess of £5m, or are you seeking this funding from other sources?

## **Medway Council report**

**Question No: 930 / 2010**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Having examined Doug Oakervee's feasibility study and other available evidence, Medway Council have concluded that an airport in the Thames estuary would be "undeliverable, unaffordable and unnecessary". Do you accept their analysis?

## **Bird strike**

**Question No: 931 / 2010**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Do you accept the RSPB's conclusion that the bird strike hazard at an airport in the Thames Estuary could be up to 12 times higher than at any other UK airport?

## **London Green Fund (1)**

**Question No: 932 / 2010**

[Darren Johnson](#)

When do you expect the fund manager will be appointed?

## **London Green Fund (2)**

**Question No: 933 / 2010**

[Darren Johnson](#)

When the fund manager is appointed, will you publish a public consultation on the range of metrics to measure the financial, environmental and social impacts of investment decisions, which you refer to in your answer to question 665/2010?

## **Decentralised Energy Masterplanning (1)**

**Question No: 934 / 2010**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Can you describe in detail the specific skills and capacity-building support that is being given to planning and building control departments in local authorities through the Decentralised Energy Masterplanning programme?

## **Decentralised Energy Masterplanning (2)**

**Question No: 935 / 2010**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Beyond local authorities, will the LDA be taking on a wider decentralised energy education role - including training for developers and estates/facilities managers?

## **Business as usual case**

**Question No: 936 / 2010**

[Darren Johnson](#)

What projections were used for population growth and for economic growth in calculation of the 2025 business as usual case?

## **Mayoral emissions savings**

**Question No: 937 / 2010**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Why are all carbon reductions from homes made through government schemes CERT, CESP and Warm Front counted as Mayoral savings, when some of this work is and will be delivered outside the HEEP framework?

## **Carbon footprint of major capital expenditure projects (1)**

**Question No: 938 / 2010**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Given that neither the current or draft replacement London Plans, the Supplementary Planning Guidance on Sustainable Design and Construction, BREEAM or the Code for Sustainable Homes require measurement, reporting and target-setting for the carbon dioxide equivalent emissions associated with construction; and that your Sustainable Development Commission's recent report, Capital Consumption, highlights the enormous contribution that these activities make to London's total carbon dioxide equivalent emissions; will you include a requirement to measure and report on the carbon dioxide equivalent emissions associated with construction phase of any major planning applications in your London Plan?

## **Carbon footprint of major capital expenditure projects (2)**

**Question No: 939 / 2010**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Given that neither the current or draft replacement London Plans, yours or Southwark's Supplementary Planning Guidance on Sustainable Design and Construction, BREEAM or the Code for Sustainable Homes require measurement, reporting and target-setting for the carbon dioxide equivalent emissions associated with the demolition and regeneration of estates such as Aylesbury; will you commission a study to estimate the carbon dioxide equivalent emissions associated with the regeneration of estates such as Aylesbury; estimate the contribution of existing policy towards reducing those emissions; and propose policies and programmes to make further reductions?

## **Carbon footprint of major capital expenditure projects (3)**

**Question No: 940 / 2010**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Do figures for the carbon dioxide equivalent emissions for the construction phase of projects including Crossrail, such as the figure quoted in your answer to my question 48/2010, include the wasted carbon dioxide equivalent emissions embodied in buildings that are demolished rather than being refurbished, and materials that are recycled or landfilled during demolition rather than being reused on-site?

## **Carbon footprint of major capital expenditure projects (4)**

**Question No: 941 / 2010**

[Darren Johnson](#)

I welcome your suggestion of addressing embodied energy in a revised SPG in answer to my question 47/2010. However, I would like you to require the GLA group to build the consideration of embodied carbon dioxide equivalent emissions into their own procurement processes. This would mean that, for any major capital expenditure project procured by a functional body, contractors bidding for the work would have to estimate their project's footprint, which would be a consideration in choosing between contractors; once the contract has been awarded, a carbon dioxide equivalent budget would be set for the design team, and reductions would be required throughout the lifetime of the project. Will you ask your officials to develop this proposal, which could make a major contribution towards reducing carbon dioxide equivalent emissions?

## **Construction material reclamation and reuse (1)**

**Question No: 942 / 2010**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Figures for reuse and figures for recycling of materials recovered from demolition work are often conflated. There is often a significant difference in the environmental outcomes of each treatment. Will you ensure that they are reported separately for major demolition and infrastructure projects within your purview?

## **Construction material reclamation and reuse (2)**

**Question No: 943 / 2010**

[Darren Johnson](#)

A significant failure of the construction phase for the 2012 Games has been the very low level of material reclamation for reuse, as opposed to recycling. Will you set a target for the reclamation of materials for reuse during the construction of Crossrail?

## **TfL investment programme advisory group**

**Question No: 944 / 2010**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Will any of the engineering experts on this group provide expertise of the environmental impacts of investment decisions, particularly relating to embodied carbon dioxide equivalent emissions? If not, will the group commission this advice?

## **Global Warming (2)**

**Question No: 946 / 2010**

[Richard Barnbrook](#)

According to Isabel Dedring's briefing on your "Climate Change" strategy, 66% of Londoners don't believe in man made global warming. Is it an abuse of your power to press ahead with your strategy and charge them for something they don't believe in?

Businesses in London have been warned to expect rising energy costs to fund "low carbon initiatives". Does the Mayor believe these increased costs will hamper their ability to ride out the recession?

## **Apologising (1)**

**Question No: 947 / 2010**

[Richard Barnbrook](#)

A couple of years ago your predecessor held a major event at City Hall to say sorry to Africans and afro Caribbean's for the transatlantic slave trade. Do you think a similar event to say sorry to the working classes of this country who lived and worked in the most disgusting and appalling conditions of deprivation in London at the time of the slave trade would be beneficial?

## **Apologising (2)**

**Question No: 948 / 2010**

[Richard Barnbrook](#)

A couple of years ago your predecessor held a major event at City Hall to say sorry to Africans and afro Caribbeans for the transatlantic slave trade. Do you think a similar event to say sorry to the children separated from their families and sent to Australia between the 1920s and 1960s would be beneficial?

## **Apologising (3)**

**Question No: 949 / 2010**

[Richard Barnbrook](#)

Should London champion an annual memorial day for the transatlantic slave trade?

## **Apologising (4)**

**Question No: 950 / 2010**

[Richard Barnbrook](#)

Should London champion an annual memorial day for the children forced to work in the most horrendous conditions for a pittance, down mines, up chimneys, in the cotton and matchstick industries in the 1800s and 1900s much of which occurred in London?

## **Childcare Affordability Programme (CAP):**

**Question No: 951 / 2010**

[Richard Barnbrook](#)

In a recent breakdown of the above, the boroughs of Brent, Croydon, Hackney, Lambeth, Newham and Southwark received close to or in excess of £3 million. This was very nearly double the funding level of the next highest borough! What does the mayor attribute this huge disparity to?

## **Gipsies / Travellers:**

**Question No: 952 / 2010**

[Richard Barnbrook](#)

What is the mayor's response to Bromley council leader Stephen Carr's assertion that the Mayor's request to Bromley to provide 58 more pitches is "preposterous"?

## **Foreign Languages (1)**

**Question No: 953 / 2010**

[Richard Barnbrook](#)

You made a point of saying in last month's Mayor's Question Time that it was wonderful that London has 322 languages spoken here and this is of great benefit to this City. A number of my constituents have asked if you could elaborate on where the benefits are in having so many languages spoken?

## **Foreign Languages (2)**

**Question No: 954 / 2010**

[Richard Barnbrook](#)

In light of your comment at last month's Mayor's Question Time that having 322 languages spoken in London is beneficial, would the Mayor have any advice to London teachers who have complained to me that classes with students speaking many languages has actually put many students at a disadvantage as much time is lost in actual teaching?

## **Foreign Languages (3)**

**Question No: 955 / 2010**

[Richard Barnbrook](#)

In light of your comment at last month's Mayor's Question Time that having 322 languages spoken in London is beneficial, would the Mayor admonish Phil Woolas the Immigration Minister who has stated that his son's education in London has been adversely affected by the numerous languages spoken in his class by students and the inability of teachers to cope with this?

## **Air pollution**

**Question No: 956 / 2010**

[Darren Johnson](#)

Which boroughs in London have expressed concern to you about whether the UK will comply with one or more EU limit values for PM10 and/or about whether the UK will ensure that annual mean concentrations of NO2 are kept below 60 micrograms per cubic metre?

## **GLA and LDA Events**

**Question No: 957 / 2010**

[Andrew Boff](#)

Please provide a full list of events that will be funded by the GLA and LDA in 2010/11, together with the level of funding and the sponsorship target for each event.

## **GLA and LDA Events (2)**

**Question No: 958 / 2010**

[Andrew Boff](#)

The LDA estimates that every £1 of its spending on the Events for London project has resulted in between £4.51 and £5.21 of benefits at the regional level, and between £4.14 and £3.59 at the national level. How has the level of return been calculated?

## **Maslenitsa**

**Question No: 959 / 2010**

[Andrew Boff](#)

Has there been a formal evaluation of the economic returns from the GLA's sponsorship of the Maslenitsa at Potters Field in February 2010? If so, what were the economic returns from this event?

## **Tug of War**

**Question No: 960 / 2010**

[Andrew Boff](#)

I have been contacted by a Londoner who is interested in whether you would support the reintroduction of 'Tug of War' at the Olympics in time for 2012?

## **Olympic Stadium**

**Question No: 961 / 2010**

[Andrew Boff](#)

Are there any conferencing or hospitality facilities being incorporated into the Olympic Stadium, either for the Games or for its legacy use?

## **Fan Zones**

**Question No: 962 / 2010**

[Andrew Boff](#)

What is London doing for the World Cup FIFA Fan Fest in June-July 2010, as referred to in the LDA Investment Committee papers? Are there plans for any more 'Fan-Zones' in London during the 2010 World Cup?

## **Silvertown Quays**

**Question No: 963 / 2010**

[Andrew Boff](#)

What are the LDA's plans for the future of Silvertown Quays?

## **Community Land Trusts**

**Question No: 965 / 2010**

[Andrew Boff](#)

What criteria is used by the HCA for determining the suitability of a site as a potential Community Land Trust?

## **St Clement's Hospital**

**Question No: 966 / 2010**

[Andrew Boff](#)

Will you ensure that the sale of the St Clement's Hospital site is not parcelled with other sites?

## **Football foundation**

**Question No: 967 / 2010**

[Andrew Boff](#)

What will the Football Foundation achieve with the GLA's grant funding of up to £7million for its Facilities and Community project?

## **OPLC**

**Question No: 968 / 2010**

[Andrew Boff](#)

Can you guarantee that the Mayor will have a 50% stake in the OPLC?

## **LDA Olympic Land (1)**

**Question No: 969 / 2010**

[Andrew Boff](#)

At Budget and Performance Committee on 4th March 2010, the LDA revealed it had acquired land on the fringes of the Olympic Park which will not be passed to the OPLC. How much land is involved and where exactly is it located?

## **LDA Olympic Land (2)**

**Question No: 970 / 2010**

[Andrew Boff](#)

What are the LDA's plans for this land?

## **LDA Olympic Land (3)**

**Question No: 971 / 2010**

[Andrew Boff](#)

Will the LDA ensure that the OPLC and 5 host boroughs are closely involved with any development on this land?

## **Dalston Junction (1)**

**Question No: 972 / 2010**

[Andrew Boff](#)

How many bus routes will be expected to be parking on the Dalston Junction Transport Interchange when it opens for use?

## **Dalston Junction (2)**

**Question No: 973 / 2010**

[Andrew Boff](#)

How many active bus stands will be used on the Dalston Junction Transport Interchange in the first year of use?

## **River Crossings (2)**

**Question No: 975 / 2010**

[James Cleverly](#)

Please provide an update on TfL's investigations on future river crossings in east London.

## **Woolwich Ferry**

**Question No: 976 / 2010**

[James Cleverly](#)

In response to question 3603/2009, you referred to a TfL report investigating options for upgrading the Woolwich Ferry. What is the conclusion of this report and what action will be taken?

