

# AGENDA

**Meeting**    **London Assembly (Plenary)**  
**Date**        **Wednesday 1 July 2015**  
**Time**        **10.00 am**  
**Place**        **Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's  
Walk, London, SE1 2AA**

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Jennette Arnold OBE AM  
Chair of the London Assembly

Tony Arbour AM  
Deputy Chairman  
Tuesday 23 June 2015

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**Agenda  
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**1 Apologies for Absence and Chair's Announcements**

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

**2 Declarations of Interests** (Pages 1 - 4)

**The Assembly is recommended to:**

- (a) Note the list of offices held by Assembly Members, as set out in the table at Agenda Item 2, as disclosable pecuniary interests;**
- (b) Note the declaration by any Member(s) of any disclosable pecuniary interests in specific items listed on the agenda and the necessary action taken by the Member(s) regarding withdrawal following such declaration(s); and**
- (c) Note the declaration by any Member(s) of any other interests deemed to be relevant (including any interests arising from gifts and hospitality received which are not at the time of the meeting reflected on the Authority's register of gifts and hospitality, and noting also the advice from the GLA's Monitoring Officer set out at Agenda Item 2) and to note any necessary action taken by the Member(s) following such declaration(s).**

**3 Minutes** (Pages 5 - 16)

**The Assembly is recommended to confirm the minutes of the London Assembly (Plenary) meeting held on 3 June 2015 to be signed by the Chair as a correct record.**

The appendices to the minutes of the 3 June 2015 (Plenary) meeting (including the transcript of the question and answer session with the Mayor and the Commissioner of the Police of the Metropolis) have been circulated to Members separately. Transcripts and written answers for past meetings can be downloaded from <http://www.london.gov.uk/mayor-assembly/london-assembly/whole-assembly>

## 4 **Question and Answer Session** (Pages 17 - 18)

### **Part A:**

The Assembly will put questions to the Deputy Chair of the London Enterprise Panel, Harvey McGrath, and the Further Education Representative on the London Enterprise Panel, Cathy Walsh OBE, on the work of the London Enterprise Panel.

### **Part B:**

Motion submitted in the name of the Chair:

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

## 5 **Motions** (Pages 19 - 24)

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

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**The Assembly is asked to consider the motions submitted by Assembly Members.**

## 6 **Mayoral Commitments** (Pages 25 - 54)

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

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**The Assembly is recommended to note commitments made by the Mayor, Boris Johnson, during London Assembly Mayor’s Question Time meetings held between June 2014 and June 2015.**

The appendix has been attached for Members only and can be downloaded from:  
<http://www.london.gov.uk/mayor-assembly/london-assembly/whole-assembly>

## **7 Future Meetings of the Assembly**

### **London Assembly (Plenary) Meeting – 9 September 2015**

The Assembly is requested to confirm the change of date of the Plenary meeting of the Assembly in September from 9 September 2015 to 8 September 2015 and the change of date of the London Assembly's Transport Committee from 8 September 2015 to 9 September 2015, following recent consultation with the Airports Commission Secretariat, the Chair of the Transport Committee and the Assembly's party Group Leaders; and to confirm that the meeting in September will be used principally to hold a question and answer session with the Chairman of the Airports Commission, Sir Howard Davies, on the work and conclusion of the Airports Commission's investigation, subject to the publication of the Commission's final report.

#### **Recommendations:**

#### **That it be agreed:**

- (a) That the Assembly (Plenary) meeting in September be rescheduled from Wednesday 9 September 2015 at 10am to Tuesday 8 September 2015 at 10am;**
- (b) That the Transport Committee meeting in September be rescheduled from Tuesday 8 September 2015 at 10am to Wednesday 9 September 2015 at 10am;**
- (c) That the Assembly (Plenary) meeting in September be used principally for a question and answer session in relation to the Airports Commission with Sir Howard Davies, Chairman of the Airports Commission, subject to the publication of the Commission's final report; and**
- (d) That in the event that the Airport Commission's final report is not published by September, that authority be delegated to the Chair of the Assembly to determine the details of any necessary changes to the September Assembly (Plenary) meeting, in consultation with the Assembly Deputy Chairman and the Assembly's party Group Leaders.**

## **8 Date of Next Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting of the London Assembly will be the Mayor's Question Time meeting which will take place at 10.00am on Wednesday 15 July 2015 in the Chamber, City Hall.

## **9 Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent**

# Subject: Declarations of Interests

**Report to: London Assembly (Plenary)**

**Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat**

**Date: 1 July 2015**

**This report will be considered in public**

## 1. Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out details of offices held by Assembly Members for noting as disclosable pecuniary interests and requires additional relevant declarations relating to disclosable pecuniary interests, and gifts and hospitality to be made.

## 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 **That the list of offices held by Assembly Members, as set out in the table below, be noted as disclosable pecuniary interests<sup>1</sup>;**
- 2.2 **That the declaration by any Member(s) of any disclosable pecuniary interests in specific items listed on the agenda and the necessary action taken by the Member(s) regarding withdrawal following such declaration(s) be noted; and**
- 2.3 **That the declaration by any Member(s) of any other interests deemed to be relevant (including any interests arising from gifts and hospitality received which are not at the time of the meeting reflected on the Authority's register of gifts and hospitality, and noting also the advice from the GLA's Monitoring Officer set out at below) and any necessary action taken by the Member(s) following such declaration(s) be noted.**

## 3. Issues for Consideration

- 3.1 Relevant offices held by Assembly Members are listed in the table overleaf:

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<sup>1</sup> The Monitoring Officer advises that: Paragraph 10 of the Code of Conduct will only preclude a Member from participating in any matter to be considered or being considered at, for example, a meeting of the Assembly, where the Member has a direct Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in that particular matter. The effect of this is that the 'matter to be considered, or being considered' must be about the Member's interest. So, by way of example, if an Assembly Member is also a councillor of London Borough X, that Assembly Member will be precluded from participating in an Assembly meeting where the Assembly is to consider a matter about the Member's role / employment as a councillor of London Borough X; the Member will not be precluded from participating in a meeting where the Assembly is to consider a matter about an activity or decision of London Borough X.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Interest</b>
Tony Arbour AM	Member, LFEPA; Member, LB Richmond
Jennette Arnold OBE AM	Committee of the Regions
Gareth Bacon AM	Chairman of LFEPA; Chairman of the London Local Resilience Forum; Member, LB Bexley
John Biggs AM	Mayor of Tower Hamlets (LB)
Andrew Boff AM	Member, LFEPA; Congress of Local and Regional Authorities (Council of Europe)
Victoria Borwick AM MP	Member of Parliament; Member, Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea
James Cleverly AM MP	Member of Parliament
Tom Copley AM	Member, LFEPA
Andrew Dismore AM	Member, LFEPA
Len Duvall AM	
Roger Evans AM	Deputy Mayor; Committee of the Regions; Trust for London (Trustee)
Nicky Gavron AM	
Darren Johnson AM	Member, LFEPA
Jenny Jones AM	Member, House of Lords
Stephen Knight AM	Member, LFEPA; Member, LB Richmond
Kit Malthouse AM MP	Member of Parliament
Joanne McCartney AM	
Steve O'Connell AM	Member, LB Croydon; MOPAC Non-Executive Adviser for Neighbourhoods
Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM	
Murad Qureshi AM	Congress of Local and Regional Authorities (Council of Europe)
Dr Onkar Sahota AM	
Navin Shah AM	
Valerie Shawcross CBE AM	
Richard Tracey AM	Chairman of the London Waste and Recycling Board; Mayor's Ambassador for River Transport
Fiona Twycross AM	Member, LFEPA

[Note: LB - London Borough; LFEPA - London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority; MOPAC – Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime]

3.2 Paragraph 10 of the GLA's Code of Conduct, which reflects the relevant provisions of the Localism Act 2011, provides that:

- where an Assembly Member has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matter to be considered or being considered or at
  - (i) a meeting of the Assembly and any of its committees or sub-committees; or
  - (ii) any formal meeting held by the Mayor in connection with the exercise of the Authority's functions
- they must disclose that interest to the meeting (or, if it is a sensitive interest, disclose the fact that they have a sensitive interest to the meeting); and
- must not (i) participate, or participate any further, in any discussion of the matter at the meeting; or (ii) participate in any vote, or further vote, taken on the matter at the meeting



## UNLESS

- they have obtained a dispensation from the GLA's Monitoring Officer (in accordance with section 2 of the Procedure for registration and declarations of interests, gifts and hospitality – Appendix 5 to the Code).

- 3.3 Failure to comply with the above requirements, without reasonable excuse, is a criminal offence; as is knowingly or recklessly providing information about your interests that is false or misleading.
- 3.4 In addition, the Monitoring Officer has advised Assembly Members to continue to apply the test that was previously applied to help determine whether a pecuniary / prejudicial interest was arising - namely, that Members rely on a reasonable estimation of whether a member of the public, with knowledge of the relevant facts, could, with justification, regard the matter as so significant that it would be likely to prejudice the Member's judgement of the public interest.
- 3.5 Members should then exercise their judgement as to whether or not, in view of their interests and the interests of others close to them, they should participate in any given discussions and/or decisions business of within and by the GLA. It remains the responsibility of individual Members to make further declarations about their actual or apparent interests at formal meetings noting also that a Member's failure to disclose relevant interest(s) has become a potential criminal offence.
- 3.6 Members are also required, where considering a matter which relates to or is likely to affect a person from whom they have received a gift or hospitality with an estimated value of at least £25 within the previous three years or from the date of election to the London Assembly, whichever is the later, to disclose the existence and nature of that interest at any meeting of the Authority which they attend at which that business is considered.
- 3.7 The obligation to declare any gift or hospitality at a meeting is discharged, subject to the proviso set out below, by registering gifts and hospitality received on the Authority's on-line database. The on-line database may be viewed here:  
<http://www.london.gov.uk/mayor-assembly/gifts-and-hospitality>.
- 3.8 If any gift or hospitality received by a Member is not set out on the on-line database at the time of the meeting, and under consideration is a matter which relates to or is likely to affect a person from whom a Member has received a gift or hospitality with an estimated value of at least £25, Members are asked to disclose these at the meeting, either at the declarations of interest agenda item or when the interest becomes apparent.
- 3.9 It is for Members to decide, in light of the particular circumstances, whether their receipt of a gift or hospitality, could, on a reasonable estimation of a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts, with justification, be regarded as so significant that it would be likely to prejudice the Member's judgement of the public interest. Where receipt of a gift or hospitality could be so regarded, the Member must exercise their judgement as to whether or not, they should participate in any given discussions and/or decisions business of within and by the GLA.

## **4. Legal Implications**

- 4.1 The legal implications are as set out in the body of this report.

## **5. Financial Implications**

- 5.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

<b>Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985</b>
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List of Background Papers: None
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# MINUTES

**Meeting: London Assembly (Plenary)**  
**Date: Wednesday 3 June 2015**  
**Time: 10.00 am**  
**Place: Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA**

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**Present:**

Jennette Arnold OBE AM (Chair)	Kit Malthouse AM MP
Tony Arbour AM (Deputy Chairman)	Joanne McCartney AM
Gareth Bacon AM	Steve O'Connell AM
Andrew Boff AM	Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM
Victoria Borwick AM MP	Murad Qureshi AM
James Cleverly AM MP	Dr Onkar Sahota AM
Andrew Dismore AM	Navin Shah AM
Darren Johnson AM	Valerie Shawcross CBE AM
Jenny Jones AM	Richard Tracey AM
Stephen Knight AM	

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

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from John Biggs AM, Tom Copley AM, Len Duvall AM, Roger Evans AM, Nicky Gavron AM and Fiona Twycross AM.