## **Blue light services in London**

**Question No: 977 / 2010**

[James Cleverly](#)

In February's MQT you promised to take up the co-ordination and scrutiny of blue light services in London with NHS London. How far has this been taken and are there any positive results?

## **West End Lane and Finchley Road**

**Question No: 978 / 2010**

[Brian Coleman](#)

For several years, local residents have been concerned about the safety of the junction of West End Lane and Finchley Road, which is widely used by pedestrians, including local schoolchildren. Would the Mayor instruct Transport for London to work with the Council and local residents to find an appropriate solution and to consider installing a new pedestrian crossing at this junction?

## **Northern Line Closures (1)**

**Question No: 979 / 2010**

[Brian Coleman](#)

Will the Mayor reassure my constituents that everything possible is being done to minimise disruption to local residents and businesses during the Northern Line upgrade works? Will he ensure that, wherever possible, line closures do not coincide with other local transport

disruptions, such as non-urgent road works?

## **Northern Line Closures (2)**

**Question No: 980 / 2010**

[Brian Coleman](#)

Would the Mayor list all the dates that have so far been arranged for weekend closures, and will he ensure that Londoners are kept fully informed of all future closure dates?

## **Gospel Oak to Barking Line**

**Question No: 981 / 2010**

[Brian Coleman](#)

Will the Mayor continue to press the Government to support long overdue improvements to the Gospel Oak to Barking National Rail Line?

## **Street Trees**

**Question No: 982 / 2010**

[Brian Coleman](#)

What progress is being made on delivering the 114 new street trees that have so far been allocated to Barnet, using money saved from cancelling the Londoner newspaper?

## **Electric Vehicles**

**Question No: 984 / 2010**

[Gareth Bacon](#)

Following the Mayor's achievement in securing the delivery of 7,500 new electric vehicle charging points across London, could the Mayor please provide further details as to where these new will be installed, including how many new charging points each borough will receive?

## **Street Trees**

**Question No: 985 / 2010**

[Gareth Bacon](#)

Could the Mayor please list how many street trees have so far been planted in each borough and priority area under the first and second phases of the Street Trees Programme? What plans are being developed for the final 4,500 trees under this programme?

## **London Rivers Action Plan**

**Question No: 986 / 2010**

[Gareth Bacon](#)

What progress is being made on restoring 15km of London's lost rivers under the London Rivers Action Plan, supported by the Greater London Authority? Which areas in London will see a reduced risk of flooding as part of this initiative?

## **Home Insulation (1)**

**Question No: 987 / 2010**

[Gareth Bacon](#)

Will the Mayor ensure that any loans made available to householders for insulation, in London's emerging "pay as you save" scheme, will not force householders to guarantee the loans against their properties and cause damage to the housing market, as has been proposed under the Government's scheme?

## **Home Insulation (2)**

**Question No: 988 / 2010**

[Gareth Bacon](#)

How many homes in each London borough have so far benefitted from the Mayor's Homes Energy Efficiency Programme?

## **468 bus at Nottingham Road**

**Question No: 989 / 2010**

[Steve O'Connell](#)

What will TfL do to ensure that the noise and disruption caused to neighbours at the terminus point by this route is removed?

## **Stafford Road, Croydon**

**Question No: 990 / 2010**

[Steve O'Connell](#)

TfL have repeatedly refused to allow Croydon Council to make the slip road one-way despite residents' safety complaints over many years about rat running. When will the Council be given permission for the benefit of its residents?

## **Formula Grant**

**Question No: 991 / 2010**

[Steve O'Connell](#)

Will the Mayor be lobbying the incoming government for a more equitable formula grant and RSG for outer London boroughs such as Croydon and Sutton who suffer under the current system?

## **Inequalities in health services**

**Question No: 993 / 2010**

[Steve O'Connell](#)

Given the recent fears outlined by the NHS London report on funding for Mayday and St Helier hospitals, is the Mayor concerned that a loss of health services will lead to serious health inequalities for my constituents?

## **Rough sleeping (1)**

**Question No: 994 / 2010**

[Steve O'Connell](#)

Will the Mayor provide me with an update on the progress made to tackle rough sleeping?

## **Rough sleeping (2)**

**Question No: 995 / 2010**

[Steve O'Connell](#)

If the target to end rough sleeping by 2012 is met and longer-term homeless people are taken off the streets, what policies does the Mayor believe should be pursued to ensure that no new people become long-term homeless?

## **Planning permission for small shops**

**Question No: 996 / 2010**

[Steve O'Connell](#)

To protect market stalls in Portobello Road and other small traders across London, will the Mayor lobby the Government to create new planning regulations that would allow local authorities to introduce local policies to require permission from businesses that wished to merge two small existing units together to create a larger unit?

## **Recycling**

**Question No: 998 / 2010**

[Tony Arbour](#)

In the Mayor's efforts to increase recycling, will he avoid the example set by Richmond Council which spent £11,000 on banners advertising food liner bags, resulting in only 433 requests for these bags – a cost of £25 per bag?

## **LDA Projects**

**Question No: 999 / 2010**

[Tony Arbour](#)

In the response to question 0339/2010, you referred to 186 LDA projects which will benefit Richmond, Kingston or Hounslow. Please can you provide a list of these 186 projects and indicate which boroughs benefit from each project?

## **Business Seminars**

**Question No: 1000 / 2010**

[Tony Arbour](#)

Did an evaluation take place for the LDA's 14 workshops for SMEs in 2009, and if so, what percentage of attendees found the workshops useful?

## **LDA land holdings**

**Question No: 1001 / 2010**

[Tony Arbour](#)

Please provide information on what land is owned by the LDA across London?

## **Royal Parks**

**Question No: 1002 / 2010**

[Tony Arbour](#)

If you were in charge of the Royal Parks, would you abandon plans to introduce parking charges

in Richmond and Bushy Parks?

## **Volunteers**

### **Question No: 1004 / 2010**

[Victoria Borwick](#)

The Mayor is encouraging Londoners to volunteer to improve communities and the quality of life in the capital, therefore will he join me in applauding Harrow Council for its 'Neighbourhood Champions' scheme and encourage other local authorities to follow Harrow's lead?

## **Conservation Areas**

### **Question No: 1005 / 2010**

[Victoria Borwick](#)

Given the revised draft London Plan's backing for Heritage-led regeneration, does the Mayor support Enfield Council creation of a new conservation area to preserve the Edwardian housing in Palmers Green, Enfield? And does he welcome the positive impact it will have in ensuring that new development is in keeping with the area's surroundings and in keeping with neighbouring properties?

## **LDA business seminars (1)**

### **Question No: 1006 / 2010**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Please would the Mayor tell me:

- How much will the new series of free seminars that the LDA is offering to small and medium sized businesses cost to provide?
- How many businesses are expected to be served by each seminar?
- How many separate seminars will be provided?
- And please would you list the boroughs in which seminars are taking place?

## **LDA business seminars (2)**

### **Question No: 1007 / 2010**

[Victoria Borwick](#)

What outcome-based indicators were used to judge the success of the business support seminars put on by the LDA judged last year? And how successful did the seminars prove to be?

## **TLRN Potholes (1)**

### **Question No: 1008 / 2010**

[Richard Tracey](#)

What is TfL's process for dealing with potholes on the TLRN?

## **TLRN Potholes (2)**

### **Question No: 1009 / 2010**

[Richard Tracey](#)

What is the average time taken between the reporting of a pothole on the TLRN and it being filled?

### **TLRN Potholes (3)**

**Question No: 1010 / 2010**

[Richard Tracey](#)

Over the last year, what is the longest time taken between the reporting of a pothole on the TLRN and it being filled?

### **Roadworks Permit Scheme (1)**

**Question No: 1011 / 2010**

[Richard Tracey](#)

Could the Mayor update the Assembly on the effect of the roadworks permit scheme?

### **Roadworks Permit Scheme (2)**

**Question No: 1012 / 2010**

[Richard Tracey](#)

Have any other London Boroughs expressed an interest in joining the initial 18 Boroughs involved in the roadworks permit scheme?

### **Eurostar Platforms (1)**

**Question No: 1013 / 2010**

[Richard Tracey](#)

With regard to your answer to question 3077/2009, could the Mayor update the Assembly on whether the Government have made any progress with ensuring that Waterloo International platforms are brought back into use sooner than 2013/14?

### **Olympic Transport (1)**

**Question No: 1015 / 2010**

[Richard Tracey](#)

What lessons have been learned from the Vancouver Olympics regarding traffic flow and congestion?

### **Olympic Transport (2)**

**Question No: 1016 / 2010**

[Richard Tracey](#)

What plans are there to increase the frequency of buses and trains during the 2012 Olympics?

### **East London Line (1)**

**Question No: 1017 / 2010**

[Richard Tracey](#)

Could the Mayor update the Assembly on the progress of the works on the East London Line?

## **East London Line (2)**

**Question No: 1018 / 2010**

[Richard Tracey](#)

When will work on extending the East London Line to Clapham Junction start?

## **City Hall income**

**Question No: 1019 / 2010**

[Roger Evans](#)

What income did City Hall generate in 2009-10 through the letting of meeting rooms and function space like the LLR? What will be generated overall in 2010-11 once newly available space is rented and what was the income level in 2007-08 under the previous administration? How far do you think City Hall will get towards paying for itself in future years?

## **Brussels office rental**

**Question No: 1020 / 2010**

[Roger Evans](#)

Why are the GLA leasing two separate offices in Brussels at Leopold Plaza and Square de Meeus? £500,000 is being saved on the current lease, even after relocation costs, but could more have been saved for the London taxpayer by a complete move or a joint leasing arrangement with another London body?

## **State of London debate**

**Question No: 1021 / 2010**

[Roger Evans](#)

Is the use of City Hall instead of the QEII Centre a valuable budget saving prudent for the GLA after years of excess?

## **Training for Staff (1)**

**Question No: 1024 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Please can you outline what training TfL and other train operating company staff have received on advising passengers about the Oyster PAYG extension to Rail services?

## **Training for Staff (2)**

**Question No: 1025 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Please can you outline what training TfL and other train operating company staff have received about Oyster Extension Permits?

## **Training for Staff (3)**

**Question No: 1026 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Please can you confirm how much of the training received by TfL and other train operating company staff on the Oyster PAYG extension to rail services and Oyster Extension Permits took place before January 1st, and how much took place after?

## **Thames Estuary Airport**

**Question No: 1027 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Now the world's leading airline companies have come out against a Thames Estuary Airport, along with the united opinion of the surrounding Councils, who are also against it, will you admit defeat and cease the activity of the Thames Estuary steering group?

## **Waterloo and City Line Saturday Service**

**Question No: 1028 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Can you please tell me if TfL have any proposals to close the Waterloo and City Line Saturday service?

## **Project to "re-brand" TfL**

**Question No: 1029 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

I understand that the plain sans-serif typeface branding, introduced by Visit London in 2008, may be extended to other divisions such as Transport for London.

- a) Is this the case for TfL?
- b) How much will this cost?

## **West Brompton Train Station**

**Question No: 1030 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

I have been informed that at West Brompton train station, the PA system on Platforms 3 and 4 has not worked for the last six months, the CIS information screen has not been working on Platform 3, there is a lack of passenger shelter on Platforms 3 and 4 and there is a big mess in the station garden on Platform 3. Will you instruct TfL to look into and fix these problems?

## **Oyster card Helpline**

**Question No: 1031 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

I have heard many reports that the Oyster card helpline is slow to answer calls since the number of calls has jumped from 2000 to 6000 since 2nd January. What steps have TfL taken in dealing with this increase in calls?

## **Refurbishing the Blackwall Tunnel**

**Question No: 1032 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

How much warning will be given in advance for road users about the weekend closures of the Blackwall Tunnel so they can make other arrangements? How will the weekend closures be communicated with road users?

## **North London Line works (1)**

**Question No: 1033 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Can you explain why passengers using Caledonian Road & Barnsbury station have not been included in the replacement bus service route during the Overground (North London Line) works?

## **North London Line works (2)**

**Question No: 1034 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Can you suggest what Caledonian Road & Barnsbury station passengers should do to get to Camden Road or Highbury & Islington stations until the works are complete?