## 2 Declarations of Interests (Item 2)

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

2.2 **Resolved:**

**That the list of offices held by Assembly Members, as set out in the table at Item 2, be noted as disclosable pecuniary interests.**

## 3 Minutes (Item 3)

3.1 **Resolved:**

**That the minutes of the London Assembly Annual Meeting, held on 13 May 2015, be signed by the Chair as a correct record.**

## 4 Question and Answer Session - Policing in London (Item 4)

### Part A:

- 4.1 The Assembly put questions to Boris Johnson MP, Mayor of London, and Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe QPM, Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis, on the issue of policing in London. At 11.12am, the Deputy Chairman, Tony Arbour AM, assumed the Chair in order that the Chair, Jennette Arnold OBE AM, could put questions herself to the invited guests. The Chair resumed the Chair at 12.02pm.
- 4.2 The record of the questions put by Assembly Members and the answers given is attached as **Appendix 1**. The written answers provided following the meeting are attached as **Appendix 2**.
- 4.3 During the course of the discussion, the Mayor undertook to provide the Assembly with details of how many Accident and Emergency departments in London hospitals share non-confidential data with the police to help reduce violent crime.

### Part B:

4.4 The Chair formally moved the motion set out on the agenda in her name, namely:

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

4.5 **Resolved:**

**The answers to the questions asked be noted.**

**5 Action Taken by the Chair Under Delegated Authority and Outcome of Confirmation Hearing (Item 5)**

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

5.2 **Resolved:**

- (a) **That the action taken by the then Chairman of the Assembly, Roger Evans AM, in accordance with the authority delegated to him, namely to agree to hold a Confirmation Hearing in relation to the proposed appointment of:**
- **Neale Coleman CBE to the office of Chairman of the London Legacy Development Corporation; and**
  - **Sir Edward Lister to the office of Chairman of the Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation,**
- and to ask both candidates to provide a CV and supporting statement, be noted;**
- (b) **That the action taken by the Chair of the Assembly, Jennette Arnold OBE AM, in accordance with the authority delegated to her, namely to agree not to hold a Confirmation Hearing in relation to the proposed appointment of Gareth Bacon AM as Chairman of the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority, be noted; and**
- (c) **That the decision of the Confirmation Hearings Committee, further to its meeting held on 20 May 2015 and as set out at Appendix 5, to recommend that the Mayor should proceed with his proposed appointments to the office of Chairman of the London Legacy Development Corporation and to the office of Chairman of Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation, be noted.**

**6 Petition (Item 6)**

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

6.2 Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM presented a petition with the following prayer:

*'Let's make Tooting Bec Road safe for all!'*

*Tooting Bec Road is an 'A' Road, and as such is an important route for people moving both within, and passing through the area. The width of the road, not including the pavement, is at least 10.5m for a significant stretch from the Tube to Tooting Lido.*

*Crossing this road on foot, on travelling along it by bicycle is not straightforward. We believe space exists for high quality segregated cycle routes to be placed on the road ensuring that people of whatever age or ability can chose to cycle locally. These tracks could be on either side of the road or a two-way cycle track could be provided on one side.*

*This narrowing of the carriageway should result in lower speeds by motorists, and make it easier for pedestrians and the less able to cross the road.'*

6.3 **Resolved:**

**That the petition be forwarded to the Mayor, as Chairman of Transport for London, for response.**

## **7 Petitions Update (Item 7)**

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

7.2 **Resolved:**

**That the responses to petitions presented at recent Assembly (Plenary) meetings be noted.**

## **8 Motions (Item 8)**

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

8.2 During the course of discussion on this item the Chair proposed, and it was agreed, that Standing Order 2.9B be suspended to extend the meeting in order to allow the remaining items of business on the agenda to be considered.

8.3 Andrew Boff AM moved and Richard Tracey AM seconded the following motion:

"This Assembly believes that Nominee Passes, those passes offered up for free to nominees of TfL staff that live in the same residence, should be scrapped at the earliest possible opportunity. TfL's Nominee Passes scheme will cost the taxpayer £111.2 million in lost fare revenues over the next five years up to 2020. The additional revenues accrued from the scrapping of these passes should be used to provide free travel for firefighters in-line with police officers, which would cost £24.8 million in the lead up to 2020.

This Assembly therefore calls for the following:

1. TfL ensure that all existing Nominee Passes expire by 31 December 2015;
2. TfL immediately stop issuing any new or replacement Nominee Passes; and
3. The Mayor earmarks the additional revenues for free travel for London's firefighters."

8.4 Upon being put to the vote, the motion in the name of Andrew Boff AM, namely:

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was not carried (with 5 votes cast in favour and 11 votes cast against).

8.5 Jenny Jones AM moved and Darren Johnson AM seconded the following motion:

"This Assembly celebrates the huge natural diversity in London, a city that more than 8 million people share with over 13,000 other species. We believe that millions of Londoners share our commitment to nurturing and enhancing our natural wonders, from London's small urban gardens to its national nature reserves.

This Assembly therefore welcomes the Greater London National Park City initiative, which aims to 'inspire us to create a more liveable, fair and healthy London'. The proposed organisation would bring together public, private and third sector organisations to enhance our natural and cultural heritage, encourage a better understanding and enjoyment of the city, foster wellbeing and inspire others to share these purposes.

This Assembly notes that, despite the ambitious proposals for the Park, it would be unlike other UK National Parks, and would not control development or prepare local planning policies. These powers would remain with the Greater London Authority, the 32 London boroughs and the City of London Corporation.

We therefore call on the Mayor to support the organisation in developing its vision, in particular by setting out how the Greater London Authority and the wider GLA Group could contribute towards its aims.”

8.6 Upon being put to the vote, the motion in the name of Jenny Jones AM, namely:

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**This Assembly therefore welcomes the Greater London National Park City initiative, which aims to ‘inspire us to create a more liveable, fair and healthy London’. The proposed organisation would bring together public, private and third sector organisations to enhance our natural and cultural heritage, encourage a better understanding and enjoyment of the city, foster wellbeing and inspire others to share these purposes.**

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was agreed (unanimously).

8.7 Darren Johnson AM moved and Jenny Jones AM seconded the following motion, altered with the consent of the meeting in accordance with Standing Order 3.6:

“This Assembly notes the recent General Election results in London and the ensuing debate about electoral reform. This Assembly believes that electoral reform for the House of Commons should be debated.

This Assembly notes the Mayor’s inaccurate statement on LBC on the 12th May that ‘we have had a referendum on PR’, and calls on him to support a full debate on electoral reform.”

8.8 Upon being put to the vote, the motion in the name of Darren Johnson AM, namely:

**“This Assembly notes the recent General Election results in London and the ensuing debate about electoral reform. This Assembly believes that electoral reform for the House of Commons should be debated.**



**This Assembly notes the Mayor’s inaccurate statement on LBC on the 12th May that ‘we have had a referendum on PR’, and calls on him to support a full debate on electoral reform.”**

was agreed (with 11 votes cast in favour and 5 votes cast against).

- 8.9 Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM moved and Valerie Shawcross CBE AM seconded the following motion:

“This Assembly notes with concern the many objections to the proposed Garden Bridge from a wide variety of individuals and organisations, from the Taxpayers’ Alliance to the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds. Objections have been raised over: the proximity to other crossings, the blocking of historic views of the Thames, the procurement process, the lack of cycling provision, the lack of a guaranteed right of way or step free access, the loss of over 30 mature trees on the South Bank, and the GLA underwriting ongoing maintenance costs running into millions.

This Assembly believes that, with no cycling provision or guaranteed public right of way and given the proximity to other bridges, the project serves no transport function, and it is therefore inappropriate that £30 million of Transport for London money has been committed to it.

This Assembly further believes that the public money earmarked for the project would be much better allocated to pedestrian/cycle river crossings where there is a genuine transport need, such as the proposed Brunel Bridge at Rotherhithe/Canary Wharf, or spent creating and improving green public spaces in other parts of the city.

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**This Assembly therefore calls on the Mayor to agree to a full, independent audit of the procurement process, and to withdraw TfL funds from the project.”**

was agreed (with 11 votes cast in favour and 3 votes cast against).

- 8.11 Murad Qureshi AM moved and Gareth Bacon AM seconded the following motion, altered with the consent of the meeting in accordance with Standing Order 3.6:

“Low pay is an increasingly critical issue in London, with average pay rates continuing to fall in the capital. Office for National Statistics data shows that in 2013, average weekly pay was £613 compared to £700 in real-terms (adjusted for RPI) in 2009<sup>1</sup>. The most recent London Poverty Profile shows the number of jobs paying less than the London Living Wage has also increased sharply since 2007 in both absolute terms (from 420,000 to 600,000) and as a proportion of all jobs in the capital (from 13% to 17%)<sup>2</sup>.

Few industries highlight the income disparities that characterise modern London better than the highest levels of professional football. This was highlighted by the London Assembly’s January 2014 motion, which denounced the wage inequality between the highest and lowest earners at Premier League football clubs.

Since that motion was passed, this Assembly notes the positive decision by some Premier League clubs to pay their staff the London Living Wage. Nevertheless, two-thirds of Premier League clubs in London are currently failing to pay their employees enough to live on in the capital. Whilst star players can earn up to £180,000 per week, some contract staff employed by the same club earn the minimum wage of £6.50 per hour.

This Assembly therefore welcomes the Premier League’s recent announcement that its clubs will pay the London Living Wage to full-time staff from the start of the 2016-17 season<sup>3</sup>. However, this commitment should be extended to include those employees who work part-

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<sup>2</sup> London Poverty Profile 2013, Trust for London & New Policy Institute, 2013, p.63

<sup>3</sup> Owen Gibson, Premier League living wage pledge must go further, says campaign leader, *Guardian*, 26.03.15

time. These employees make up much of the workforce employed by football clubs and are typically amongst their lowest paid.

The Mayor has supported, and been actively involved in, stadium-led regeneration to create job opportunities and improve facilities for local people. With several Premier League clubs benefiting from the Mayor's support in building new, or expanding existing, stadiums, it is essential that he urges clubs to pay the London Living Wage.

Furthermore, this Assembly calls upon the Mayor to use his influence during stadium-led development schemes to advance the case for the London Living Wage and to urge London's other non-Living Wage employers to pay their workers a fair wage."

8.12 Upon being put to the vote, the motion in the name of Murad Qureshi AM, namely:

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**Furthermore, this Assembly calls upon the Mayor to use his influence during stadium-led development schemes to advance the case for the London Living Wage and to urge London's other non-Living Wage employers to pay their workers a fair wage."**

was agreed (unanimously).

- 8.13 Stephen Knight AM moved and Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM seconded the following motion, altered with the consent of the meeting in accordance with Standing Order 3.6:

"This Assembly welcomes the recent unanimous judgement from the Supreme Court ordering the government to submit new air quality plans to the European Commission no later than 31 December 2015.

This Assembly notes that large sections of the Capital continue to exceed both the annual mean and hourly legal limits for nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) and are currently projected to continue doing so until after 2030, over twenty years after the original compliance date.

This Assembly further notes that the Mayor has a duty – under the Greater London Authority Act (1999) – to bring forward policies and proposals to support the achievement of legal air quality standards in London.

This Assembly believes that further measures are needed urgently if London is to achieve compliance with health-based, legal limits and avoid the prospect of substantial fines being passed down to the Greater London Authority (GLA) under the terms of the Localism Act (2011).

This Assembly therefore calls on the Mayor of London to take additional steps to ensure that the period of exceedance of air quality limits in London is kept as short as possible, and investigate potential policies that could be enacted in advance of the launch of the Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ). Such policies should enable Transport for London (TfL) to influence purchasing and driving behaviour far sooner than currently planned while delivering a measurable benefit to the health and quality of life of Londoners."

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was agreed (with 11 votes cast in favour and 4 votes cast against).

## **9 Future Meetings of the Assembly (Item 9)**

### **9.1 Resolved:**

**That authority be delegated to Jennette Arnold OBE AM, as Chair of the London Assembly, to determine the subject matter and detailed arrangements for the London Assembly (Plenary) meeting on 1 July 2015, in consultation with the Deputy Chairman and party Group Leaders.**

## **10 Date of Next Meeting (Item 10)**

- 10.1 The next scheduled meeting of the London Assembly would be the Mayor’s Question Time meeting which was scheduled to take place at 10.00am on Wednesday 17 June 2015 in the Chamber, City Hall.

## 11 Any Other Business the Chairman Considers Urgent (Item 11)

11.1 There were no items of urgent business.

## 12 Close of Meeting

12.1 The meeting ended at 1.34pm.

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Chair

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Date

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**London Assembly (Plenary)****1 July 2015****PRIORITY ORDER PAPER****Report No: 4****Subject: Questions and Answer Session – London Enterprise Panel****Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat****Stronger, fairer, and more innovative London economy****Question No: 2015/1992**[Fiona Twycross](#)

With less than one year to go of the current Mayoralty, what is the LEP doing to make London's economy stronger, fairer and more innovative?

**LEP accountability****Question No: 2015/1993**[Gareth Bacon](#)

LEP lines of accountability are often unclear to the public. Given that £294 million has been allocated to the LEP as part of the two Growth Deals, do you think that the Assembly should have a greater scrutiny role with regards the performance of the LEP?

**London Jobs and Growth Plan****Question No: 2015/1994**[Jenny Jones](#)

Why does the LEP not share the Mayor's ambition for London to be a global leader in the transition to a low-carbon economy?

**London 2036: an agenda for jobs and growth****Question No: 2015/1995**[Stephen Knight](#)

What is the status of the 'London 2036: an agenda for jobs and growth' plan in relation to the 'Jobs and Growth Plan for London'?

*Questions not asked during Plenary will be given a written response by Monday 6 July 2015.*

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<b>Subject: Motions</b>	
<b>Report to: London Assembly (Plenary)</b>	
<b>Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat</b>	<b>Date: 1 July 2015</b>
<b>This report will be considered in public</b>	

## 1. Summary

- 1.1 The Assembly is asked to consider the motions set out which have been submitted by Assembly Members.

## 2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the Assembly considers the motions set out below.**

## 3. Issues for Consideration

- 3.1 The following motion has been proposed in the name of **Andrew Dismore AM** and will be seconded at the meeting:

“This Assembly condemns the decision of a number of fringe extreme right wing groups to hold a rally in Golders Green on 4th July. This is highly provocative and is intended to insult and incite hatred against the Jewish community.

2014 saw a significant rise in antisemitic attacks in London including in Barnet where the rally is to be held, and after the deadly events in Paris and Copenhagen targeting Jews and others, London’s Jewish community is understandably apprehensive about its security. This event is designed to play on those fears and the risk of violence against Jewish residents and businesses is clearly present.

Whilst the demonstration cannot be banned, this Assembly calls upon the Mayor to support a peaceful, community-led counter protest, including permitting TfL street furniture to be decorated with green and gold as part of the community’s response; and calls upon the Metropolitan Police Commissioner to ensure that the most stringent conditions possible are imposed on the far right rally, so as to avoid serious disorder and serious disruption to the local community.”

- 3.2 The following motion has been proposed in the name of **Darren Johnson AM** and will be seconded at the meeting:

“This Assembly notes the GLA’s recent projects for Crystal Palace Park, including: the collapsed deal with the ZhongRong Group to build a major commercial development on the hill top of Crystal Palace Park, which the Mayor secretly brokered following the London 2012 Games without the involvement of local stakeholder groups<sup>1</sup>; its draft plans to radically redevelop the National Sports Centre and grounds with a significant loss of sporting facilities, which only involved the local sporting community after significant protest<sup>2</sup>; and the park’s designation, without a clear rationale, in the London Plan as an Outer London Development Centre.

This Assembly notes that the Mayor is continuing to pursue secretive discussions with companies regarding building on the park’s hill top<sup>3</sup>, and believes he risks repeating the mistakes of the ZhongRong Group proposals, which resulted in the loss of £4.5 million from the Heritage Lottery Fund<sup>4</sup> and eighteen wasted months during which community projects were suspended.

This Assembly also welcomes that the local community is progressing plans for a Crystal Palace Neighbourhood Forum<sup>5</sup>, and that Bromley Council is working with local stakeholders to establish a community trust to govern Crystal Palace Park<sup>6</sup>.

This Assembly therefore calls on the Mayor to end any private discussions about proposals for development on the park, and engage openly and transparently with the emerging community trust and Neighbourhood Forum in developing any future projects for the park and wider area.”

- 3.3 The following motion has been proposed in the name of **Fiona Twycross AM** and will be seconded at the meeting:

“Following International Justice Day for Cleaners (15 June 2015), this Assembly would like to put on record its support for employees in this sector.

Across Greater London, 85 per cent of cleaning jobs are low paid.<sup>7</sup> The cleaning sector is indicative of a wider lack of progress in increasing the number of jobs paying the London Living Wage in London’s low-pay sectors since 2008. In June 2009, the Mayor addressed the British Hospitality Association annual lunch, during which he encouraged the sector to adopt the London Living Wage. Since then, no London-based employers in this sector have become accredited.

This Assembly is deeply concerned by the growth of low pay in Greater London. Real wages are now £2,097 a year lower than they were in 2008<sup>8</sup>, while the proportion of jobs paying less than the London Living Wage has increased from 13.2 per cent to 19.4 per cent since the Mayor took office,

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<sup>1</sup> The Mayor met Mr Ni Zhaoxing at the Games, and officers first held meetings in February 2013. Plans were not made public until October of that year. [http://questions.london.gov.uk/QuestionSearch/searchclient/questions/question\\_275672](http://questions.london.gov.uk/QuestionSearch/searchclient/questions/question_275672)

<sup>2</sup> See, for example, <https://crystalpalacesp.files.wordpress.com/2014/11/press-statement-11-11-14.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> [http://questions.london.gov.uk/QuestionSearch/searchclient/questions/question\\_282130](http://questions.london.gov.uk/QuestionSearch/searchclient/questions/question_282130)

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.crystalpalacepark.org.uk/2014/heritage-lottery-fund-application-fails/>

<sup>5</sup> [http://questions.london.gov.uk/QuestionSearch/searchclient/questions/question\\_275673](http://questions.london.gov.uk/QuestionSearch/searchclient/questions/question_275673)

<sup>6</sup> [http://www.bromley.gov.uk/press/article/984/improving\\_crystal\\_palace\\_park\\_taking\\_shape](http://www.bromley.gov.uk/press/article/984/improving_crystal_palace_park_taking_shape)

<sup>7</sup> ‘Fair pay: Making the London Living Wage the norm’, London Assembly Economy Committee, February 2014, p.8

<sup>8</sup> Written question No: 2015/0380, January 2015

dragging an additional 348,000 workers further into poverty pay.<sup>9</sup> In London, 917,000 jobs now pay less than the London Living Wage.<sup>10</sup>

This Assembly supports the Mayor's vision for the London Living Wage to be the norm by 2020; but we recognise that the city is moving further away from achieving this objective. In his final year in office, we call on the Mayor to refocus his attentions on reversing this trend. We particularly call on him to focus on London's low pay sectors and to increase the Greater London Authority resources available for engaging with employers in these sectors."<sup>11</sup>

- 3.4 The following motion has been proposed in the name of **Fiona Twycross AM** and will be seconded at the meeting:

"This Assembly notes Mayoral Direction 1516 – *LFEPA 2016-17 Budget Options* – instructing the Authority to 'not redeploy'<sup>12</sup> thirteen fire engines, which are used to support the contingency arrangements during periods of industrial action.

This Assembly is deeply concerned that, despite repeated calls at LFEPA for the thirteen appliances to be returned, the Mayor has proceeded with this combative course of action; especially at the point at which LFB and the FBU had reached agreement on the terms of their return.

Furthermore, this Assembly regrets that the Mayor appears intent on the permanent removal of the 13 appliances, despite the fact that alternative budget options have not yet been formally considered by LFEPA, and while considerable work is being undertaken by officers and board members on finding alternatives to additional frontline cuts to meet the Mayor's £11m reduction in the 2016/17 fire service budget.

This Assembly regards the Mayor's Direction as unnecessary, and believes that it demonstrates that the Mayor is not committed to protecting frontline emergency services in the capital. Furthermore, the Assembly believes that the premise upon which the decision appears to have been made is not sufficiently strong to demonstrate that the safety of Londoners will not be jeopardised by his Decision; especially were that Decision the first step towards permanent removal of the thirteen appliances.

This Assembly calls on the Mayor to withdraw MD 1516 and to allow the re-introduction of the 13 appliances to London's streets immediately, returning fire cover to the levels committed to within the fifth London Safety Plan (LSP5)."

- 3.5 The following motion has been proposed in the name of **Murad Qureshi AM** and will be seconded at the meeting:

"The London Assembly is concerned that the quality of London's universal postal service is under threat following the Chancellor Exchequer's recent announcement that the Government is to sell its

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<sup>9</sup> Written question No: 2014/5918, December 2014

<sup>10</sup> Written question No: 2014/5918, December 2014

<sup>11</sup> 'Fair pay: Making the London Living Wage the norm', London Assembly Economy Committee, February 2014, p.8

<sup>12</sup> Mayoral Direction 1516: <http://www.london.gov.uk/mayor-assembly/mayor/mayoral-decisions/MD1516>

remaining stake in Royal Mail<sup>13</sup>. Shortly after this announcement the Government sold half of its remaining 30 per cent share<sup>14</sup>.

When the government began the privatisation of the Royal Mail in 2013 it was poorly managed, rushed, and cost the UK tax payer £180 million<sup>15</sup>. This Assembly believes that the move to fully privatise the service not only represents a bad deal for tax payers but will also potentially reduce scrutiny and transparency in an organisation that has been serving the public interest since the early 1500s<sup>16</sup>. These concerns are not merely limited to the delivery of the Royal Mail's core services, but are also relevant in respect of the availability of affordable housing in London, as the Royal Mail seeks to divest itself of land assets capable of delivering thousands of homes in the capital<sup>17</sup>.

The London Assembly calls on the Mayor to defend London's postal service and ensure Royal Mail's land assets are used to deliver housing across all tenures in the capital by lobbying the government to conduct an open and transparent cost-benefit analysis of selling the remaining 15% stake in the Royal Mail."

3.6 The following motion has been proposed in the name of **Stephen Knight AM** and will be seconded at the meeting:

"This Assembly notes the Mayor's recent statement that the proposal to extend the Right to Buy to housing associations tenants "will only work for London if it delivers more homes – and more low-cost homes – [and] makes sure that the cash from the sale of any council homes stays firmly in London and is used to build more homes for Londoners" adding that he did not want to see London's "great mixture of socioeconomic groups" displaced as a result of the policy.<sup>18</sup>

This Assembly further notes that the rate of replacement for council homes sold under the Right to Buy scheme since the the maximum discount was increased in 2012 has been closer to one in ten, despite a commitment to ensure that the receipts from every additional home sold would be used to fund its replacement on a one for one basis.<sup>19</sup>

This Assembly is furthered concerned that the way the policy is to be funded – through forcing local councils to sell off their most valuable properties – may result in many new council properties being sold off almost as soon as they are built, instead of being let to local residents in housing need.

This Assembly believes that the proposal to extend the Right to Buy to housing associations tenants in London risks undermining other efforts to increase the supply of new affordable homes across the capital.