## **Disruption on Streatham High Road junction with Becmead Avenue (1)**

**Question No: 1035 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

I have heard that the progress on the works on this junction has been slow. Please can you provide me with a timetable of when it will be completed?

## **Disruption on Streatham High Road junction with Becmead Avenue (2)**

**Question No: 1036 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Please can you tell me if these works have run over their original schedule and by how much?

## **Disruption on Streatham High Road junction with Becmead Avenue (3)**

**Question No: 1037 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Please can you tell me what the full budget is for this project and what has been spent to date?

## **Works to the North London Line (1)**

**Question No: 1038 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Could you confirm the provisional estimated cost for the basic infrastructure, track, resignalling and electrification works to the North London Line in preparation for the operation of the expanded London Overground and other freight services operating between Stratford, Camden Road and onward to Willesden Junction is still estimated at £326m?

## **Works to the North London Line (2)**

**Question No: 1039 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Do you expect this budgeted sum to be met or exceeded in the light of experiences with cost over-runs and delays with London Underground projects?

### **Works to the North London Line (3)**

**Question No: 1040 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

How many TfL London Rail sponsored trains will operate between Stratford and Camden Road and how many freight and other services over the same section are expected to operate on a typical weekday?

### **Works to the North London Line (4)**

**Question No: 1041 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Can you confirm that TfL London Rail monies are being allocated to fund improvements to the national rail system for the benefit of both TfL London Rail services and freight and other services that use the North London Line?

### **The Future of Ealing Public Transport (1)**

**Question No: 1042 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

In the light of your reply to MQ (500/2010), and the rejection by the Secretary of State for Communities & Local Government of the development plan for the Arcadia site in the centre of Ealing, do you agree that Crossrail now provides an unparalleled opportunity for an integrated public transport interchange over the tracks at Ealing Broadway station?

### **The Future of Ealing Public Transport (2)**

**Question No: 1043 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Would you urge TfL to consult with other stakeholders, including Network Rail, Ealing Council, the current leaseholder of the station buildings and local community groups as represented by Save Ealing's Centre, to develop a joint plan for such an interchange, which would both provide a fitting gateway to Ealing town centre and create value for the community as a whole?

### **Watch the Bus Bugs Don't Bite! (1)**

**Question No: 1044 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Were you as horrified as me to read recent reports about the disturbing amount of bugs on our buses and trains?

### **Watch the Bus Bugs Don't Bite! (2)**

**Question No: 1045 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Can you assure Londoners that TfL will step up their efforts to keep our buses, trams and trains clean and bug-free?

### **Watch the Bus Bugs Don't Bite! (3)**

**Question No: 1046 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

How much is spent keeping TfL's transport system bug free? Please can you provide the cost for each mode (bus, tram and train)?

### **Countdown in Kingston (1)**

**Question No: 1047 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Could you please give an update to how the Countdown consultation is going in Kingston?

### **Countdown in Kingston (2)**

**Question No: 1048 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Can you assure local people and councillors in Kingston that their views will be listened to and taken on board where appropriate with regards to the location of Countdown signs?

### **Bus Frequencies**

**Question No: 1049 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What are your criteria for increasing the frequency of a bus service from one an hour to two an hour, for instance the 481 bus?

### **Finsbury Park Station works (1)**

**Question No: 1050 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Please can you give me an update on the major works at Finsbury Park Station?

### **Finsbury Park station works (2)**

**Question No: 1051 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Can you confirm that the major works will still be completed by the end of August 2010? If not, can you provide a new timetable for the completion? Can you confirm that the major works will still be completed by the end of August 2010? If not, can you provide a new timetable for the completion?

### **Countdown at Hammersmith Station**

**Question No: 1052 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Given the huge number of bus routes around Hammersmith station, will you consider installing new countdown signs in the covered walkways at the shopping centre to ensure passengers stay out of the cold and wet when waiting for buses?

## **A501 One-Way system King's Cross**

**Question No: 1053 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Following question (546/2010), please can you provide statistics on the number of personal injury accidents for the past three years for the following roads: Acton Street, Swinton Street, King's Cross Road, and Gray's Inn Road.

## **Holloway Road**

**Question No: 1054 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Will the Mayor investigate moving the bus stop outside Holloway Road tube station to allow pedestrians to cross the road safely without buses blocking the pelican crossing and impeding pedestrian visibility?

## **Bus routes in East Dulwich**

**Question No: 1055 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Further to your answer from question (552/2010), could you please clarify how you have any idea of the level of potential new demand? What calculations have you used and have you consulted with local people?

## **Zip Cards**

**Question No: 1056 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Please can you supply per borough:

- a) how many zip cards have been confiscated away from young people
- b) how many have been cancelled as a result of the photo being defaced
- c) how many have been given back on appeal

## **Junction Safety on Clayhall Avenue and Southend Road**

**Question No: 1057 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Will you review the junction of Clayhall Avenue and Southend Road after a child ran out into the road after railings were removed, and narrowly avoided being run over?

## **Canada Water Bus Station (1)**

**Question No: 1058 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Do you agree with me that by closing a bus station for 8 weeks it causes a lot of disruption for users of the station, therefore there should be a lot of notice and full information on alternative arrangements?

## **Canada Water Bus Station (2)**

**Question No: 1059 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Why were local councillors and residents only told about the closing of this bus station for 8 weeks just days before it was due to start?

## **Canada Water Bus Station (3)**

**Question No: 1060 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Why were there no signs at the bus station informing passengers of the 8-week closures well in advance of this closure?

## **Improving air quality in London through transport (1)**

**Question No: 1061 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Following the success in recent years of reducing PM10 emissions in buses, can you outline your plans to reduce other gases, especially NOx emissions in buses, as with approximately 8,300 buses on the roads in London there is significant potential here to make a real difference?

## **Improving air quality in London through transport (2)**

**Question No: 1062 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Buses are not the only culprits for harmful emissions. What is your plan to reduce emissions from other modes of transport in London to improve the air quality for Londoners?

## **Improving air quality in London through transport (3)**

**Question No: 1063 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Tyre and brake wear from vehicles cause a huge amount of damage to the air quality in London – as well as exhaust emissions. What innovative plans do you have to reduce these harmful emissions?

## **110 Bus Route**

**Question No: 1064 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Many hundreds of signatures have been collected requesting the extension of the 110 bus route, to include a loop through Whitton High Street, adding just 6 minutes to the journey. This would be a huge benefit to the local community. Will you personally review the plans and ask TfL to introduce this change?

## **Underpass at Bricklayer's Arms**

**Question No: 1065 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Will you instruct TfL to seriously consider local MP Simon Hughes' proposal to close the unnecessary underpass at the Bricklayer's Arms roundabout on the Old Kent Road, in light of

the recent attack on a local resident that took place there? How quickly could this be implemented?

### **Dial-a-Ride (1)**

**Question No: 1066 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Please publish a table showing the number of Dial-a-Ride members in each London borough.

### **Dial-a-Ride (2)**

**Question No: 1067 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Please publish a table showing for each London borough the number of requests for trips via the Dial-a-Ride service, the number of refused trips, the number of completed trips and the refusal rate as a percentage of the total number of requests made during the most recent four week period?

### **Dial-a-Ride (3)**

**Question No: 1068 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

- a) the number of vehicles in the DaR fleet
- b) the number of DaR drivers (head count)
- c) the number of DaR drivers (full time equivalent)
- d) the average number of trips per annum per driver (head count) and (full time equivalent)

### **Dial-a-Ride (4)**

**Question No: 1069 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Drivers currently do not record mileage at boarding and alighting for all trips; please provide the operational and dead miles for each year from 2004/5 to 2009/10.

### **Shepherd's Bush step free access (1)**

**Question No: 1070 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Further to your answer to question (182/2010), what was the original scope of the station works agreed with Westfield Ltd if the inclusion of lifts was originally included?

### **Shepherd's Bush step free access (2)**

**Question No: 1071 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Given the success of the new Westfield shopping centre, have any discussions taken place about them contributing any money to finish the step free access at this station?

### **Shepherds Bush Step Free Access (3)**

**Question No: 1072 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Can you let me know which companies TfL approached to tender, and what were their estimates of costs, for the (now cancelled) step free access at Shepherds Bush Station?

### **Shepherds Bush Step Free Access (4)**

**Question No: 1073 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Further to my question last month (182/2010), please can you give me a detailed breakdown on what the £39 million was spent on exactly?

### **Northern Line closures affecting local businesses (1)**

**Question No: 1074 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

A constituent and trader from Camden has contacted me concerned about the Northern Line closures planned to take place. When the station was closed over a weekend recently my constituent saw a huge drop in sales and is extremely worried about there being a potential of 82 weekend closures, as this would cause severe financial hardship to the business in these tough economic times. Do you have any plans in place to support local businesses through this?

### **Northern Line closures affecting local businesses (2)**

**Question No: 1075 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Will you reconsider this closure plan and do the works in short 2-4 week intensive blockades on sections of the line, with 5 weekend closures to test the lines, instead of the huge series of up to 82 weekend closures?

### **Secure bike parking on council estates**

**Question No: 1076 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Will TfL support secure bike parking on council estates in London where bikes have been removed from communal areas, such as balconies and landings, because of fire risk assessments?

### **New London Overground Trains (1)**

**Question No: 1077 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Why have the new C378 trains not been introduced on the Euston - Watford Service yet?

### **New London Overground Trains (2)**

**Question No: 1078 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Have any safety or risk assessments or reports, including circulated draft reports, been carried out by any known party that imply a risk to child or adult safety may occur with the use of

Driver only operation on the C378 trains at platforms?

### **New London Overground Trains (3)**

**Question No: 1079 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

If any reports have been produced what is the stated risk and how will this be mitigated?

### **New London Overground Trains (4)**

**Question No: 1080 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What is the impact of this to London residents and taxpayers in terms of safety and cost?

### **New London Overground Trains (5)**

**Question No: 1081 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Of the 13 class 378 trains that have been ordered for the extension to Clapham Junction, and for the extension from Dalston Junction to Highbury and Islington please define the numbers required for each extension of service.

### **New London Overground Trains (6)**

**Question No: 1082 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What is the minimum number of trains that the operator has stated they will require for the extension from Dalston Junction to Highbury and Islington?

### **New London Overground Trains (7)**

**Question No: 1083 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

When will these new trains be delivered (please give dates for each unit and the total number of C378 trains delivered for operation at the dates given)?

### **New London Overground Trains (8)**

**Question No: 1084 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Please show the profile of the number of C378 trains required to operate the services agreed with the operator for each timetable foreseen against given dates.

### **New London Overground Trains (9)**

**Question No: 1085 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Is there any truth in the rumour that TfL have ordered up to 5 C378 trains that are not required?

## **New London Overground Trains (10)**

**Question No: 1086 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

How much is being paid for each C378 train?

## **New London Overground Trains (11)**

**Question No: 1087 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

How much does it cost to maintain each C378 train per year?

## **236 Bus route**

**Question No: 1088 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Given the proposals to close the accident and emergency unit at Islington's only hospital, the Whittington, will the Mayor explain how he justifies the proposed withdrawal of the night service on the 236 bus route when this is the only bus between Islington and the Homerton Hospital, one of the proposed alternative accident and emergency units?

## **TfL Road Network Highway Enforcement in Wandsworth**

**Question No: 1089 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

The recent TfL Surface Transport Panel papers state that the pilot TfL road network highway enforcement in Wandsworth has been a success, and is "clearly beneficial for the local community and for the drive towards creating better streets." However, it goes on to say there will be no funding for this in the future for any other borough. Why are you not devolving this scheme and funding to other boroughs if it was such a success?

## **Fire in South Bermondsey**

**Question No: 1090 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Following the recent fire in South Bermondsey that caused huge disruption to the transport network, what urgent discussions have you had with Network Rail and other appropriate bodies about safety of certain material stored within the railway arches?

## **TfL Staff Redundancies (1)**

**Question No: 1091 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

How many redundancies have there been at TfL in the years 2008/09 and 2009/10?