This Assembly is concerned by the Mayor's failure to respond to its motion – agreed at Mayor's Question Time on 21 May 2015 – calling on him to commission an assessment of the implications of an extended Right to Buy for housing associations in London.<sup>20</sup>

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<sup>13</sup> <http://www.ftadviser.com/2015/06/04/investments/economic-indicators/royal-mail-privatisation-top-of-chancellor-s-debt-reduction-sUX0WX8FU59Trlh4OYhmPL/article.html>

<sup>14</sup> <http://news.sky.com/story/1499747/govt-sells-its-15-percent-stake-in-royal-mail>

<sup>15</sup> <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-30527392>

<sup>16</sup> <http://www.royalmailgroup.com/Timeline>

<sup>17</sup> Julia Kollewe, Royal Mail may reap £662m from planned sale of London sorting office, *The Guardian*, 11.11.14

<sup>18</sup> See transcript of Mayor speaking in response to MQ2015/1210 [‘Right to buy’ for housing association tenants in London]: <http://www.london.gov.uk/moderngov/documents/s46961/Minutes%20-%20Appendix%20%20-%20Transcript%20of%20Item%204%20-%20Questions%20to%20the%20Mayor.pdf>

<sup>19</sup> Institute of Fiscal Studies (IFS) Briefing Note BN171: <http://www.ifs.org.uk/uploads/publications/bns/BN171.pdf>

<sup>20</sup> See the minutes of the meeting of the London Assembly held on 21 May 2015: <http://www.london.gov.uk/moderngov/mgAi.aspx?ID=18095>

This Assembly therefore calls on the Mayor to provide an oral update to the Assembly at the earliest opportunity confirming whether or not he intends to commission an assessment of the implications of extending Right to Buy to Housing Association tenants in London, and if not, to provide a list of reasons for his decision. “

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**List of appendices to this report:** None.

<b>Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985</b>
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List of Background Papers: None.
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# Subject: Mayoral Commitments

**Report to: London Assembly (Plenary)**

**Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat**

**Date: 1 July 2015**

**This report will be considered in public**

## 1. Summary

- 1.1 This report provides a summary of the commitments made by the Mayor, Boris Johnson, in response to queries or requests made by Assembly Members during London Assembly (Mayor's Question Time) meetings held between June 2014 and June 2015.

## 2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the Assembly notes commitments made by the Mayor, Boris Johnson, during London Assembly (Mayor's Question Time) meetings held between June 2014 and June 2015.**

## 3. Background

- 3.1 The Assembly questions the Mayor at Mayor's Question Time meetings, in public, ten times a year as part of its role of holding him to account. Questions put to the Mayor by the Assembly Members cover the full range of the Mayor's responsibilities (including policing, the fire service, regeneration and transport) and can also range into almost any issue of concern to Londoners. The appendix to this report reflects the Mayoral responsibilities, being ordered by subject, and then by date.
- 3.2 During the course of Mayor's Question Time meetings, the Mayor may make commitments in response to queries or requests raised by Assembly Members and these are reported to the Assembly on a quarterly basis.

## 4. Issues for Consideration

- 4.1 The commitments made by the Mayor at Mayor's Question Time meetings between June 2014 and June 2015 are set out at **Appendix 1**.
- 4.2 This Appendix is attached for Members and officers only but is available from the following area of the GLA's website:  
[www.london.gov.uk/mayor-assembly/london-assembly/whole-assembly](http://www.london.gov.uk/mayor-assembly/london-assembly/whole-assembly)

## 5. Legal Implications

5.1 The Assembly is able to receive and note this report.

## 6. Financial Implications

6.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

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### List of appendices to this report:

**Appendix 1** – Commitments made by the Mayor at Mayor’s Question Time meetings since June 2014.

<b>Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985</b>
List of Background Papers: None
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## Transport

### Mayor's Oral Report

Question Number: 2015/1603

21 May 2015

Jennette Arnold AM

**Boris Johnson MP (Mayor of London):** I have received one particular question from Jenny [Jenny Jones AM] about the tragic accident involving a lorry driver. I want to offer my deep condolences to the family and friends of Alan Neve, who died. Jenny, the difficulty is I cannot comment on why the MPS or the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) have made the individual decisions that they have in that case, although I understand people's deep feelings of anxiety and outrage. What I can propose and what I will offer is that the MPS contacts you directly for a briefing about that, although clearly the intention and our ambition is to make cycling ever safer. That is the purpose of our current investments.

[...]

**Jenny Jones AM:** Thank you for the offer of the briefing from the MPS about the cyclist's death and I will say yes to that, but I want a bit more than that. This is the second time recently that the MPS has backed off from prosecuting a driver who has actually killed somebody. This particular driver should never have been employed in the first place. The judge actually said, "Heavens know why the lorry owners let you drive that vehicle without checking you had a valid

**Boris Johnson MP (Mayor of London):** Sorry, I could not hear that, Jenny.

**Jenny Jones AM:** Basically, the judge in the case said that the licensed operators were at fault. Could you please ask the MPS Commissioner next time you see him for a personal explanation of why they will not pursue that licensed operator?

**Boris Johnson MP (Mayor of London):** I shall, but you will understand the difficulty I have in relaying now any details that I may have to you about the thinking. It is better if they brief you directly.

## Supreme Court Judgement against the UK government over breaches of EU air pollution limits

Question Number: 2015/1498

21 May 2015

Jenny Jones AM

**Nicky Gavron AM:** Yes. Good morning. I agree with Assembly Members Jones and Qureshi that we need to expand the ULEZ and I am glad you are now considering that but we cannot wait. There are some measures that we absolutely have to have very, very soon. It is not just cars. I want a bit of a preamble; only one question. It is not just cars that use roads. It is schoolchildren. It happens to be National Walk to School Week. All over London now, more and more children are walking to school. It is a great initiative.

However, the issue is that we have over 1,000 schools on or near polluted roads. There is new scientific evidence done in London with 800 children at 23 schools, longitudinally, that shows that just the daily walk to and from school for half an hour damages children's lungs and stunts their growth. We used to push safer routes to school and quite rightly, but now we need safe, clean-air routes to school.

On behalf of the Labour Group - and coming to the question - I put forward an amendment to your budget [2015-16], which you did not take up. It said that this year you should be piloting clean-air routes to school with a view to putting a much bigger budget line in next year. My question is: will you now commit to supporting some pilots this year for clean-air routes to school for schoolchildren in primary schools?

[...]

**Nicky Gavron AM:** The point is that children are walking along very polluted roads. They have to find other routes. That has to be worked out. TfL should have a role in that. Will you support clean-air routes to school?

**Boris Johnson MP (Mayor of London):** Yes, of course. Just going back to what I was saying, TfL --

**Nicky Gavron AM:** It is not doing it now. Will you do it? Will you support it?

**Boris Johnson MP (Mayor of London):** -- will be, I am sure, happy to give you a full briefing on what we do, but Surface Transport has a massive programme of engagement with schools. If there is something we can learn from your programme, then I would be very happy to do so, Nicky. I do not in any way wish to dismiss it.

## 24 hour tube service

Question Number: 2015/1259

21 May 2015

Joanne McCartney AM

**Joanne McCartney AM:** Thank you. Will you actually then personally take up the issue of no single staffing between outer London stations with Peter Hendy [Commissioner of Transport for London], and will you come and chat to me?

**Boris Johnson MP (Mayor of London):** What I undertake to do, because I really ought to talk to the experts about how they see safety in outer London stations, is that I will get back to you with an explanation of how we see the Night Tube service working to make sure that it is as safe as possible both for passengers and for our staff.

**Joanne McCartney AM:** Thank you. The other issue that I have raised with you on a regular basis has been the rise in sexual assaults and harassment that have been reported on the Tube network, and obviously the running of the Night Tubes will mean that lots more people will be coming back in the early hours of the morning. You, I noticed yesterday, have started a consultation on reducing some of the night bus services in my area, for example. How will you be factoring in the risk, particularly to women, of sexual assaults and harassments that this policy may result in?

[...]

**Joanne McCartney AM:** OK. Mr Mayor, if you cannot tell me today, could you write to me? Have TfL talked to either the BTP or the MPS about having visible police officers, particularly in outer London, when you go live with 24-hour trains? It will have implications for their organisations as well.

**Boris Johnson MP (Mayor of London):** I will genuinely get back to you about the ways in which we are going to ensure that the Night Tube is safe both for passengers and for staff, and I will give you a broad and full answer.

## Transport for London Budget Component

Final Budget Meeting

23 Feb 2015

Valerie Shawcross CBE AM

**Valerie Shawcross CBE AM:** Did you know that London is now the highest fare city in the world?

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** No, it is not.

**Valerie Shawcross CBE AM:** Independent studies have shown that.

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** It is not true.

**Valerie Shawcross CBE AM:** London is the highest fare city in the world.

[...]

**Valerie Shawcross CBE AM:** If you will write to me and tell me which city in the world is more expensive to travel in than London --

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** I certainly will. There are several more expensive and you are talking total tripe.

**Valerie Shawcross CBE AM:** -- I will write to you with a full account of the £500 million of Londoners' money that you have wasted. Thank you, Chairman.

## Transport for London Budget Component

Draft Budget Meeting

28 Jan 2015

Richard Tracey AM

**Richard Tracey AM:** Indeed. A couple more possible savings that we suggest. You will remember that we made a proposal to fund a rollout of 1,000 GPS panic buttons to protect front line TfL staff.

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** Yes. I had forgotten that.

**Richard Tracey AM:** Bearing in mind that the purchase of these would cost under a fifth of what workplace violence costs TfL every year, it is clearly a worthwhile investment and a sensible one.

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** I am interested in that idea. As you will know, we now have CCTV on all buses. Crime on buses is down now by 45% since I was elected and continues to fall. When I was campaigning in 2007 and 2008, it was a thing that people were bringing up everywhere, argy-bargy on the buses. That is now well down. The Tube is now the safest metro system anywhere in Europe. We should be very proud of that. If we can drive crime down still further – we have spoken a little bit about sexual harassment; I am concerned about that – against our employees with panic buttons, I will have a look at it. What happens is you have a button about your person and you just press it.

## Spending on increased road capacity

Question Number: 2014/5002

17 Dec 2014

Darren Johnson AM

**Darren Johnson AM:** What assessment have you done of the pollution impact of your plans?

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** I am fairly certain that as part of the Silvertown Tunnel consultation and as part of the preparatory work there, we have indeed looked at the reduction in pollution that you will get in both Greenwich and on the north side of the river as a result of enabling the traffic to flow more smoothly and reducing congestion. You should look at that, Darren. Actually, your argument is completely on its head.

**Darren Johnson AM:** What assessment have you done of all of these plans?

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** I would be very happy to send you all such assessments, particularly of the Silvertown crossing, which is far advanced. The Inner Orbital Tunnel that you mentioned, again, you could see very, very easily how such an investment could radically reduce pollution on the Marylebone Road, on the Euston Road and on the hideous congestion that exists currently on the non-existent South Circular. You could radically reduce emissions and pollution. Therefore, these schemes should be progressed.

## Night Tube (1)

Question Number: 2014/5158

17 Dec 2014

Steve O'Connell AM

**Steve O'Connell (AM):** I bow to my colleagues on the Transport Committee who have obviously been urging for that for some considerable time. Far be it for me to take all the benefit for this or any at all, I hasten to add.

My last point is slightly more far-reaching. Clearly, on train services the Overground is a great success and has proven to be such. In the spirit of getting people home overnight to the far reaches of West Croydon and elsewhere, could I ask that you ask TfL at some stage to look at the potential of increasing the lateness of the service of the Overground, working towards in some future point a night service on potentially the Overground?

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** A night service on the Overground?

**Steve O'Connell (AM):** Yes. How about that?

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** We will look at it. It would not have been possible with Labour's plans for the TfL budget, but it may be that we can do it. We will look at it.

**Steve O'Connell (AM):** Like I said --

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** I do not know. I do not want to make any promises at all because it may just be completely undoable. I will look at it.

## Sexual Harassment on the Transport Network

Question Number: 2014/4312

10 Nov 2014

Joanne McCartney AM

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** As I say, we think that there has been a considerable impact from this campaign because the reports of sexual offences have gone up 38%, we think as a result of the greater awareness by officers and the staff of this issue, the training that we now give them and all the various ways in which we are engaging with stakeholder groups who are campaigning against this to raise awareness.

**Joanne McCartney AM:** Mr Mayor, TfL's own survey shows that 96% of interviewees say they did not report the incident and so only 4% are reporting. An awareness campaign is needed. If we see those figures go up as a result of an awareness campaign, we are going to actually support you in that.

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** As I say, you are being a little unfair, Joanne, in saying that nothing is going on.

**Joanne McCartney AM:** I am not saying that. You should do more, a proactive --

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** That I am willing to accept. Before I commit myself to a gigantic poster campaign, I want to go and look and see just exactly what we have.

**Joanne McCartney AM:** Mr Mayor, in September you told me you would do that.

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** Let us see how we are getting on.

**Joanne McCartney AM:** I will put the question down again in two months' time.

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** OK.

### **Pedestrian and cycle river crossings**

**Question Number: 2014/3558**

**13 Oct 2014**

**Caroline Pidgeon AM**

**Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM:** What I am asking is for you to guarantee that transport money will not be pushed into this when it will not allow cyclists, for example, to go across it. What I am really trying to get your --

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** It is a garden.

**Caroline Pidgeon MBE(AM):** -- support for, Mr Mayor, if you will allow me to finish questioning, is that Sustrans is planning to launch a new competition to design this bridge, which it has worked on for some time, from Rotherhithe to Canary Wharf. They are calling it the Brunel Bridge. It would really increase cycling and provide a river crossing where it really is needed and it would potentially help relieve overcrowding on the Jubilee line. Will you consider supporting this project?

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** Please tell them to come in as soon as possible and we will have a look at it.

**Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM:** You will have a look at it?

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** I am always interested in that type of scheme. I do agree there should be a crossing in that area. Let us see what they are proposing.

**Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM:** They are looking at doing a really interesting competition, looking at getting architects on board and coming up with a really creative design. It would cost a similar amount of money. Is this the sort of project that you would also consider putting some transport money towards, as you have with the Garden Bridge?

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** If it has a good business case and it works. One of the difficulties is

that in that area you have to go very high up.

**Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM:** It has to have a mechanism to go -- I know there are issues, but they have developed one in the past.

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** Is it a sort of curly wurly Fisher-Price thing where you go up --

**Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM:** They are going to go out to design to try to work that out. They have had designs in the past.

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** That sounds brilliant.

**Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM:** Is this something --

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** Perhaps you could have a sort of catapult. Let us have a look.

**Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM:** A catapult? Maybe that can be your submission to the design competition, Mr Mayor.

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** Have a look. Bring it. Let us have a look at it.

**Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM:** You will agree to meet Sustrans to look at this proposal and to help support it?

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** They can come and see Isabel [Dedring, Deputy Mayor for Transport], yes.

**Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM:** Come and see Isabel, not you. OK, that is great. Thank you very much.

### **Bakerloo Line Extension (1)**

**Question Number: 2014/3626**

**13 Oct 2014**

**James Cleverly AM**

**James Cleverly AM:** Finally, one of the other plans that has been discussed with regard to greater connectivity for my constituency is a better connection, whether that be through heavy rail or light rail, to Bromley North. People have expressed concerns to me that the Bakerloo line extension proposal would in some way mean greater connectivity to Bromley North would be off the table. Can you confirm whether or not these projects could both happen?

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** There is strong support, I can tell you, for the Bakerloo extension to run both to Hayes and to Bromley town centre. I suppose by that you mean that it might preclude running to Bromley North as well. Obviously there is a scheme to run the Docklands Light Railway (DLR), as you know, to Bromley North. I am not convinced we can necessarily do them all. I will look at it. Looking at it superficially, it looks to me if you go for Bromley town centre you are probably making it less likely that you will have DLR running to Bromley North.

### **Testing New Flight Paths at Heathrow Airport**

**Question Number: 2014/3652**

**13 Oct 2014**

**Tony Arbour AM**

**Tony Arbour AM:** Yes. Given that it is clearly a blessing in disguise, do you find it astonishing that Howard Davies [Sir Howard Davies, Chairman, Airports Commission] has not commented on this, given the

enormous weight of objection there has been already to what it has done?

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** I have made my views pretty well known about Sir Howard's report so far. I do not think it will stand the test of time. This is helping to speed it on its way down the oubliette of history. It will be forgotten in a year's time.

**Tony Arbour AM:** Would it be appropriate for you to prompt him into commenting on this or into incorporating what has happened in his report simply by you saying there has been this great weight of evidence? I can assure you that local authorities under the flight path will be taking this line. They will be making formal objection to [Sir Howard] Davies, if not saying that he should reopen the matter and that there certainly should be an addendum to his final report saying, if you like, what has happened post his mistaken original decision in ruling out the Estuary Airport.

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** To be fair to Howard, I do not know what account they are taking of what has happened on the flight paths, but it would be interesting to know. Perhaps it might be a good idea for us to get something on the record. I will be writing to him and making sure he has properly understood the impossibility of delivering the sorts of changes at Heathrow that he is still canvassing.

## **Cycle superhighways**

**Question Number: 2014/4042**

**13 Oct 2014**

**Darren Johnson AM**

**Richard Tracey AM:** I think there is a general view that the whole network that you have been producing over the last six years is actually pretty impressive, despite this sort of carping criticism you are getting from the other parties.

However, can I pursue one other point? The network will be near to completion only when you have done far more in the outer London boroughs, the mini-Hollands and the Quietways. You have mentioned the Quietways. When are we going to have the final specific figures for the spending? I know there was a press release issued by TfL yesterday about the outer London boroughs, but we really do need to know precise figures pretty quickly from, I guess, TfL as well as Andrew Gilligan [Cycling Commissioner].

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** Yes. I should have said that the mini-Hollands are another feature of the cycling revolution and several outer London boroughs are now getting that going.

The exact sums I cannot give you off the top of my head. The £913 million you know. That is the overall package. I cannot tell you what we have pushed out of the door so far, but I would be happy to try to find that if we can.

**Richard Tracey AM:** I have put down a written question to you asking that and perhaps you will answer it quickly.

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** OK. I will do my best to get an answer to you as fast as possible.

**Richard Tracey AM:** Thank you.



## **Chair's Question Regarding Gallow's Corner Junction**

**Question Number: 2014/5938**

**22 Oct 2014**

**Roger Evans AM**

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** Thank you very much, Roger. The issue is topmost in TfL. Thank you very much for raising it on behalf of your constituents. TfL is commissioning design work to see if we can improve Gallows Corner Junction and those improvements should be completed by the spring of 2016. TfL is very happy to go through in detail with you what is being proposed.

**Roger Evans AM (Chairman):** All right, thank you. I would not normally raise a question from the Chair, obviously

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** No, sure.

**Roger Evans AM (Chairman):** -- but in this situation the motion was approved cross-party at Havering, which is no small feat considering they now have six different political parties on the Council. One of the things that people tell me is that you did say you would come and have a look at the junction at some time and they have not seen you there yet. Will you reaffirm your promise to pay us a visit?

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** If I possibly can. Obviously I have been there several times and I have seen it in a general way. I do not think I have done a public meeting there. I will do my best. What I can certainly do is make sure that you are involved personally, Roger, in the changes that are being proposed and that you can have those explained to you. We are considering Gallows Corner in the long run for more fundamental change and it may be that other solutions will be necessary in the long run.

## **Bakerloo Line extension**

**Question Number: 2014/2592**

**23 July 2014**

**Caroline Pidgeon AM**

**Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM:** We completely support you on that, and we have lobbied alongside you on that. However, previous work on the Bakerloo line extension south has looked at at least 14 route options. I have the paperwork historically from TfL. We know previous studies have looked at both the Old Kent Road and Camberwell route options. They say they will provide huge economic benefits to those areas already earmarked for regeneration. Will you confirm that when you do consult on the Bakerloo line extension that it will serve both of these areas?

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** Yes. Sorry, I will confirm I will look at it.

## **Regrets re River Crossings**

**Question Number: 2014/2758**

**23 July 2014**

**John Biggs AM**

**Andrew Boff AM:** Yes. Perhaps it is a consensus not in this building. Could you write to me about the environmental impacts of the Silvertown tunnel that you have planned, specifically with regard to the air quality in Royal Docks?

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** Yes, I would be very happy to.

## **Regrets re River Crossings**

**Question Number: 2014/2758**

**23 July 2014**

**John Biggs AM**

**Andrew Boff AM:** With that general welcome for the crossings, could I ask you again to write to me and see whether or not you have investigated what the main reasons are for rejecting a bridge at the Woolwich ferry area --

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** I would be very happy to do that.

**Andrew Boff AM:** -- with the technical reasons for that because it is the most logical place for a bridge?

## **Part-time Travelcards**

**Question Number: 2014/2416**

**2 July 2014**

**Valerie Shawcross AM**

**Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM:** I am sure this part-time Travelcard is going to claim as many creators as the bike hire scheme seems to have, but some of us have had it in our manifesto for the last few elections, so we have it on record.

I welcome the fact that you are doing lots of detailed work on this. Could I urge you, rather than just announcing this as part of your fares package - which I hope will be a lot earlier than 3 December, which it was last year - that you consider doing a specific campaign around this to promote the benefits not just for people who work part-time, but also for those who want to cycle or perhaps walk to work one or two days a week?

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** I am happy to look at that.

## **TfL Buses hospitalizing Londoners**

**Question Number: 2014/2393**

**2 July 2014**

**Richard Tracey AM**

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** We have, as I have tried to point out just now, some pretty good processes in hand to ensure that bus drivers do have the training that they need. This is against a background of continuing reductions in the numbers of people killed or seriously injured. If there is some advantage in rewriting a contract, I am prepared to look at it, Darren.

**Darren Johnson AM:** Thank you. You will look at it?

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** I will look at it. I will make no further commitment than that.

## **TfL Buses hospitalizing Londoners**

**Question Number: 2014/2393**

**2 July 2014**

**Richard Tracey AM**

**Richard Tracey AM:** I am sure you must agree that it would be very helpful to know where the particular hot spots in London are exactly so that action could be taken at those hot spots.

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** Victoria [Borwick] has done some excellent work on Oxford Street and, as I recall, the risks that pedestrians run in Oxford Street.

**Richard Tracey AM:** That is clearly one hot spot.

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** The hot spots are pretty well known to us. If I can supply you with any

detailed information, I would be more than happy to do that.

## **Fit For the Future**

**Question Number: 2014/1927**

**11 June 2014**

**Navin Shah AM**

**Navin Shah AM:** Mr Mayor, the equality impact assessment for Fit for the Future quite rightly commits to an extensive programme of engaging with key stakeholders, which of course I very much welcome, but having met a number of disability groups within this building a couple of weeks ago, it would appear that organisations representing deaf people have not yet been consulted. Obviously I cannot expect you to be aware of that.

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** I was not aware of that. I will find out about it and we will see.

## **Policing and Crime**

### **Public order police officers and Body-worn video cameras**

**Question Number: 2015/1482**

**21 May 2015**

**Roger Evans AM**

**Andrew Dismore AM:** On the issue of public order, I wrote to you yesterday about the plans of anti-Semitic and far-right groups to hold a rally in Golders Green in January specifically aimed against the Jewish community. It is clearly very provocative and threatening in the wake of what happened in Paris and Copenhagen and the significant rise in anti-Semitic attacks in London over the last year. There has to be a real risk of disorder and violence against Jewish community businesses and the local community. What will you do to try to deal with this, and in particular to try to stop the rally taking place?