## **TfL Staff Redundancies (1)**

**Question No: 1092 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What redundancy package have these staff received from TfL, such as one off payments, payments for each year of service and pension contributions?

## **TfL Staff Redundancies (1)**

**Question No: 1093 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What has the total costs of redundancy pay outs been at TfL in the years 2008/09 and 2009/10?

## **OPAYG Passengers being overcharged (1)**

**Question No: 1094 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

How many passengers have been overcharged due to anomalies in January and February this year since Oyster Pay As You Go has been extended to Overground rail services?

## **OPAYG Passengers being overcharged (2)**

**Question No: 1095 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What is the total amount these passengers have been overcharged by for January and February of this year?

## **OPAYG Passengers being overcharged (3)**

**Question No: 1096 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

How much has been reimbursed to passengers to date for January and February of this year?

## **Increase in frontline policing**

**Question No: 1097 / 2010**

[Dee Doocey](#)

At Mayor's Question Time on 24 February 2010, you twice mentioned an increase in frontline policing of 2,235. Can you give me a breakdown of this figure, and tell me what period it refers to?

## **Cardiff model in tackling knife crime**

**Question No: 1098 / 2010**

[Dee Doocey](#)

Do you support the use of the so-called Cardiff model of tackling knife crime, developed by Professor Jonathan Shepherd, where accident and emergency departments collect anonymous data on the precise location and time of violent incidents involving knife crime and with the data then shared with the crime and disorder reduction partnership? If so, what steps have you taken to encourage its greater use across the whole of London?

## **London 2012 Volunteering Programme**

**Question No: 1099 / 2010**

[Dee Doocey](#)

When will people who have already registered their interest with LOCOG in being a volunteer for the 2012 Games be contacted about applying for the programme?

## **Working hours for Special Constables**

### **Question No: 1100 / 2010**

[Dee Doocey](#)

Your answer to my question 140/2010 states that Special Constables joining after 31 March 2010 will be required to work a minimum of 25 hours a month (i.e. 300 hours a year). Yet your answer to my question 503/2010 states "There is no increase in the hours expected by officers recruited under the Employer Supported Scheme (ESP) officers will continue to be supported by their employer to perform 200 duty hours annually". Can you explain the apparent discrepancy between these two statements? Can you also let me have, for each of the next 3 financial years, your estimate of how many Special Constables will be required to work a minimum of 25 hours a month, and how many will be required to work a minimum of 16 hours a month?

## **Working hours for Special Constables**

### **Question No: 1101 / 2010**

[Dee Doocey](#)

Your answer to my question 503/2010 states "There is no increase in the hours expected by officers recruited under the Employer Supported Scheme (ESP) officers will continue to be supported by their employer to perform 200 duty hours annually" [i.e. 16 hours a month]. This would appear to contradict the MPS website which states that: "Employers work with the MPS to recruit their staff into the Metropolitan Special Constabulary (MSC). Staff are provided up to 12 ½ hours per month paid special leave to patrol in areas relevant and/or local to their day job or employing sector. The other 12 ½ hours per month as a minimum commitment is provided in the employees own time." – a total of 25 hours per month, or 300 hours per year. Can you explain the discrepancy between these two statements?

## **Special Constables – Employer Supported Scheme**

### **Question No: 1102 / 2010**

[Dee Doocey](#)

How many Special Constables currently within the Met were recruited through the Employer Supported Scheme? How many Special Constables do you expect to be recruited through the Employer Supported Scheme in each of the next 3 financial years?

## **Olympic Land owned by the LDA**

### **Question No: 1103 / 2010**

[Dee Doocey](#)

In terms of area, what percentage of the land that was purchased by the LDA as a result of London winning the bid to host the 2012 Games lies outside the Olympic Park? Please also state how many hectares this covers?

## **Olympic Engagement programme**

### **Question No: 1104 / 2010**

[Dee Doocey](#)

Your Mayoral Decision 559 lists the 'Look of London' as one of five priority projects, within the Olympic City Operations programme, that the GLA intends to raise revenue for. How much money are you hoping to raise specifically for this, and is it necessary to raise money in addition to the £32 million already included within the £9.325 billion public sector funding package for the Games?

## **Olympic and Paralympic ticketing**

**Question No: 1105 / 2010**

[Dee Doocey](#)

Historically, it would appear that European law has been interpreted in a number of different ways by the organising committees of sporting events. Indeed, tickets for the UEFA Europa League football final to be held in May 2010 went on sale to people living in Germany well before a wider audience. On behalf of Londoners, will you seek independent legal advice to see whether it is possible under European law to give discounted tickets for the 2012 Games to any particular group of people within London?

## **Childcare Affordability Programme (1)**

**Question No: 1107 / 2010**

[Dee Doocey](#)

Can you give details of the LDA's agreed funding for the Childcare Affordability Programme (CAP09) for each of the next three financial years?

## **Childcare Affordability Programme (2)**

**Question No: 1108 / 2010**

[Dee Doocey](#)

The Childcare Affordability Programme 09 was designed as a pilot project - what plans do the LDA have to roll out this initiative?

## **Air quality – NO2 levels**

**Question No: 1109 / 2010**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

In your revised air quality strategy, will you agree to speed up the achievement of the target that annual mean concentrations of ambient nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) do not exceed 60 micrograms per cubic metre (ug/m<sup>3</sup>) by 2015? Bringing forward clean air measures for one or more periods during 2012 will showcase London's sustainability credentials and help justify the transport restrictions needed for the 2012 Olympic Games and Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

## **Air quality - Publication of strategy**

**Question No: 1110 / 2010**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Given we are entering Spring shortly, when you said you would publish your draft Air Quality Strategy, please give me an update on its likely timing and progress (eg early, middle or late Spring) and confirm it will comply with the requirements of the GLA Act (eg to include policies and proposals for the achievement of the EU limit values).

## **Air Quality – Government Data**

**Question No: 1111 / 2010**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Will you lobby central Government to update their figures for premature deaths due to both short-term and long-term exposure to air pollution, as they are still quoting data from 1998? The Campaign for Clean Air in London has estimated from previously published Government data there were some 3,460 premature deaths in London and around 35,000 in the UK in 2005 alone. Failure to update data means the public is misled about the full extent of the health

risks of poor air quality.

## **Air quality – Taxi Emissions**

**Question No: 1112 / 2010**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Further to MQ526/2010, what percentage reductions in PM10 and NOX emissions in Central London could be expected if all taxis met Euro 4 standards in 2011?

## **Air quality – NHS engagement**

**Question No: 1113 / 2010**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Further to MQ522/2010, what meetings have you had with the Department of Health and NHS regarding air quality in London? What actions have arisen from these meetings and are you satisfied with the level of engagement from the health sector on this issue?

## **Davos**

**Question No: 1114 / 2010**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

How much did your trip to Davos by you and your staff cost Londoners?

## **Warming Winter DVD**

**Question No: 1115 / 2010**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

I received a letter from you on 1 March (dated 25 February) enclosing the 'Warming Winter' DVD. Whilst I am very pleased that the GLA is taking an active part in helping London's older people stay warm in winter, I am concerned that this is being distributed after much of the cold weather is over. How many DVDs were distributed, to whom and when precisely were they sent out?

## **Crown Estate**

**Question No: 1116 / 2010**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

What representations have you made to the Crown Estate regarding the proposed sale of their affordable housing in the Lee Green, Millbank, Victoria Park and Cumberland Market estates? Given that the GLA's 2008 Strategic Housing Market Assessment concluded that 18,200 new affordable homes are needed every year in London, do you agree with me that existing key worker and intermediate housing should be safeguarded?

## **Mayor's Fund**

**Question No: 1117 / 2010**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

You previously said "I have agreed that I should not be informed of the names of the individual donors" to the Mayor's Fund, because "naming donors might give rise to the suggestion that certain individuals expect something in return for their donations" [MQ 1161/2009, May 2009]. You have now said "I am aware of the donor's identity" in relation to a major global bank which donated a seven figure sum to the Fund [MQ 530/2010]. If you know the identity of donors,

but the public does not, how can we be sure donations are not influencing your decision making?

## **Mayor's Fund – Openness and transparency**

**Question No: 1118 / 2010**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Will you reconsider your previous decision not to name donors to the Mayor's Fund [MQ1161/2009] and agree to ensure that all donations to the Mayor's Fund for London above £1,000 are published?

## **Mayor's Fund - Patron**

**Question No: 1119 / 2010**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

What activities have you undertaken in 2009/10 in your role as Patron of the Mayor's Fund?

## **Climate Change strategies**

**Question No: 1120 / 2010**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

What are the biggest barriers to London achieving the 60% reduction target in CO2 by 2025?

## **Private investment in rental**

**Question No: 1121 / 2010**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

What progress is being made to increase the number of high quality affordable housing units for rent through the HCA's private sector investment initiative?

## **GLA payments**

**Question No: 1122 / 2010**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Further to MQ533/2010 what percentage of suppliers were paid within 30 days in February 2010? What percentage of SMEs were paid within 10 days?

## **Morning newspaper contract – recycling**

**Question No: 1123 / 2010**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

TfL's press release of 5 March, announcing the awarding of the morning free newspaper contract to Metro, stated that they "will further encourage newspaper recycling with more recycling bins at key stations" and "will also include new measures to reduce the number of copies left behind at the end of the distribution period every day". How many more recycling bins will be provided, and at what stations? What other measures to improve environmental performance were negotiated?

## **Events for London 2010/11**

**Question No: 1124 / 2010**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

What events have the GLA and LDA agreed to fund for 2010/11? What previously funded events from 2008/9 and 2009/10 will not be funded this year? What criteria are used to decide whether to fund events and for how much?

## **New housing delivery arrangements**

**Question No: 1126 / 2010**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

What progress has been made by the Community Land Trust Delivery board?

## **Consultation**

**Question No: 1127 / 2010**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

Will you consult Londoners and their representatives on your fares decision for 2010/11?

## **Cabinet for London**

**Question No: 1128 / 2010**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

You admit that you haven't fulfilled the "letter of your pledge" by failing to set up the promised Cabinet for London [MQ 2143/2009]. But you did say that "we will be putting information about our regular [team] meetings on the website in due course". [MQ 2083/2008]. Can you now fulfil your pledge of "a more open and transparent decision making process" by making details of these meetings public on a regular basis?

## **Air Quality**

**Question No: 1129 / 2010**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

You claim to be "passionately committed to improving London's air quality". What additional measures will you introduce following consultation on the draft Air Quality Strategy to improve the air quality in London in order to meet safe levels?

## **Expenditure over £1000**

**Question No: 1130 / 2010**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

The London.gov website states that "The Mayor is committed to providing financial transparency and has instructed that regular reports should be published on all GLA expenditure over £1,000". Yet the last list of expenditure over £1000 online is from December 2009. Will you ensure that these lists are updated regularly?

## **Mayor's Prize**

**Question No: 1131 / 2010**

[Mike Tuffrey](#)

When will you hold the first Mayor's Prize for the best new ideas for low carbon technology

from London's students?

## **Northern Line closures (1)**

**Question No: 1132 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Given there are huge concerns up and down the Northern Line about the proposed closure programme, why won't London Underground engage with local councils such as Islington, who have invited Richard Parry to discuss the issues with one of their Scrutiny Committees?

## **Northern Line closures (2)**

**Question No: 1133 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

I recently met with businesses and traders in Camden Town, Belsize Park and Hampstead to discuss the proposed Northern Line closures programme. They are seriously concerned about the devastating impact early evening and weekend closures will have on their local economies. Will you urge London Underground and Tubelines to think again about these plans?

## **Bus Lane on Jamaica Rd, Bermondsey**

**Question No: 1134 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Will you consider a pilot for 6 months to change the hours of the bus lane on Jamaica Road, Bermondsey from 24 hours to 7am to 7pm or peak hours only, to help relieve congestion in the area, whilst the bus lane is fairly empty?

## **Overground network (1)**

**Question No: 1135 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Please you confirm the full extent of the scheduled closures to the Overground network over the next two years.

## **Overground network closures (2)**

**Question No: 1136 / 2010**

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Can you confirm if these closures on the Overground network will allow all the work to be completed by the time of the Olympics in 2012 and, if not, what will still be required after the Olympics and how will this affect the line in terms of closures during the week and at weekends.