**Boris Johnson MP (Mayor of London):** Thank you for writing to me and thank you for taking it up. I will get on to it immediately and we will see what we can do. As you know, we do not generally like to ban public demonstrations or rallies except where absolutely necessary, though in the case of inciting anti-Semitic hatred or violence, that is plainly intolerable in our city, and we will see whether it meets those criteria.

### **Cuts to Policing**

**Question Number: 2015/0912**

**25 Mar 2015**

**Joanne McCartney AM**

**Andrew Dismore AM:** The last question was this. What percentage of burglaries in Barnet resulted in a criminal prosecution last year?

[...]

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** The answer is that I am very happy to write to you, Andrew, with the detail and the breakdown of criminal prosecutions of burglaries in Barnet. However, overall crime in Barnet, as indeed crime in London, has come down very substantially not just over the last four years but over the last seven years and you

**Andrew Dismore AM:** That is not what your figures show.

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** No, that is not true.

## **MOPAC Budget Component**

**Final Budget Meeting**

**23 Feb 2015**

**Joanne McCartney AM**

**Joanne McCartney AM:** We asked you to look at having a victims' champion at MOPAC and to look at

having an independent advocacy pilot for those with learning disabilities and mental health issues.

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** Yes. I am interested in this kind of thing.

**Joanne McCartney AM:** Would you write to me about this, Mr Mayor?

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** I certainly will write to you, Joanne.

**Joanne McCartney AM:** Thank you.

## **MOPAC Budget Component**

**Draft Budget Meeting**

**28 Jan 2015**

**Kit Malthouse AM**

**Kit Malthouse AM:** Is there any chance you could ask the Commissioner to increase capacity on the Dangerous Dogs Unit?

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** I will certainly look. We have this Dangerous Dogs Unit which we set up, as you know, and I totally agree with you about the air of menace and the intimidation that one of those dogs can bring with it. I do not like it. I want them properly controlled. I think the difficulty is that one man's dangerous dog is another man's beloved old pooch, and that is the problem. We had that problem, if you remember, with the original dangerous dogs legislation in the 1980s.

**Kit Malthouse AM:** It is quite clear. There are illegal breeds of dog which are still openly paraded on the streets of London with no enforcement. If someone was wandering around with a revolver, the police would be there like a shot, but the fact that this thing is a dog does not seem to attract the same level of importance, even though it is not nearly as frightening.

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** When I refer to a dangerous dog being a beloved old pooch, some of the dogs that have been involved in attacks, as far as I understand it, are not illegal breeds. It is very difficult to produce perfectly drafted legislation on this. I will certainly make enquiries, Kit --

**Kit Malthouse AM:** Thanks.

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** -- about whether the MPS feels that it could do more about dangerous dogs and weapon dogs.

**Kit Malthouse AM:** That would be very kind. Thank you.

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** They are a scourge.

## **Local Policing - Resources and Visibility**

**Question Number: 2014/3658**

**13 Oct 2014**

**Joanne McCartney AM**

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** The Local Policing Model (LPM) is barely a year old and we are still drawing conclusions about its operation. However, just so you know, we are doing a review and, as soon as we have more to give you about the changes that we think are necessary, we will of course share them.

The objective is, as you know, to get more officers into neighbourhood teams and to get more visibility. I

know you have a concern about visibility in some areas and, where we can address those, we will.

**Joanne McCartney AM:** Thank you. Mr Mayor, we were told by the Deputy Commissioner at our last Police and Crime Committee that the Metropolitan Police Service's review into the LPM was going to the management board last Tuesday and that it would be sent straight away the following day to the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC). Have you actually seen that?

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** I have not seen it, I am sorry to say, but as soon as we have something to give you, we shall.

## **Local Policing - Resources and Visibility**

**Question Number: 2014/3658**

**13 Oct 2014**

**Joanne McCartney AM**

**Joanne McCartney AM:** Hold on. I have already quoted at the last meeting to you that residents associations are complaining that their policing teams do not report back to them anymore and that they often cancel attendance at very short notice.

I have tried to find out by putting Mayor's Questions to you how many officers I have in my wards who are dedicated and how many are in this flexible number that can move around. You have been unable to give that to me, saying that the Metropolitan Police Service does not hold that data centrally. It begs the question to me how you can know what is going on and monitor it if the Metropolitan Police Service is not actually providing that --

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** Presumably, you have raised it with the Borough Commander, have you?

**Joanne McCartney AM:** Yes, but I am asking --

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** What has he told you?

**Joanne McCartney AM:** Hold on. I am asking across London and I am told that the Metropolitan Police Service does not hold it centrally. How can they monitor and how can you then monitor them and have oversight? Will you look into that, Mr Mayor? It seems to be a gap in the data collection.

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** I am interested by what you say. All I can say is that in the figures I have - and I have figures for Enfield and Haringey - for the officers appointed to neighbourhoods, for instance, in Enfield there will be by next year 144 compared to 61 in 2011. That is an increase of 136%.

**Joanne McCartney AM:** You are talking about neighbourhoods as a whole. Mr Mayor, I think you are missing the point.

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** In Haringey, there will be an increase from 55 to 144 and that is a 162% increase. What we are trying to do is to get officers out on the streets.

**Joanne McCartney AM:** Mr Mayor, I think you are missing the point. We have this number of officers, but the Metropolitan Police Service does not hold data centrally as to how many of them are dedicated to wards and how many of them are in a flexible model. We know that they are abstracted. I want that data --

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** Of course, one of the things that we have been very clear on is that you have to give Borough Commanders some flexibility as to how they run their SNTs. That is the way to bring down crime. I repeat what I said: crime is coming down very substantially. The commitment that we have made is that there will be one PC and one PCSO in every ward.

I am very happy, obviously, to find out from your Borough Commanders - and I am sure you can do it yourself, but I am very happy to do it on your behalf - the composition of the SNTs in your constituency.

## **Child Sexual Abuse**

**Question Number: 2014/3662**

**13 Oct 2014**

**Fiona Twycross AM**

**Andrew Boff AM:** Following on from that, Mr Mayor, can I recommend most strongly that you do look at the initiative being taken by three London boroughs - Croydon, Southwark and Lambeth - with regard to the information-sharing over existing Social Services casework that they have with a view to identifying those victims of trafficking? Often those victims of trafficking cannot really be seen unless you have been trained to see that. Croydon, particularly, has developed some ground-breaking training programmes which need to be distributed to the rest of London, quite frankly, in order to inform professionals - and indeed hotels may come into this as well - of the very clear signs that there are of victims of trafficking, which obviously includes child sexual abuse. If you can take that forward - -

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** I will make sure that is built into the MOPAC consideration.

**Andrew Boff AM:** Thank you very much.

## **Rise of Muslim Hate Crime in London**

**Question Number: 2014/3663**

**13 Oct 2014**

**Murad Qureshi AM**

**Murad Qureshi AM:** Yes, that is true. There are two aspects. No doubt a lot of it is aimed at women. Perpetrators by-and-large are men and it is being targeted at visible Muslim women. I just want to be sure you are aware of that. If you do not have the time to respond now, if you could write to me addressing that issue, it would be very useful.

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** That is interesting. That is not part of the details I have about that. I am not aware of that phenomenon. I will dig into it and see what information we can provide.

## **Rise of Muslim Hate Crime in London**

**Question Number: 2014/3663**

**13 Oct 2014**

**Murad Qureshi AM**

**Murad Qureshi AM:** Thank you. The other aspect is that I suspect - and this has been backed up by academic research - that there is a fair amount of under-reporting, like with other types of crime, sexual or whatever. There has been a recent study done by Teesside University which showed clearly there were about 700-odd incidents over a nine-month period between 2013 and 2014. They concluded that under-reporting remains a challenge in analysing the crime data, particularly for hate crime.

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** In London?

**Murad Qureshi AM:** Again, I suspect you are not going to be able to respond, but if you could ask the Commissioner or MOPAC to meet me or to write to me in order to outline their course of action, I would be

most grateful.

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** I will certainly do that. You mentioned the Edgware Road. This year we saw a 30% decrease in Islamophobic offending in the Edgware Road because we led a specific operation there.

One of the interesting things actually has been that we thought there might be a spike in this type of Islamophobic incident following the 'Jihadi John' videos and that kind of thing. Actually, that did not happen. It is wonderful that actually people are making the distinction between Islam and this foul perversion of Islam that is publicised by terrorists.

**Murad Qureshi AM:** Thank you.

## **Counter-Terrorism**

**Question Number: 2014/3198**

**17 September 2014**

**Joanne McCartney AM**

**John Biggs AM:** I opposed the cuts in PREVENT funding. Perhaps, as Mayor, it is something for you to do, to go away and look at whether there are adequate resources for this. It is not just about money, but whether we are having collective leadership on this issue. We need to look at funding the community interventions and the positive organisations and applauding the positive actions. For example, the fact that many mosques are uniting in prayer this week in hoping that the current hostage under threat is saved.

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** I agree. I share very much what you have just said, John. It is not always a question of funding. Some boroughs --

**John Biggs AM:** It might be.

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** -- with the same funding have done a very good job.

**John Biggs AM:** It was a massive cut in funding.

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** There has been, but as people will remember some of that funding was not going in an ideal direction. What we want to make sure is that what funding there is, goes to people who are really making a difference. As I said, what we are trying to do is through the boroughs, chief executives and council leaders to get a much clearer fix on what works and to bring everybody up to the standard of the best.

**John Biggs AM:** You will report back to us on that?

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** Yes.

## **Swift and Certain Sanctions**

**Question Number: 2014/2678**

**23 July 2014**

**Tony Arbour AM**

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** On the swift and sure approach, generally for people in breach of their non-custodial sentences in some way, then what you want is to see them locked up swiftly and certainly for a short sharp shock?

**Tony Arbour AM:** Yes, exactly right.

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** We will look at that. It is not something I have direct power to implement, however, with the Mayor's London Crime Reduction Board, we will certainly have a look at it.

### **Local Policing Model**

**Question Number: 2014/2764**

**23 July 2014**

**Joanne McCartney AM**

**Richard Tracey AM:** From your great office you could ask MOPAC and the MPS to investigate what is happening in Cheshire [re interactive police kiosks]?

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** I will investigate.

### **Local Policing Model**

**Question Number: 2014/2764**

**23 July 2014**

**Joanne McCartney AM**

**Joanne McCartney AM:** One final thing I would like to ask you about is the shift system. I am hearing from my local officers that actually they are exhausted. Rest days are cancelled. It is eroding their morale and goodwill. Can I ask you if you would commit to looking at the shift system because it needs a significant overhaul? The new shift system is not working. I understand the Commissioner's desire to get a minimum number during the night, but in some boroughs there is no nightlife, yet there has to be a minimum number of officers there and others are having to have rest days cancelled. It is playing havoc with their lives at the moment.

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** I understand. On that, if you supply some details of the specific concerns --

**Joanne McCartney AM:** I will.

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** -- I would be very happy to look into that.

### **Local Policing Model**

**Question Number: 2014/2764**

**23 July 2014**

**Joanne McCartney AM**

**Andrew Dismore AM:** If not, what are you going to do to give us more police officers so they can make your targets?

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** I will certainly study the length of time taken to answer these emergency calls in Barnet to see whether there is a particular problem in Barnet.

**Andrew Dismore AM:** Yes, there are just not enough policemen.

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** The times that you have mentioned are unacceptable and I will undertake to write to the Member to try to give him a full answer as to what we think is going on in the answering of emergency calls in Barnet.



## Electronic tagging

Question Number: 2014/2406

2 July 2014

Tony Arbour AM

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** All right. What you want us to look at is the police doing the tagging and thereby doing it more cheaply than contracting it out?