## **Rape Crisis Centres**

**Question No: 1141 / 2010**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

You recently announced £1.4m of funding from the GLA for rape crisis provision. How much extra is being contributed to by local authorities?

## **The Policing Pledge**

**Question No: 1142 / 2010**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

The Policing Pledge states that, "They [Safer Neighbourhoods team] will spend at least 80% of their time visibly working in your neighbourhood, tackling your local policing priorities." Can you confirm what "visibly working" means?

Is plain clothes work included in the "visibly working" commitment?

## **Trade Union Meetings**

**Question No: 1144 / 2010**

[John Biggs](#)

Since being elected, how many meetings have you had, and how many meetings have your officials had, with transport trade unions to discuss the "no strike deal" you promised in your election manifesto?

## **Cronyism**

**Question No: 1145 / 2010**

[Len Duvall](#)

Have you ended the "culture of cronyism" at City Hall?

## **Banning Plastic Bags in London**

**Question No: 1150 / 2010**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

What have you done to ban plastic bags in London?

## **Polluter Pays?**

**Question No: 1151 / 2010**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Why does the Polluter Pays principle not apply to vans?

## **Council Tax rebates for Insulation**

**Question No: 1152 / 2010**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

How much funding have you provided for London's Councils to offer Council Tax rebates to their residents to encourage them to install insulation?

## **Mayor's Prize for Low Carbon Technology**

**Question No: 1153 / 2010**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Who has won the Mayoral prize for the most promising discovery in the field of new low carbon technology applicable in an urban environment?

## **Outer London Buses**

**Question No: 1154 / 2010**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Will you be rolling out a programme of orbital bus routes for outer London?

## **Bus Lanes**

**Question No: 1155 / 2010**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

When will local Councils be synchronising bus lanes rules?

## **Late night tube operation**

**Question No: 1156 / 2010**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

When will TfL begin to keep the tube open for one hour later on Friday and Saturday nights?

## **No strike deal**

**Question No: 1157 / 2010**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

On a scale of 0-10 how would you assess your progress on negotiating no strike deals with Tube unions? (Where 0 is nothing achieved at all and 10 = a no strike deal has been agreed and fully implemented)

## **Pedicabs**

**Question No: 1158 / 2010**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

When will pedicabs be properly regulated and controlled?

## **Step free access**

**Question No: 1159 / 2010**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

What additional funding have you secured for step free projects at Overground stations during your term of office thus far?

## **Customer friendly CC charging**

**Question No: 1160 / 2010**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

In what way did you change the Congestion charge payment and pricing system when the current contract commenced in 2009?

## **PPP**

**Question No: 1161 / 2010**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

How exactly have you strengthened the role of the independent arbiter?

## **Press Officers**

**Question No: 1163 / 2010**

[John Biggs](#)

How many press officers work in the Mayor's media team?

## **Chairing MPA**

**Question No: 1164 / 2010**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

When you promised to "chair the Metropolitan Police Authority", should you have added "for twenty months only"?

## **Crime Figures**

**Question No: 1165 / 2010**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

In 2008 you stated that, "We have seen a steady and undisputed rise in robbery, violence against the person and other violent crimes". Was this comment extremely misleading, given that it compared pre-2002 figures with post-2002 figures?

## **Responsibilities**

**Question No: 1166 / 2010**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Why are you no longer taking personal responsibility for the MPA?

## **Police Forms**

**Question No: 1167 / 2010**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

What MPS forms have you taken out of use since you became Mayor?

## **Employment Numbers**

**Question No: 1168 / 2010**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

How many MPS press officers were employed on 1 May 2008? What were the staffing costs associated with them? How many MPS press officers were employed on 1 March 2010? What were the staffing costs associated with them?

## **CCTV on Buses**

**Question No: 1169 / 2010**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Did a trial of live CCTV on buses take place?

- What were the results?
- Is it being rolled out to all buses?
- What are the costs involved?
- What effect on crime did it have?

## **MPA Advertising**

**Question No: 1170 / 2010**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

You have said that you wished to cut the amount spent on MPA advertising and press officers in order to fund 50 British Transport Police Officers. Can you confirm the amount of savings you have made and the number of British Transport Police Officers it has funded?

## **TfL Advertising**

**Question No: 1171 / 2010**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

You have said that you wished to cut the amount spent on TfL advertising and press officers in order to fund approximately 440 PCSOs. Can you confirm the amount of savings you have made and the number of PCSOs. it has funded?

## **Young People Free Travel**

**Question No: 1172 / 2010**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

How many young people have had their free travel removed since you became Mayor? How many of them have had their free travel re-instated, as a result of their volunteering? Please list all schemes these young people have been volunteering with and how many volunteering hours have been completed to date?

## **Revenue Protection Inspectors**

**Question No: 1173 / 2010**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

What investigations have a) TfL; and b) MPA; conducted regarding giving Revenue Protection Inspectors the basic power to compel someone to provide their name and address?

## **Designing Out Crime**

**Question No: 1174 / 2010**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

What amendments have you made to the London Plan and the Mayor's Housing Strategy that will design out crime?

## **Neighbourhood Policing**

**Question No: 1175 / 2010**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

What do you mean by neighborhood policing?

## **Neighbourhood Policing 2**

**Question No: 1176 / 2010**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

According to MPS figures, in December 2008, West End ward in Westminster had 1818 TNOs. In January 2010 Darwin ward in Bromley had 13 TNOs. With such a disparity in TNOs should both

wards have the same SNT structure and number of officers

## **London Underground Upgrades**

**Question No: 1177 / 2010**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Are you confident that you will deliver the London Underground upgrades that Londoners have been promised?

## **City Airport Expansion**

**Question No: 1178 / 2010**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

At your Environment Question Time event at Ilford in January you expressed sympathy for those questioners who complained that their quality of life had been seriously damaged by living under the flight path to City Airport. Yet in 2008 you wrote to the Government Office for London withdrawing your predecessor's request that GOL should prohibit Newham Council from granting planning permission for City Airport to increase flights to 120,000 a year until a public inquiry had been held into the impact of this proposed expansion of air traffic. Do you now regret that decision?

## **Cycling Super Highways**

**Question No: 1179 / 2010**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

A constituent of mine has a number of questions about the proposed Cycling Super Highways

- (a) Will they be shared with buses?
- (b) Will they operate 24 hours?
- (c) Are there any parking restrictions?
- (d) What happens when you get into central London?
- (e) Will there be cameras similar to bus lane cameras to stop cars from driving in them?
- (f) Who gets priority when they cross a road or junction?

## **Cycling Superhighways 2**

**Question No: 1180 / 2010**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

A constituent asks me to ask you ' Q Cycling Superhighways. "Will motorbikes use the Cycle Superhighways as they currently do with cycle lanes, and illegally with ASLs? How will this be enforced?"

## **Recent works on the TLRN in Brixton**

**Question No: 1181 / 2010**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Many experienced cyclists are finding the new road layout in Brixton dangerous for cyclists going south from Brixton Road to Brixton Hill.

Tfl has told cyclists that measures to reduce the danger for cycling will not be introduced as the measures would reduce highway space for motoring. Will the Mayor continue to put driving

above cyclist's safety, even though many people driving are only driving short distances which they would walk or cycle if they felt safe?

## **Recent works on the TLRN in Brixton 2**

**Question No: 1182 / 2010**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Years of evidence, including recent developments carried out by Southwark and Lambeth Councils on Walworth and Wandsworth Road, show that reallocating road space to cycling and walking does not cause the congestion predicted by computer modelling. Despite numerous complaints to TfL from experienced cyclists about the safety of the new road scheme in Brixton, why will the Mayor as head of TfL, in line with his stated support for cycling, not reallocate road space in Brixton so that the area is safe to cycle through?

## **Recent works on the TLRN in Brixton 3**

**Question No: 1183 / 2010**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Why, despite his stated support for cycling, is the Mayor still putting road capacity for cars above a direct route from Coldharbour Lane to Acre Lane in Brixton for the large number of cyclists who use that route?

## **Recent works on the TLRN in Brixton 4**

**Question No: 1184 / 2010**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

40 years of evidence confirms that increasing or maintaining road capacity does not Smooth the Traffic Flow but encourages more people to drive. Why are TfL still using road capacity as a reason for not carrying out works to encourage cycling? In particular opposing requests to alter recent highway developments in Brixton so it is safe to cycle, and install a direct cycle route from Coldharbour Lane to Acre Lane?

## **The Cycle Superhighway through the Oval**

**Question No: 1186 / 2010**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Would the Mayor be happy for children to cycle unaccompanied through the Oval Junction following the installation of the Cycle Super Highway?

## **The Cycle Superhighway through the Oval 2**

**Question No: 1187 / 2010**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

The Oval junction is notorious for cycle casualties. Given that many experienced cyclists find the area intimidating what works will be carried out as part of the Cycle Super Highway scheme to address safety and encourage new cyclists?

## **The Cycle Superhighway through the Oval 3**

**Question No: 1188 / 2010**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

The Department For Transport has stated that gyratories like the one at Stockwell Triangle

cannot be made safe for cycling. How will the Cycle Super Highway tackle this?

## **The Cycle Superhighway through the Stockwell Triangle**

**Question No: 1189 / 2010**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Would the Mayor be happy for children to cycle unaccompanied through the Stockwell Triangle following the installation of the Cycle Super Highway?

## **20mph on the Cycle Super Highway**

**Question No: 1190 / 2010**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Many people currently driving would walk and cycle and allow their children to walk and cycle if the amount and speed of traffic was reduced.

If the Mayor will not reduce the amount of traffic by reallocating road space to walking and cycling, or road pricing, will he support Living Streets the CTC and LCCs call for a default speed limit of 20 mph on all roads in built up areas, in order to encourage walking and cycling, leaving the roads freer for people who have to drive, that is smoothing the traffic flow

## **20mph on the Cycle Super Highway 2**

**Question No: 1191 / 2010**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Will the Mayor install 20mph on the Cycle Super Highways in line with Living Streets, the CTC and LCC's policy of a default speed limit of 20mph on all roads in built up areas.

## **New Initiatives**

**Question No: 1192 / 2010**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Please list briefly any policy or service initiatives you have taken which were not already planned or being delivered by your predecessor, i.e. they are uniquely your initiatives? Do not, please, reiterate any initiatives or policies which were in fact begun or planned by Ken Livingstone.

## **Advance Stop Lines (1)**

**Question No: 1193 / 2010**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

How many Fixed Penalty Notices have been issued to drivers who stop in ASLs in 2007, 2008 and 2009?

## **Advance Stop Lines (2)**

**Question No: 1194 / 2010**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

How many drivers have been issued with cautions for stopping in ASLs?

### **Advance Stop Lines (3)**

**Question No: 1195 / 2010**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Does the Mayor have any plans for reducing the number of drivers occupying ASLs illegally?

### **Congestion Charge Auto Pay**

**Question No: 1196 / 2010**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Please could you provide an update on the progress towards introducing CC Auto Pay? What is the latest estimated date for this new payment facility to be introduced?

### **London Travel Demand Survey**

**Question No: 1197 / 2010**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

According to the "Travel in London" report published last year, the London Travel Demand Survey dataset "is intended for wide dissemination and use among TfL's partners and stakeholders.... During 2009, TfL will publish the full dataset on its website". Why is this data not yet published?

### **Replacement Buses at Canada Water**

**Question No: 1198 / 2010**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

I have received complaints about the frequent changes to locations of Jubilee Line replacement bus stops and poor signage in and around Canada Water underground and bus station directing passengers to the appropriate location. Will you take steps to improve the signage in the area station?

### **Canada Water Bus Station Closure**

**Question No: 1199 / 2010**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

What efforts did TfL take to inform local residents and bus passengers about the planned 8-week closure of Canada Water Bus Station and associated changes to routes and stops?

### **Out of order Oystercard Readers on Buses (1)**

**Question No: 1200 / 2010**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

How reliable are Oyster readers on buses? Please provide the most recent 4 quarters of performance data?

### **Out of order Oystercard Readers on Buses (2)**

**Question No: 1201 / 2010**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

What is TfL's best estimate of the quarterly revenue loss due to out of order Oystercard readers on buses?

## **Out of order Oystercard Readers on Buses (3)**

**Question No: 1202 / 2010**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Please provide the most recent 4 quarters of data for reliability of Oyster Card Readers on routes 73 and 149?

## **Out of order Oystercard Readers on Buses (4)**

**Question No: 1203 / 2010**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Which are the ten bus routes with the least reliability of Oyster Card Readers?

## **Surrey Canal Rd**

**Question No: 1204 / 2010**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Has the project to build a new station at Surrey Canal Rd on the East London Line phase 2 been finally agreed, if not what are the further steps that must be gone through and when will it be finalised?

## **152 Bus**

**Question No: 1205 / 2010**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

What steps are you taking to improve the reliability of the 152 bus between Pollards Hill and New Malden?

## **Excess Waiting Times on C10, 188, P12 & 381 buses**

**Question No: 1206 / 2010**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

In Southwark although the average Excess Waiting Time for a bus has deteriorated by about 8% (comparing Quarter 2 of 2009-10 with the same quarter in the previous year) the average Excess Waiting Time for a number of buses has increased well in excess of this 8% Southwark average. In particular:

C10 - 1.1 to 1.9 minutes EWT – 73% increase

188 - 1.2 to 1.7 minutes EWT – 42% increase

P12 - 0.7 to 0.9 minutes EWT – 29% increase

381 - 1.6 to 1.9 minutes EWT – 16% increase

What steps will the Mayor take to ensure that TfL takes urgent action to get these buses running on time, correcting what has been a deteriorating service on these buses for quite some time?

## **Lengthy Waiting Times on C10 & 381 buses**

**Question No: 1207 / 2010**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

The TfL statistics for Quarter 2 of 2009-10 show in particular very worrying Excess Waiting Times for both the 381 & the C10 where for the 381 over 22% of all travellers wait on average over ten minutes, and for the C10 over 31% of all travellers wait on average over ten minutes.

Will the Mayor encourage TfL to provide more buses on these routes to ensure that the frequency is sufficient to meet the current demands and reduce the regular overcrowding on these routes?

## **Bus Links between Waterloo & Vauxhall**

**Question No: 1208 / 2010**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

There is a gap in the bus network between Waterloo and Vauxhall Stations. An easy solution to this issue is the extension of Bus Route 381 from County Hall to Vauxhall Bus Station. This would also vastly improve access to St Thomas's Hospital.

Will the Mayor please ask TfL to investigate the feasibility of this proposal?

## **Timetabling on Bus Routes 188 & 381**

**Question No: 1209 / 2010**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

The disparity between the timetables (Schedules Waiting Times) and the actual Average Waiting Times for bus routes 188 and 381 are approaching unacceptable levels. On Bus Route 188 passengers now wait on average 41% longer than is stated on the timetable, and for Bus Route 381 this figure is 40%.

Passengers expect TfL to provide timetables that reflect either an achievable reality or a reasonable aspiration instead of a work of fiction?

Will the Mayor please encourage TfL to monitor more frequently their bus timetables and to publish timetables that are achievable and on which the travelling public can rely?

## **Bus Route 78**

**Question No: 1210 / 2010**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

I have regularly had reports of a poor service on Bus Route 78 (Nunhead to Shoreditch), particularly at the northern, Shoreditch, end. Late running, exacerbated by drivers waiting at bus stops attempting quite correctly to regulate the service leads to too many buses terminating early at either Liverpool Street Station or even Aldgate. Once the East London Line opens it will be even more important that buses do not terminate early short of the new London Overground station at Shoreditch High Street.

Will the Mayor please encourage TfL to ensure that this important link with the new London Overground interchange is not short-changed by buses failing to appear.

## **Overcrowded Single-Deck buses with only one door**

**Question No: 1211 / 2010**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

A number of routes in Southwark (most notably the C10) use or have used single-deck buses with only one door providing access. These buses usually provide important links to transport hubs through residential neighbourhoods where restrictions prevent larger buses from operating effectively or at all. During rush hours these buses can become overcrowded making it extremely difficult for longer-distance passengers to disembark.

Will the Mayor please encourage TfL to monitor the use of such one-door buses and replace them with two-door single-deck buses where the bus routes regularly become overcrowded?

## **Canada Water bus station**

**Question No: 1212 / 2010**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

When did Transport for London become aware that Canada Water bus garage would need to close for eight weeks from 8th March 2010 for road resurfacing works?

## **Canada Water Bus Station 2**

**Question No: 1213 / 2010**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Less than a week before the start of the planned closure of Canada Water bus garage, can you explain why no publicity or information was on display at the bus station for passengers?

## **Canada Water Bus Station 3**

**Question No: 1214 / 2010**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Please detail the alternative arrangements TfL will put in place for all the affected routes during the closure of Canada Water bus station.

## **Black History Month**

**Question No: 1215 / 2010**

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

A Londoner asks - How can you justify cutting Black History Month funding to £10,000, when USA day receives £100,000?

## **CRB Checks**

**Question No: 1216 / 2010**

[John Biggs](#)

A constituent was offered a job last November, which required a CRB Security Check. The Metropolitan Police were sent this request on 18th December and have yet to respond. There is every possibility the job offer will be lost. Is the Mayor satisfied with this timescale and if not, what is he going to do about it?

## **What a Let Down**

**Question No: 1217 / 2010**

[John Biggs](#)

Following a two year campaign TfL finally agreed to reroute the 488 service so that it would stop at Tesco in Bromley by Bow in both directions as it's predecessor the S2 had done. This victory for local democracy and common sense has now been delivered a huge set back - it was scheduled to commence on February 27th but will be delayed until possibly May. What lessons will the Mayor ensure TfL learn to avoid disappointing passengers in the future?

## **Stratford International**

**Question No: 1218 / 2010**

[John Biggs](#)

Eurostar stopping at Stratford station has the potential to bring £6 billion worth of gross

development value to East London and the Thames Gateway area; the public has already invested £200m into Stratford Station to push this forward. With this in mind, does the Mayor think it is appropriate that Eurostar still does not have a delivery plan for securing services stopping at Stratford International and will he support action to make it happen?

## **Banking Exodus**

**Question No: 1220 / 2010**

[John Biggs](#)

Do you now accept that your predictions were misplaced and merely served to talk down London in the pursuit of a headline?

## **Council Run Newspapers**

**Question No: 1221 / 2010**

[John Biggs](#)

Are all Council run newspapers a waste of money (q 794/2010 and answer refers) or do you exclude those run by friendly Councils?

## **Indian & other overseas promotion (Q796/2010)**

**Question No: 1222 / 2010**

[John Biggs](#)

Please advise of the membership, leadership, terms of reference and timeline of the review referred to in your answer?

## **Blackwall Toll (Q800/2010)**

**Question No: 1223 / 2010**

[John Biggs](#)

Does your reply mean that you disassociate yourself from the recent media coverage stating that you had ruled out a toll?

## **Lord Mayor of London (Q804/2010)**

**Question No: 1224 / 2010**

[John Biggs](#)

Could you try to answer this question? Do you believe that the office of Lord Mayor should automatically attract a knighthood? If so, what other offices should similarly be rewarded?

## **Meetings with Ministers and shadow ministers (Q853/2010)**

**Question No: 1225 / 2010**

[John Biggs](#)

Could you please provide an answer to the questions asked in this question, for both the last and the current Mayor's report periods?

## **Opinion Pollsters**

**Question No: 1226 / 2010**

[John Biggs](#)

What criteria do you use when choosing whether to accept or reject opinion poll findings? Are you at risk of only believing your own rhetoric?

## **Black History Month**

**Question No: 1227 / 2010**

[John Biggs](#)

What are your considered views on the letter recently signed by 22 leading academics and printed in the guardian of 27 February? Can you provide a reasoned justification for ending the funding of this event and appearing to substitute for it a celebration of cowboys?

## **Prison proposals**

**Question No: 1228 / 2010**

[John Biggs](#)

I understand that you welcome the withdrawal of proposals for a prison at Dagenham, even though your offices actively promoted the site. Are your officers involved in discussions about any other prison proposals in London, willingly or otherwise? If so where?

## **Healthy Weight, Healthy Lives**

**Question No: 1229 / 2010**

[John Biggs](#)

This report appears never to have been published. Why was this and do you plan to remedy the omission?

## **Getting There**

**Question No: 1230 / 2010**

[John Biggs](#)

In scrapping this publication, can you advise how the TfL communication strategy will in future reach its readers?

## **Mayors Fund for London**

**Question No: 1231 / 2010**

[John Biggs](#)

Would you be alarmed if you discovered that the Mayors Fund is diverting funding from other projects in London? In particular, funding from New Philanthropy Capital was previously more widely distributed. How would you answer groups and communities elsewhere in London who sensed that they were seeing an 'equity withdrawal' as a result?

## **ELECTRIFICATION OF THE GOSPEL OAK – BARKING ROUTE**

**Question No: 1232 / 2010**

[John Biggs](#)

Is it not the case that the electrification of the Gospel Oak – Barking route would bring substantial benefits to TfL London Rail?

In your letter of 6th May 2009 to the Secretary of State you state that the business (benefit) cost ratio (BCR) of the scheme came out "at 3.9 which is very good for a rail scheme." Did this outline appraisal take into account that the circa £45m total cost 'guesstimate' of the 2006 Jacobs study for TfL London Rail which included a 40% optimism bias for risk and contingency is now outdated since:-

- 1) Signalling immunisation and overhead line clearance works have been now been carried out as part of the recent £35m TIF/Network Rail funded gauge enhancement and signalling works;
- 2) Some two miles of the route are to be electrified in 2011 as part of the Thameslink project;
- 3) The 144 TfL London Rail sponsored passenger trains a day in the full 4 trains per hour timetable (from May 2011 at the latest) would be electrically powered, eliminating emissions. This is a far higher proportion of the line's daily traffic than freight;
- 4) The entire London Rail Concession could be ultimately operated by an all electric train fleet, cutting out the costs of maintaining a separate fleet of diesels;
- 5) Full electrification of the London Overground network with an entirely electric train fleet would allow the long promised Barking-Clapham Junction and other new services to operate;
- 6) The electrification of the Barking-Gospel Oak route would allow a significant increase in the electrical haulage of freight trains over both Barking-Gospel Oak and North London Lines as operators would be able use electric locomotives currently stored through lack of work. This reduction of diesel locomotive use would further assist in achieving your emissions targets.

In view of the above benefits and the fact that the cost of the electrification of the remaining un-electrified sections of the route would now be very close to the £25m already offered by the Secretary of State towards the work, should you not be urgently seeking to resolve the nine month impasse over the missing £200k that would allow the GRIP 3 evaluation to proceed?

## **Which Cities?**

**Question No: 1233 / 2010**

[John Biggs](#)

Who were the other 15 City Mayors from major European Cities who signed the Eurocities Charter for Integrating Cities with you on 22 February?

## **Rosie Boycott**

**Question No: 1234 / 2010**

[John Biggs](#)

What expanded role does Ms Boycott now have?

## **Vancouver**

**Question No: 1235 / 2010**

[John Biggs](#)

What specific attributes of Vancouver led you to signing a Protocol Agreement (MD552) and what key targets will be sought from your £10k annual budget?

## **Convoy's Wharf**

**Question No: 1236 / 2010**

[Len Duvall](#)

Can you provide me with an update on the LDA's involvement and/or planning responsibilities in relation to proposals to redevelop Convoys Wharf in Deptford.

## **Blackwall Tunnel**

**Question No: 1237 / 2010**

[Len Duvall](#)

Has TfL considered preventing particular types of vehicles from entering the Blackwall Tunnel at peak times in order to improve traffic flow?

## **Blackwall Tunnel 2**

**Question No: 1238 / 2010**

[Len Duvall](#)

In Written Answer 2736/2009 you stated that the reason you had not reintroduced the 'tidal flow' system at the Blackwall Tunnel - as promised in your manifesto - was due to the increased risk "of a head on collision...thereby increasing the potential for a catastrophic fire and closure of the tunnel for a long period". This, of course, is one the main reasons for not allowing the northbound bore to operate a northbound and southbound lane while the southbound bore is closed for refurbishments. If, however, such an arrangement represents so great a risk to motorists at the Blackwall Tunnel, why does it operate so successfully at the Rotherhithe Tunnel?