**Tony Arbour AM:** Yes.

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** I think that is the gist. I am very happy to look at that.

## Police spying on their critics

Question Number: 2014/2342

2 July 2014

Jenny Jones AM

**Jenny Jones AM:** All right. If I send you a list of the things that I think ought to be public knowledge, you can ask them the questions and get the answers.

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** No problems.

## Safeguarding children

Question Number: 2014/2300

2 July 2014

Caroline Pidgeon AM

**Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM:** In meeting with the Congress of all the boroughs, can you ask them to make themselves familiar with the practical steps as a result of my report, *Shadow City*, that are taking place amongst three London boroughs - Southwark, Lambeth and Croydon. These seek to look at the social work caseload of those three boroughs and share information between each other with a mind to identifying human trafficking, including sexual exploitation. This is not just in order to protect those people but to provide intelligence to the police so they can identify the perpetrators. I would ask you to spread that message when you are amongst borough leaders of these practical steps being taken in these boroughs to end the scourge of human trafficking in London.

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** Yes, certainly.

## Safeguarding children

Question Number: 2014/2300

2 July 2014

Caroline Pidgeon AM

**Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM:** It is acknowledged that even after the Rochdale and Oxfordshire scandals, thousands of children are still at risk of child sexual exploitation by gangs and groups and that runaways, as you have mentioned, are especially vulnerable. The Office of the Children's Commissioner identified 16,500 children nationally at risk. In April I produced a report that showed in 2012 and 2013 around 930 looked-after children went missing from the care of London boroughs, so I really think this is a serious and growing problem that needs to be addressed.

I wonder if you will ask the London boroughs to take action on this important issue at your next Congress of Leaders meeting.

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** Yes, I will certainly raise it with councils and they are primarily responsible for this issue.

## Safeguarding children

Question Number: 2014/2300

2 July 2014

Caroline Pidgeon AM

**Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM:** Will you commit to commissioning a specific piece of work led by the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) with the London Safeguarding Children Board, of which MOPAC is a member, to analyse and develop a real picture of the problem in London and what needs to be done?

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** Yes, I am very happy to do that.

## Planning and Housing

### Outer London small business premises

Question Number: 2015/1258

21 May 2015

Nicky Gavron AM

**Nicky Gavron AM:** That is very good to hear. There is a saving grace - you know that, do you not - because this policy is due to expire in 2016. It is a three-year policy. Unfortunately, the Government came in last summer with a new consultation, saying that they wanted to turn over the CAZ exemption and they wanted to make permanent office permitted development right across the country, and of course including the whole of London. You are now in a better position even than you were before: you are now in Government you are a member of the Government; you are in the political Cabinet. You have a great opportunity, because that has not been brought forward. That consultation has not been answered.

**Boris Johnson MP (Mayor of London):** I will look at it.

**Nicky Gavron AM:** Wait a minute. It has not been brought forward, and we are all very concerned that it will be. It is going to be absolutely catastrophic for London's economy if this goes through, and you absolutely have to make sure that it is ruled out in London, that we do not have permitted development from office to residential. Will you end it? Will you fight to end it?

**Boris Johnson MP (Mayor of London):** I will see what I can do. I will study the implications for outer London in more detail. I am concerned about some of the reports I am getting from outer London town centres, and I will see what I can do. I will get back to you on that, Nicky.

### Carlton Tavern

Question Number: 2015/1486

21 May 2015

Steve O'Connell AM

**Steve O'Connell AM:** We need to congratulate Westminster Council and the Members across both parties to support that enforcement action in giving a particularly bloody nose to the developer. Particularly I know Tom [Tom Copley AM] and myself are very keen to protect pubs. I know Tom has a written question in to you. I have probably no doubt that the developer may try to appeal against this enforcement, and my first point to you is could you try to ensure that any support you can give, through this building, in support of Westminster Council in rebuffing any potential appeal, will be made properly available?

**Boris Johnson MP (Mayor of London):** Yes.

**Steve O'Connell AM:** In other words, would you be able to support Westminster Council in any given way?

**Boris Johnson MP (Mayor of London):** Absolutely. I will support them morally and intellectually. They are completely right and we should all agree to make use of this pub ourselves in order to keep it going.

## **Standing up for London's employment spaces**

**Question Number: 2014/3201**

**17 Sept 2014**

**Nicky Gavron AM**

**Andrew Dismore AM:** No, the issue for Barnet, which they have washed their hands of, is relocating the offices that are being displaced. The point about it is Barnet has no power to object, even if it wanted to. It has no power to object and the same applies for most of London. It seems to me you need to get yourself properly briefed on this issue, Mr Mayor. The impact is horrendous throughout London. In Camden we have also lost 700 jobs and another office block in Camden Town. It is similar. Start-up businesses are all thrown out at the drop of a hat.

**Nicky Gavron AM:** You are now going to lose all the warehouses.

**Andrew Dismore AM:** You need to get to grips with this.

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** I will be very happy to send you the response to the Government's consultation when we send it.

## **Standing up for London's employment spaces**

**Question Number: 2014/3201**

**17 Sept 2014**

**Nicky Gavron AM**

**Roger Evans AM (Chairman):** Thank you. Just before we leave this matter, it does appear there is cross-party fairly strong opposition to these proposals here. Would it help you, Mr Mayor, if as Chairman of the Assembly I co-sign any representations you make to the Government with, of course, the agreement of Members of the Assembly?

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** I am sure that would add immeasurably to the weight of the letter and the seismic impact that it would have in Whitehall. Yes, that would be good.

## **Standing up for London's employment spaces**

**Question Number: 2014/3201**

**17 Sept 2014**

**Nicky Gavron AM**

**Nicky Gavron AM:** So far, so good. Just to be clear, are you then committing to saying to the Government that it should not allow the loss of employment space without it going through the planning system, or are you just picking and choosing amongst the different employment spaces?

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** I will send you the text of the letter when we have it, but I believe we are going to be objecting actually to the principle of allowing too much of this stuff to be released.

## **Hackbridge Regeneration Scheme (3)**

**Question Number: 2014/3646**

**13 Oct 2014**

**Steve O'Connell AM**

**Steve O'Connell AM:** OK. Also may I ask you - because what is concerning me is that again this is meal money and taxpayers' money that actually has been poorly and badly spent - to perhaps ask your Deputy Mayor to take a direct interest in this because it is a gross municipal incompetence in spending funds? I take your point and I know it is for me and others to take this up with Sutton Council.

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** It is.

**Steve O'Connell AM:** I know residents are, but it actually is your money that is being spent and I would ask you indeed to ask your Deputy Mayor to take this up with that particular council. To try to get to the bottom of what has gone wrong on the ground, why that money has been misspent and why we now have a much more dangerous scheme than we had in the past, if I could ask for your commitment around that.

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** Yes. Obviously I am not certain that my team altogether agrees with your characterisation of the effects of the scheme, but I am happy to take your points on board and to see what improvements we can make.

**Steve O'Connell AM:** My comments are reflecting the 1,000 local people that have responded to the survey. They are not my comments; they are those of the local constituents. I will leave it at that, Chair.

### **Street Based Developments**

**Question Number: 2014/2654**

**23 July 2014**

**Andrew Boff AM**

**Andrew Boff AM:** Thank you. That was a good summary of why a street-based development may sometimes not be suitable. Let us talk about specifics. Would you be supportive of developers having to provide a reason in their application why a street-based development is not possible in that particular instance?

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** Yes. That is something - -

**Andrew Boff AM:** Yes, that is another yes.

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** What they tend to do is explain why the PTAL ratio - or whatever it happens to be - necessitates a certain approach.

### **Street Based Developments**

**Question Number: 2014/2654**

**23 July 2014**

**Andrew Boff AM**

**Andrew Boff AM:** I suppose you are acquainted with my view on that. There are some requirements in the London Plan that actually make it quite difficult to provide street-based developments. Would you support a review of the London Plan to see what gets in the way of providing street-based development?

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** Yes. One of the things people need to focus on here is that we do want street-based.

**Andrew Boff AM:** He said yes.

### **Swiss Cottage Avenue Road Development**

**Question Number: 2014/2655**

**23 July 2014**

**Andrew Boff AM**

**Andrew Boff AM:** Would you, Mr Mayor, ask for an update on the stage 1 report that was received by Camden with regard to this application, on the basis that the language within that stage 1 report inferred that a tall building was preferable? That is not the case and I know the planners would like to amend that. Would you like to ask for that update as soon as possible?

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** I would.

## London Rental Standard

Question Number: 2014/2762

23 July 2014

Andrew Dismore AM

**Andrew Dismore AM:** Do you think it is time for the Government to rethink this and not allow evictions of long-established businesses but only perhaps convert empty office blocks? More importantly, what are you going to do for these people who are about to be thrown out of their livelihoods? How can you help them?

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** I will certainly study the case that you mention.

## Empty homes

Question Number: 2014/2343

11 June 2014

Darren Johnson AM

**Darren Johnson AM:** On the numbers we need to be doing more, so I would like you to go away and look at the bureaucracy and the complex procedures that are in place that seem to be unnecessarily delaying. This is not me saying this. This is housing partners complaining about this. The process could be a lot simpler and you could more speedily bring empty properties back into use by simplifying the bureaucracy.

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** We will have a look at it.

## Betting Shops

Question Number: 2014/1901

2 July 2014

Steve O'Connell AM

**Steve O'Connell AM:** Again, Mr Mayor, I will ask you - and I think you did comment earlier - would you consider amending the next draft of the London Plan for further alterations to pave the way for planning guidance to be introduced once the change to planning law has come in to effect?

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** Yes, as far as I know the FALP already allows for this. I will check, certainly.

## Private Rented Sector

Question Number: 2014/1919

11 June 2014

Tom Copley AM

**Andrew Dismore AM:** Well, would it also surprise you to know the identity of the landlord? The landlord I describe is none other than the recently elected Mayor of Barnet, Councillor Hugh Raynor, Conservative councillor, and the pre-signed witness was Conservative Councillor John Hart. As you have agreed to look into this, will you raise these issues with him direct as one of your party colleagues?

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** I am very happy to do so. I hope very much, Andrew, and it would be very unlike you of course to have calumniated in any way the reputation of any Conservative colleague of yours, I cannot believe that you would be so underhand as to introduce any suspicion about the conduct of a Conservative member.

## Private Rented Sector

Question Number: 2014/1919

11 June 2014

Tom Copley AM

**Tom Copley AM:** Mr Mayor, you will be eating your words in a moment. Before I move on the very subject of which the Mayor has just spoken, just to say that Shelter have looked into the issue of lettings agency fees where they have been banned in Scotland and 60% of lettings agency managers said the ban had no impact on their business and 17% said the change was positive for their business. Therefore, I hope you will look at the

issue of banning lettings agent fees in more detail.

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** Yes, I will look into it. It is not something that --

**Tom Copley AM:** Make sure you do because I will raise it with you again and if you then say to me, "I will have to go back and look at it." I expect you to have an answer.

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** Of course I will. I am very diligent in addressing all the things you raise, Tom. You did not ask specifically about this. Had you done so, I would of course have been able to give you an answer immediately. I will give you an answer later. I am very happy to give you an answer on rent controls, which is your normal quack medicine.

## **Safe Houses for London**

**Question Number: 2014/1879**

**11 June 2014**

**Andrew Boff AM**

**Gareth Bacon AM:** That is precisely what he is asking for your support for, Mr Mayor. He is very keen. The subject you picked up about undermining home life, etc, is covered in the report, and there would be appropriate safeguards with local authorities and the local police and such like. It would not be a question that this is a bolt hole for someone to go to, to sort of permanently evade their family or anything like that. It is much more of a reassurance method.