## **Olympic Route Network**

**Question No: 1239 / 2010**

[Len Duvall](#)

The ODA is planning to close some lanes approaching the Blackwall Tunnel during the 2012 Games as part of the Olympic Route Network. Have the potential effects of these closures been modeled and, if so, can you please provide me with any conclusions drawn about the ORN's potential impact on those using the tunnel?

## **Woolwich Arsenal**

**Question No: 1240 / 2010**

[Len Duvall](#)

What timescale, if any, has the LDA put in place in order to dispose of its freehold ownership of the Woolwich Arsenal?

## **Cycling in Greenwich and Lewisham**

**Question No: 1241 / 2010**

[Len Duvall](#)

What measures are you putting in place to encourage the uptake of cycling in Greenwich and Lewisham?

## **Bus stop, Beechfield Road, SE6**

**Question No: 1242 / 2010**

[Len Duvall](#)

One of my constituents recently raised the issue of the bus stop serving routes 75, 181 and 202 at Beechfield Road in Catford. The stop for Beechfield Road heading northbound towards Catford and Catford Bridge stations is situated very close to the preceding stop (Elm Lane) meaning there is a very long 'gap' before the next set of stops at Catford and Catford Bridge

stations. Could consideration be given to re-siting the stop on the Catford-bound side of the road to reduce this gap? It has been pointed out that the current situation results in a quite lengthy walk between stops for people living in the intermediate area.

## **USA Embassy Congestion Charge**

**Question No: 1243 / 2010**

[Len Duvall](#)

In Written Answer 720/2010 you stated that there are “no plans to link the non-payment of congestion charge fees [by the United States Embassy] to the organisation of cultural activities, and this matter is being separately pursued through other avenues”. What “other avenues” are being pursued to recoup the monies owed?

## **Thames Gateway Bridge**

**Question No: 1244 / 2010**

[Len Duvall](#)

To what extent has your decision to scrap the proposed ‘Thames Gateway Bridge’ inhibited economic growth in southeast London and the broader southeast region?

## **Bridge Closures**

**Question No: 1245 / 2010**

[Len Duvall](#)

Why have so many river crossing closures, which will inevitably result in misery for motorists (particularly from south and east London), been planned to coincide with one another this year?

## **LDA Finance Department**

**Question No: 1246 / 2010**

[Len Duvall](#)

In Written Answer 837/2010 you stated that the “LDA is not planning to outsource its finance function at this time”, while on the other you state that “it is in the process of procuring a provider to deliver the required robust and effective finance function”. Clearly, the LDA can either be seeking to procure the services of a private sector company to run its finance department or, conversely, not seeking the provision of such services. Which is correct?

## **LDA Finance Department 2**

**Question No: 1247 / 2010**

[Len Duvall](#)

In Written Answer 837/2010 you stated that “alternative solutions are also under review for the longer term”. What alternative solutions have been considered?

## **Public Sector ‘non-jobs’**

**Question No: 1248 / 2010**

[Len Duvall](#)

In answer to Written Question 3711/2009, you stated, “the majority of public sector employees have final salary pension schemes which are now rarely provided by the private sector. This is clearly unfair”. Why?

## **Public Sector 'non-jobs 2**

### **Question No: 1249 / 2010**

[Len Duvall](#)

I am astounded that you refused to answer my perfectly legitimate Written Question 843/2010. In your Daily Telegraph column of 21 September 2009, entitled 'Slash public-sector non-jobs, not power plants, roads and rail links', you stated that:

"Whose jobs could we do without?...Since 1997, the ranks of the public sector have been swelled with what the TaxPayers' Alliance would call the politically correct non-job.

I don't just mean the outreach workers and diversity officers whose recruitment has caused such chronic spluttering into the cornflakes. I mean the legions of officials whose responsibilities have been generated by the cascade of bad law from Whitehall and Brussels, and then all the other officials whose non-job is to service those non-jobs – the folks in HR and IT and payroll and secretarial and legal and planning, all happily filling their days in meetings and PowerPoint presentations".

Assuming you write your own column, do you agree with the sentiments of the above extract and, if so, do you regard the valuable roles described above a 'public sector non-jobs'?

## **Olympic Jobs**

### **Question No: 1250 / 2010**

[Len Duvall](#)

In answer to Written Question 844/2010, you stated that "the ODA reviews all Tier 1 audits and checks the accuracy of the results by assurance audit". Please explain to me, in the greatest detail possible, what questions the ODA asks Tier 1 contractors as part of their 'Tier 1 audit'. In particular, does the ODA take Tier 1 contractors' information of 'direct employment' on trust alone?

## **Olympic Jobs 2**

### **Question No: 1251 / 2010**

[Len Duvall](#)

In answer to Written Question 844/2010, you stated that "the ODA reviews all Tier 1 audits and checks the accuracy of the results by assurance audit". Please explain to me, in the greatest detail possible, what an "assurance audit" is and how it is carried out.

## **Olympic Jobs 3**

### **Question No: 1252 / 2010**

[Len Duvall](#)

In answer to Written Question 845/2010 you stated that the "ODA has carried out 39 audits on lower tier contractors". Please list the questions asked of these contractors regarding 'direct employment' and provide details of how the ODA checked these answers for accuracy?

## **Olympic Jobs 4**

### **Question No: 1253 / 2010**

[Len Duvall](#)

In answer to Written Question 845/2010 you stated that the "ODA has carried out 39 audits on lower tier contractors". What proportion of all the lower tier contractors who have worked on site does this represent and on what basis were these contractors chosen?

## **Olympic Jobs 5**

**Question No: 1254 / 2010**

[Len Duvall](#)

What is the percentage of 'directly employed' labour at the Olympic Village construction site?

## **London's Parlympics**

**Question No: 1255 / 2010**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

I have been approached by an inspiring young man who runs marathons despite having had one leg amputated. He would love to run middle and long distance events in London's 2012 Olympics but amputees may only run 400m in the Paralympics. Will you join me in lobbying the Paralympic Authorities to enable all athletes, including amputees like this young man, to demonstrate the power of their abilities rather than be hidden away according to an imposed definition of disability?

## **Cyclist Accident Reduction Targets**

**Question No: 1256 / 2010**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Do you agree that it's unacceptable that over 400 cyclists each year, every year are hospitalised (or worse) on London's roads? As the overwhelming majority of those killed and seriously injured (KSIs) are on the Transport for London Road Network (TLRN) or the Strategic Road Network (SRN) what accident reduction target have you set for each of the new cycle superhighways?

## **Safer Cycle Superhighways**

**Question No: 1257 / 2010**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Do you accept the design advice of DfT, and Cycling England, which makes it clear there is no safe cycling solution to gyratories? Will you therefore ensure that all the gyratories / other major hazards on your proposed cycle superhighways are designed out, and made safe for cycling before any of your cycle super highways are opened?

## **Cycle Highways - Heathrow to Central London**

**Question No: 1258 / 2010**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

How many people are you realistically expecting to cycle from Heathrow to Central London on this particular cycle route?

## **US Green Card**

**Question No: 1259 / 2010**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Why are you holding a celebration for the USA when that country does not even allow UK citizens to be included in their Green Card lottery immigration system? Will you lobby the US government to permit UK citizens (including the self-employed) to be included in the Green Card lottery?

## **Olympic Freight on Water**

**Question No: 1260 / 2010**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

What percentage of freight has used the waterways during the construction of the Olympic Park?

## **Three Mills Lock**

**Question No: 1261 / 2010**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

How do you plan to increase the benefit of the Three Mills Lock investment, if at all?

## **Crown Estate - Key Workers' Housing Sell-off**

**Question No: 1262 / 2010**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Has your office been in contact with the Crown Estate over their proposal to sell off of their key worker housing, given that it is likely to affect around 1,500 key workers particularly in central London? What action do you propose to take?

## **Carbon Budgets**

**Question No: 1263 / 2010**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

The current draft of your Climate Change Mitigation and Energy Strategy does not set Carbon Budgets for the core GLA and Functional Bodies. Will you be setting carbon budgets across the GLA Family in subsequent drafts?

## **Thames Estuary Airport Question repeated**

**Question No: 1264 / 2010**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

In answer to my direct question 816 / 2010 asking you for a direct answer yes or no, you referred me to a previous answer to a different question. Regardless of the existence or otherwise of any memo on this subject, I ask again: Do you, personally, think that building an airport in the Thames Estuary could be one of the biggest and bravest things you do? Please answer directly, yes or no.

## **Olympic Overground travel**

**Question No: 1265 / 2010**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

As you have been such a keen advocate of using Wembley as an Olympic venue in 2012, will you ensure there is a through service between Stratford and Wembley on the overground to facilitate travel between the two sites?

## **North London Line Frequency**

**Question No: 1266 / 2010**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

What will be the frequency (peak and off-peak, week days and weekends) of trains on each section of the North London Line by the end of 2011?

## **Sunday Service on the North London Line**

**Question No: 1267 / 2010**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

At a public meeting of the Churchfields' Residents Group in Acton recently I was shocked to learn about the extent of the planned closures on the North London Line this year. In view of the delays to Network Rail's resignalling of the North London Line, will you ensure TfL provides a train service on the line on those Sundays when Network Rail cannot now make use of the closures for resignalling work?

## **Delayed Signalling work on the North London Line**

**Question No: 1268 / 2010**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Resignalling of key parts of the North London Line is necessary for the increased frequencies promised for the Olympics and thereafter. In view of the signalling design problems at Network Rail that Ian Brown reported to the TfL Board, what assurances do you have that signalling work will be completed in 2011? Do you have a completion date for the signalling work?

## **Compensation for Passengers of the North London Line**

**Question No: 1269 / 2010**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

How will you compensate those passengers who are being hugely inconvenienced by the planned extensive closures on the North London Line?

## **Waste Management Strategy I**

**Question No: 1270 / 2010**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Your Draft Waste Management Strategy advocates paying people for their recycling by weight. How does this incentivise people to recycle plastic bottles and cans?

## **Waste Management Strategy II**

**Question No: 1271 / 2010**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Your Draft Waste Management Strategy advocates paying people for their recycling by weight. Given the weight of a champagne bottle compared to that of a beer can, is this just yet another tax break for the rich?

## **Waste Management Strategy III**

**Question No: 1272 / 2010**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Your Draft Waste Management Strategy advocates paying people for their recycling by weight. How does this encourage people to reduce the amount of waste they produce in the first place?

## **Waste Management Strategy IV**

**Question No: 1273 / 2010**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

As Local Authorities are legally responsible for waste collection across London, not the GLA, who will pay for your proposal to pay householders for their recycling by weight? How much GLA funding are you willing to commit to this scheme and how much will need to be made up by the Boroughs?

## **Waste Management Strategy V**

**Question No: 1274 / 2010**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Almost half (49%) of London's households are in fact flats, which currently are the worst recyclers in London, recycling less than 10 % of their waste, and yet I understand you do not propose to enable flat dwellers to join your scheme whereby households are paid to recycle their waste by weight. How is this equitable? What incentives will you be providing to those living in flats to encourage them to increase their recycling rates?

## **Woolwich Ferry Service**

**Question No: 1275 / 2010**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Are plans being made to replace the aging ferry boats used for the Woolwich Ferry Service and can the LWC have an assurance that the present poor standards of service will be improved over the coming months?

## **Offshore Wind Farms I**

**Question No: 1276 / 2010**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

According to reports in the FT, the Government is in talks with leading wind turbine manufacturers to secure investment to build a manufacturing facility to serve the British offshore wind market. Given that you have influence over London's skills agenda, you have available LDA land and you have influence with the investment banking community what role are you playing to secure that investment and the jobs that will follow for your Green Enterprise District?

## **Offshore Wind Farms II**

**Question No: 1277 / 2010**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Why if you are so keen to promote your Green Enterprise District did you fail to ensure that there was a supply chain event for development of offshore wind farms in London?