What Andrew is asking for in the report is that you would be prepared to commit a small amount of funding, almost as pump-priming, to start it as a pilot trial in a few small ward-sized areas, probably five of them around London. I appreciate from your comments at the moment that you are open to the idea of a pilot taking place. Would you be prepared to commit to meet with Andrew to discuss this in more detail?

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** Always happy to meet the great man.

## **Economic and Business Policy**

### **Pay**

**Question Number: 2014/2767**

**23 July 2014**

**Fiona Twycross AM**

**Fiona Twycross AM:** How can people who have no money afford to do these traineeships if they are not being paid?

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** I will look at the evidence --

**Fiona Twycross AM:** I will send you the information and I will expect a full reply.

### **Labour market inequality**

**Question Number: 2014/2415**

**2 July 2014**

**Fiona Twycross AM**

**Fiona Twycross AM:** Do you have a current estimate for the number of workers in London currently employed on zero-hours contracts?

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** I would be very happy to get you any statistics we have on that.

## Labour market inequality

Question Number: 2014/2415

2 July 2014

Fiona Twycross AM

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** Are you saying the Ford issue is now historic?

**Fiona Twycross AM:** It was 40-odd years ago that they fought for equal pay, so in that sense, yes, it is a historic campaign. What people are campaigning for now is to reduce the growing income gap between men and women, which is an issue that is quite shameful, not just here in London but across the country. What is your Enterprise Panel doing specifically on pay for women in London?

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** Sorry, I misunderstood you just now. I thought there was some particular case of inequality in pay that you wished to highlight.

**Fiona Twycross AM:** It was 40 years ago. It is still happening now.

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** That would be, frankly, the most useful way forward. What we need to do is to be quite forensic about this and to isolate cases of manifest injustice and to make a fuss about them. I am more than happy to join you, Fiona. You mentioned some evidence from *Grazia* or another publication. If there is some substance there and if there are some cases in London where we can isolate discrimination against women in the workforce, then I am more than happy to do that.

## Labour market inequality

Question Number: 2014/2415

2 July 2014

Fiona Twycross AM

**Fiona Twycross AM:** -- but there are also issues around productivity and skills. If you have people who are only working 10 or 15 hours a week, not only are they not able to access the benefits that they would be entitled to if they were working a bit more, but they are basically not economically productive for those hours.

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** I understand that completely. Can I make a proposal, Fiona, on these concerns about how zero-hours contracts may be operating? I propose that you take it up with Kit [Malthouse, Deputy Mayor for Business and Enterprise] and we have a look at what we can do through the London Enterprise Panel (LEP) to give further advice about this.

## Labour market inequality

Question Number: 2014/2415

2 July 2014

Fiona Twycross AM

**Fiona Twycross AM:** Most significantly, there is going to be a big impact on their future pensions. If you have somebody within the pay grade 2 band, who is earning about £40,000 a year and who is in their early 50s, under the new arrangements that TfL is seeking to impose, they are going to take something like a 25% hit to their pension prospects. Instead of retiring at 65 on a pension of, say, £31,000, they are going to be retiring on a pension of £24,000.

Are you saying to me and is TfL's management saying to us that they believe the bulk of TfL staff are currently overpaid and that their pensions are too large? It is a huge hit for a workforce to take.

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** I will just point out that a pension of £24,000 represents more than the average wage in this country, so it is not a bad pension to have, even if it is subject to the reduction that you describe.

We will, of course, look at everything we can and look at the conditions of employment of everybody at TfL,

but it is reasonable and Londoners would expect there to be some element of performance-related pay.

## **Labour market inequality**

**Question Number: 2014/2415**

**2 July 2014**

**Fiona Twycross AM**

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** I would be. Sorry, I think we are talking at slightly cross-purposes and that is my fault. There is the general problem of London creating huge numbers of jobs which are not going to Londoners and then there is the specific problem you have hit on, Jennette. What about black graduates who have plenty of ideas and plenty of ambition who somehow are not getting the jobs they would like? That is a knotty problem --

**Jennette Arnold OBE AM (Deputy Chair):** Can you commit to doing something?

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** -- and I would be very happy to see what I can do to help and to work with you to try to unknot it.

## **Labour market inequality**

**Question Number: 2014/2415**

**2 July 2014**

**Fiona Twycross AM**

**Joanne McCartney AM:** The reason for raising those 34 is that the tribunal found that in Ms Howard's case there was a practice of redacting and taking out, in effect falsifying an internal document, because that is what it amounts to. If someone has found there has been discrimination and they are told to take it out, in my mind, it is falsifying a document.

If there are 34 other cases that have gone to a tribunal, it is incumbent upon you to review those cases and to check that in those 34 cases the same practice did not go on as well. Will you commit to do that today?

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** Yes, certainly.

## **Health and Public Services**

### **Mayor of London Budget Component**

**Question Number: 2015/0109**

**21 Jan 2015**

**Fiona Twycross AM**

**Fiona Twycross AM:** In one case I heard recently of a delay of over a year for somebody to get their Personal Independence Payment. If this is the case, we have a real issue with people actually having access to the money they are entitled to.

I wondered on the specific point what more you would do to lobby the Government to make sure that it is running the benefit system effectively to make sure it does not let down Londoners who are down on their luck, and whether you would personally write to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions to highlight concerns raised by the report, raised by the all-party investigation and raised by Oxfam and the Child Poverty Action Group on how the benefits system is operating and the impact it has on Londoners.

[...]

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** What I would need to do is to work in concert with an MP on particular cases to help draw the issue to the attention of the Secretary of State. I am more than happy to do so. I am just trying to draft the letter in my head. I would need to have specific cases that I would --



**Fiona Twycross AM:** We can find you plenty of specific cases.

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** That would be kind. That is what I am really asking for.

**Fiona Twycross AM:** I will find an MP who will come forward with dozens of cases that you can raise.

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** I would be more than happy to support in that case, but we need to have a bit of chapter and verse. That is all I am saying.

**Fiona Twycross AM:** Yes, thank you.

## **Cardiff Model**

**Question Number: 2014/3576**

**13 Oct 2014**

**Caroline Pidgeon AM**

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** We have not yet had responses from all the Trusts that we wrote to. Caroline, I think you have a copy of the letter I wrote anyway.

**Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM:** I have seen that, yes.

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** It is fairly straightforward. It makes the point that it would be a huge benefit to London if we had more data about what is happening in the A&Es and what kinds of injuries they are treating. When we get all those responses back, obviously we will share them with you.

**Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM:** Lovely. You may well have to have a roundtable to really thrash this out because this has been going on for so long. I welcome your support and commitment to achieving this, which will help reduce violent crime in London.

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** Thank you.

## **Food poverty and malnutrition**

**Question Number: 2014/3204**

**17 September 2014**

**Fiona Twycross AM**

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** I have been trying to get the data on rickets. I know that Victoria [Victoria Borwick AM, Deputy Mayor] has been looking at this and I do not have specific data on rickets here today. What I can tell you is that we are obviously aware of the problems that Londoners who are suffering from food poverty are facing; and we supporting all sorts of schemes, including the Healthy Start programme to get people on low incomes vouchers for fruit and milk and so forth. 50% of London schools have signed up for the Healthy Schools London programme to make sure that they have good food at school. Then I draw your attention to all the other measures that we are putting in place, not least what Rosie Boycott [Chair, London Food] is doing through the Capital Growth Initiative to support the growing of food in London, and then all the other things to support people on low incomes generally. There is no question that there is a problem, but the actual numbers of those admitted for malnutrition fell by 4% this year.

**Fiona Twycross AM:** OK. I would welcome a copy of those figures because that is at variance with the national trend.

## Healthy Work Places

Question Number: 2014/2417

2 July 2014

Onkar Sahota AM

**Dr Onkar Sahota AM:** Mr Mayor, the London Healthy Workplace Charter has been in place for two years now and so far only 31 organisations have signed up. This means that only some 100,000 people are guaranteed healthy working environments out of nearly four million people working in London.

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** No, 5.43 million. We have 5.43 million jobs now.

**Dr Onkar Sahota AM:** The point I am trying to make is that the majority of these people are not covered by the Healthy Workplace Charter. Can you tell me whether the MPS and the Fire Brigade are part of this or not?

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** I cannot give you that information. I am sorry. I will give you all --

**Dr Onkar Sahota AM:** My information is they are not. Perhaps you will use your good offices to make sure that all the organisations that come under the mayoralty and the London Assembly are signing up to this.

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** Absolutely. I see no reason why they should not. I will get you some details on that.

## Environment

### Supreme Court Judgement against the UK government over breaches of EU air pollution limits

Question Number: 2015/1498

21 May 2015

Jenny Jones AM

**Nicky Gavron AM:** Yes. Good morning. I agree with Assembly Members Jones and Qureshi that we need to expand the ULEZ and I am glad you are now considering that but we cannot wait. There are some measures that we absolutely have to have very, very soon. It is not just cars. I want a bit of a preamble; only one question. It is not just cars that use roads. It is schoolchildren. It happens to be National Walk to School Week. All over London now, more and more children are walking to school. It is a great initiative.

However, the issue is that we have over 1,000 schools on or near polluted roads. There is new scientific evidence done in London with 800 children at 23 schools, longitudinally, that shows that just the daily walk to and from school for half an hour damages children's lungs and stunts their growth. We used to push safer routes to school and quite rightly, but now we need safe, clean-air routes to school.

On behalf of the Labour Group - and coming to the question - I put forward an amendment to your budget [2015-16], which you did not take up. It said that this year you should be piloting clean-air routes to school with a view to putting a much bigger budget line in next year. My question is: will you now commit to supporting some pilots this year for clean-air routes to school for schoolchildren in primary schools?

[...]

**Nicky Gavron AM:** The point is that children are walking along very polluted roads. They have to find other routes. That has to be worked out. TfL should have a role in that. Will you support clean-air routes to school?

**Boris Johnson MP (Mayor of London):** Yes, of course. Just going back to what I was saying, TfL

**Nicky Gavron AM:** It is not doing it now. Will you do it? Will you support it?

**Boris Johnson MP (Mayor of London):** will be, I am sure, happy to give you a full briefing on what we do, but Surface Transport has a massive programme of engagement with schools. If there is something we can learn from your programme, then I would be very happy to do so, Nicky. I do not in any way wish to dismiss it.

## **Solar Energy**

**Question Number: 2014/2684**

**23 July 2014**

**Jenny Jones AM**

**Jenny Jones AM:** The cost of the technology has fallen by 50% since 2011. We are talking about a different situation than was happening even two or three years ago. You have a team here who could look at this and who could think about it. For example, I went to visit a school in Islington that gains 25% of its electricity needs from solar panels. Will you look at this --

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** I will, yes.

**Jenny Jones AM:** -- for schools and businesses and so on, because it is actually a way of improving the wellbeing of Londoners?

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** Sure.

## **Solar Energy**

**Question Number: 2014/2684**

**23 July 2014**

**Jenny Jones AM**

**Jenny Jones AM:** What I am really concerned about is whether you will consider my recommendations because they are slightly different from yours. I am very interested in what you are doing and I would love to read about it in a newspaper but I do not have much time, so will you consider my recommendations?

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** I am always happy, yes, of course, to consider your recommendations, Jenny.

## **Greater London Authority and Functional Bodies**

### **Fire prevention in recycling facilities**

**Question Number: 2014/2385**

**2 July 2014**

**James Cleverly AM**

**James Cleverly AM:** I need to be very careful not to imply that there is anything more going on than we can prove. However, the simple truth of the matter is that with scrap - particularly scrap metal - prices being as high as they are, a maximum fine of £1,000 can very easily be factored into the ongoing running costs of an operation. I will work this through the Fire Authority, but my personal view is that whilst the maximum fine is only £1,000, it provides no disincentive to unprofessional and dangerous behaviour by some of the rogue operators in this sector.

**Boris Johnson (Mayor of London):** I am very happy to support you in that.

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