## **Network Rail**

**Question No: 1278 / 2010**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

A constituent has asked me to put the following question to you: Taking into account the current state of the track side will the Mayor take action to ensure that Network Rail remove rubbish on a frequent basis with in the London Area specially targeting the area covered by the London Borough of Bexley and outside the responsibility of South Eastern Railway? This is a discipline needed well before the start of the Olympic Games in London and the current poor impression that visitors must have upon seeing the present condition of the line side.

## **Cycle Super Highways in Central London**

**Question No: 1279 / 2010**

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Could you please explain why none of your Cycle Super Highways, which are supposed to encourage cycle commuting, go into & across the City or the West End?

## **Hall Farm Curve**

**Question No: 1280 / 2010**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

On page 166 of the London Plan, a further extension of the DLR from Stratford International to Walthamstow via Leytonstone is proposed post 2018. Do you agree with me that linking Walthamstow Central to Stratford by re-opening the Hall Farm Curve would better value for money as it would be faster to implement and less costly to Londoners?

## **Finsbury Park Rail Bridges**

**Question No: 1281 / 2010**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

Finsbury Park has now been classified as a Town Centre in the London Plan with supplementary 'Regeneration' classification. What will TfL do to improve the area underneath the rail bridges on Seven Sisters Road which many local people consider an unwelcoming eyesore?

## **Eurotest survey**

**Question No: 1282 / 2010**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

In the recent Eurotest public transport survey by the University of Stuttgart, London ranked 4th from bottom among 23 European Cities. It argued that our transport system was the most expensive tested. How damaging will this verdict be for London's economic competitiveness in the European market?

## **Eurotest survey (2)**

**Question No: 1283 / 2010**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

The Eurotest survey was very critical of the lack of step free access on London's Tube system arguing that due to too few escalators and lifts there is poor accessibility for disabled passengers and those with children. In light of this damning international criticism of London's current situation and your decision to shelve or defer numerous step-free access projects across London, how do you plan to stick to your pledge to make London 2012 the most accessible

Games ever?

## **Black History Month (2)**

**Question No: 1284 / 2010**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

I support the 21 leading academics and well-known author, who called on you to immediately reverse your decision to slash the funds for Black History Month. How will you be responding to this appeal<sup>2</sup>?

## **Eurotest survey (3)**

**Question No: 1285 / 2010**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

The Eurotest Survey highlights concerns that London's tube system is confusing for passengers because of the contradictory exit signing. What plan does TfL have to remedy this situation?

## **Bus stop on York Way**

**Question No: 1286 / 2010**

[Jennette Arnold](#)

My constituent, who has been using bus stop G on York Way for 12 years now, has noticed that it has moved further and further north up York Way and away from the King's Cross station entrance while the majority of users come from Euston Road. As a result, commuters, people with heavy suitcases and prams as well as the elderly have to walk further than before to get to this bus stop. Will you please address my constituent's concerns and ensure that Bus stop G is moved back to its rightful place, as close to the Euston Road as possible?

## **Housing**

**Question No: 1287 / 2010**

[Nicky Gavron](#)

What assessment has the Mayor made of affordable housing stock being sold off by councils to the private sector?

## **Housing 2**

**Question No: 1288 / 2010**

[Nicky Gavron](#)

What measures will the Mayor impose on boroughs that fail to deliver on their targets?

## **Housing 3**

**Question No: 1289 / 2010**

[Nicky Gavron](#)

In your London Housing Strategy, you outlined plans to bring empty properties back into use. What measures will he take to ensure Boroughs use Empty Dwelling Management Orders to free up empty properties?

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<sup>2</sup> Guardian Letters, 27<sup>th</sup> February 2010

## **Housing 4**

**Question No: 1290 / 2010**

[Nicky Gavron](#)

How many boroughs have issued Empty Dwelling Management Orders since they were introduced under the Housing Act in 2004?

## **Housing 5**

**Question No: 1291 / 2010**

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Can you provide a break down of empty private properties for each borough?

## **Housing 6**

**Question No: 1292 / 2010**

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Can you provide a break down of empty local authority properties for each borough?

## **Housing 7**

**Question No: 1293 / 2010**

[Nicky Gavron](#)

How do your affordable housing targets relate to the 2009 London Strategic Housing Market Assessment?

## **Housing 8**

**Question No: 1294 / 2010**

[Nicky Gavron](#)

With reference to your answer to question 765/2010, my question related to housing applications referred to you that do not support any social and intermediate housing on the basis of financial viability not what happens to submissions. Please answer the original question.

## **Housing 9**

**Question No: 1295 / 2010**

[Nicky Gavron](#)

With reference to your answer to Question No: 766/2010, my question related to housing applications referred to you that do not support any social housing on the basis of financial viability not what happens to submissions. Please answer the original question.

## **Transport**

**Question No: 1296 / 2010**

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Which bus services do you anticipate being cut or reduced in Barnet as a result of the bus review?

## **Transport 2**

**Question No: 1297 / 2010**

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Will the Mayor support and provide a bus service from Finchley to the Royal Free Hospital?

## **Police**

**Question No: 1298 / 2010**

[Nicky Gavron](#)

Will the Mayor indicate the number of police being cut in Barnet as a result of general cuts to police numbers?

## **Brent Cross Cricklewood**

**Question No: 1299 / 2010**

[Navin Shah](#)

Now it has been referred to you, will you be directing refusal of the Brent Cross Cricklewood outline application, considering that the concept of super hubs was rejected by the Outer London Commission and the application has been condemned by the neighbouring boroughs and lobbying groups / amenity societies?

## **Brent Cross Cricklewood and the Outer London Commission**

**Question No: 1300 / 2010**

[Navin Shah](#)

If you ignore the advice on super hubs and pander to the poor regeneration plans of a friendly borough, what was the point of this advisory board?

## **Uncoordinated Tube Closures**

**Question No: 1301 / 2010**

[Navin Shah](#)

Brent and Harrow residents of Brent are currently at the mercy of Jubilee, Bakerloo and Metropolitan line closures, all were shut or partially shut due to planned engineering work over the consecutive weekends of January 30 and 31 and February 6 and 7? Would you agree that the fact that the three lines were all shut at the same time was both avoidable and indicative of poor planning and a lack of flexibility or imagination from TFL and your office?

## **Unacceptable Answer to Question 750/2010**

**Question No: 1302 / 2010**

[Navin Shah](#)

I would appreciate a satisfactory answer to 750/2010. Have you decided which 144 ticket offices you wish to close? Are you able to reassure residents of Outer London boroughs that they will not feel the biggest effects of this move, given lower passenger numbers per station? Would you accept that 'staff available' is not the same as a manned ticket office? Please define your definition of a 'firm commitment'. Would you call this as firm a commitment as the petition you signed in North Harrow in the 2008 campaign?

## **London Overground Customer Satisfaction**

**Question No: 1303 / 2010**

[Navin Shah](#)

Thank you for your answer to question 757 / 2010. In this answer you make reference to “an increase in customer satisfaction” on the London Overground. Could you be more specific about this increase - for example a statistic or comparative figure?

## **Countdown Boards in Kilburn**

**Question No: 1304 / 2010**

[Navin Shah](#)

TfL has proposed changes that could see Countdown update boards cut from at least eleven of the Kilburn bus stops. Could you clarify the necessity for these changes and comment on the inevitable inconvenience these changes will cause these bus users – especially given that TfL has acknowledged that at some stops it is likely that the boards will not be replaced at all?

## **Metropolitan Line Staffing**

**Question No: 1305 / 2010**

[Navin Shah](#)

Can you confirm reports TfL are planning to introduce a new formula for staffing at sub-surface line stations? Are you concerned that this may lead to a situation where many stations, presumably the lesser used ones in Outer London, are staffed at the minimal level allowed by government fire regulations introduced after the King’s Cross fire?

## **The 324 Bus**

**Question No: 1306 / 2010**

[Navin Shah](#)

Do you think the changes to the 324 bus route following consultation are adequate to satisfy the concerns of some residents along the route?

## **Police Identification**

**Question No: 1307 / 2010**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Should the police be required to wear name/rank badges so they are identifiable to the people they meet?

## **Taxi Touts (1)**

**Question No: 1308 / 2010**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

With the news recently that the London Cab Drivers Club have hired security guards to prevent taxi touts from taking business away from black cabs, do you think TfL & the MPS are doing enough to rid our streets of taxi touts?

## **Taxi Touts (2)**

**Question No: 1309 / 2010**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

How many "satellite" mini-cab offices based in pub/clubs/restaurants/etc are there?

How many have been closed due to illegally touting for business?

## **Health Strategy**

**Question No: 1310 / 2010**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

What will your health strategy do to improve the life expectancy of residents of Tottenham Green ward?

## **Oyster Extension Permits**

**Question No: 1311 / 2010**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

When will Oyster Extension permits be available for purchase from all mainline rail stations? Please list all mainline rail stations that Oyster is valid at and the date when the extension permit will be available.

## **Oyster vs. Paper Travelcard**

**Question No: 1312 / 2010**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Can you list all the circumstances in which a paper travelcard will cost less than the same journeys using Oyster PAYG?

## **Oyster Refunds (1)**

**Question No: 1313 / 2010**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

You stated in the last MQT that only £5,000 out of £500,000 has been paid back to 32,000 people who have overpaid on their Oyster card. Can we have an update on these figures to show how many people have been affected, how much has been overpaid and how much has been refunded from 1 January 2010 to 28 February 2010?

## **Oyster Refunds (2)**

**Question No: 1314 / 2010**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Can you confirm why these overpayments have been happening and what TfL is doing to prevent them from happening again?

## **Frontline Policing**

**Question No: 1315 / 2010**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Do you still believe that front-line policing means being on patrol and nothing else?

## **Patrol Time**

**Question No: 1316 / 2010**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Can you provide me with the average time spent on patrol for the MPS for all financial years from 2000/2001 up to 2009/10?

## **Frontline Policing Measures**

**Question No: 1317 / 2010**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Can you provide me with the front-line policing measure for the MPS for all financial years from 2000/2001 up to 2009/10?

## **Borough Commander**

**Question No: 1318 / 2010**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

For every borough, please provide dates/times/locations for all open public meetings that the borough commander has held?

## **Handheld Weapon Scanners**

**Question No: 1319 / 2010**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

How many handheld weapons scanners have been purchased in every financial year from 2000/2001 to 2009/10? How many arrests have been made as a result of these scanners in every financial year from 2000/2001 to 2009/10? Can we have a breakdown of what every arrest was for?

## **Number of Woman Officers**

**Question No: 1320 / 2010**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

What investigations has the MPA made regarding increasing the numbers of women and BME officers?

## **Community Groups**

**Question No: 1321 / 2010**

[Joanne McCartney](#)

How much money does the LDA spend on community groups that provide mentoring schemes and community sports schemes? Please list figures for the financial years 2008/9, 2009/10, 2010/11.

## **NHS London Strategic Plan**

**Question No: 1322 / 2010**

[James Cleverly](#)

London has 22 hospitals that NHS London list as having a future still to be determined, only some of which will be consulted on. Without a timetable or clarity of ideas, is NHS London at risk of damaging healthcare in London or providing a system that is not equal for all?

## **TFL procurement (1)**

**Question No: 1323 / 2010**

[James Cleverly](#)

As all GLA procurement now goes through TFL what procedures are in place to ensure that best value and cost effectiveness in procurement is achieved?

## **TFL procurement (2)**

**Question No: 1324 / 2010**

[James Cleverly](#)

What auditing of responses provided in pre-qualifying questionnaires takes place when TFL draws up panels of providers?

## **Blackwall Contraflow**

**Question No: 1325 / 2010**

[John Biggs](#)

Are you happy with the current Southbound closures? Have you considered an alternative, such as exploring the possibility of banning HGVs and allowing two-way working in the Southbound tunnel at night?

## **Housing 10**

**Question No: 1326 / 2010**

[Nicky Gavron](#)

With reference to your answer to question No: 767/2010, my question related to housing applications referred to you that do not support any social housing on the basis of financial viability, but do support intermediate not what happens to submissions. Please answer the original question.