

**Questions to the Mayor of London and the
Deputy Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis**

London Assembly (Plenary), 9 December 2014

PRIORITY ORDER PAPER

Report No: 4

Subject: Question and Answer Session on Policing in London

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Meeting London's Current and Future Policing Needs

Question No: 2014/4962

[Joanne McCartney](#)

With ever reducing budgets can the Metropolitan Police Service meet current and future policing needs?

Violent Crime in London

Question No: 2014/4963

[Tony Arbour](#)

Whilst recorded crime continues to decrease, 'Violence with Injury' has seen a considerable increase this year. What measures are the Metropolitan Police taking to reduce violent crime?

Undercover Police Still Employed by the Metropolitan Police Service

Question No: 2014/4964

[Jenny Jones](#)

How can Londoners have confidence in the Metropolitan Police Service if police officers who had sexual relationships while working undercover are still employed and may not face any sanction for their behaviour?

Transparency in the Metropolitan Police Service

Question No: 2014/4965

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Should the Met Police promote trust through transparency by having a compulsory public register of interests including membership of organisations such as the freemasons?

Questions not asked during Mayor's Question Time will be given a written response by Friday 12 December 2014.

Questions for Written Response

Cost of Water Cannon Training

Question No: 2014/4966

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

What is the forecast spend in 2014/15 on training officers to use the Water Cannon?

Update on Cardiff Model progress

Question No: 2014/4967

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Please publish a summary of the responses you have received from the Hospital Trusts you wrote to regarding the implementation of the Cardiff Model in London.

Policing of Bushy and Richmond Parks (1)

Question No: 2014/4968

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

The current model for policing Richmond and Bushy parks is not working. Shift patterns do not match visitor or incident patterns and there are no specific environmental policing considerations in the current model. Would you commission research into how this model could work better for the effective policing of the parks?

Policing of Bushy and Richmond Parks (2)

Question No: 2014/4969

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Environmental policing is not part of MPS culture and receives low priority in the MPS; wildlife crime as defined by the MPS does not cover the type of policing needed by Bushy and Richmond Parks. What additional training do the officers receive who are assigned to these parks?

Policing Costs

Question No: 2014/4970

[John Biggs](#)

Please advise me of the cost per household in London to fund the Metropolitan Police

Confidence in London's Policing

Question No: 2014/4971

[John Biggs](#)

What, by borough, is the current state of confidence in London's policing? From this, what trends and concerns do you note?

Tower Hamlets Borough Commander

Question No: 2014/4972

[John Biggs](#)

I have raised repeatedly with the Tower Hamlets Borough Commander anxieties about assaults in the area but he appears unable to respond to requests for information about patterns, concerns or actions taken. What response should Assembly Members expect from Borough Commanders to requests for clarification? Why is Tower Hamlets unable to respond?

Fraud Complaints

Question No: 2014/4973

[John Biggs](#)

How are complaints of fraud managed within the MPS?

Waltham House Closure

Question No: 2014/4974

[Jennette Arnold](#)

Can I have an update on your plans for alternative policing provision in and around the area of Leytonstone now that you have closed Waltham House Police Station?

Arrest targets - 1

Question No: 2014/4975

[Jennette Arnold](#)

Do you think it's acceptable for police officers to have targets for the number of arrests and stop and searches they must do each month?

Arrest targets - 2

Question No: 2014/4976

[Jennette Arnold](#)

Does the Metropolitan Police service use targets for the number of arrests and stop and search they must do - yes or no?

Neighbourhood Policing Teams - 1

Question No: 2014/4977

[Jennette Arnold](#)

Now that your new model for policing has bedded in, many of the Safer Neighbourhood Boards in my constituency are reporting a reduction in the visibility of Police Officers on the beat. Reasons being suggested are a reduction in overall policing numbers, high vacancy rates, and poor attrition. Without police visibility, public confidence in policing will only be so high and we will end up with less and less policing done through a mode of reciprocity and co-operation, which, to me, is key in having a functional police service in our city. Can you confirm current vacancy numbers by Officer-level across Hackney, Islington and Waltham Forest?

Neighbourhood Policing Teams - 2

Question No: 2014/4978

[Jennette Arnold](#)

Can you detail what you feel the reasons are for the reduced visibility of Police Officers and what you will do to improve visibility of Officers across my constituency?

Neighbourhood Policing Teams - 3

Question No: 2014/4979

[Jennette Arnold](#)

Can you tell me what you will do to improve attrition of Police Officers, given the high vacancy rates?

Neighbourhood Policing Teams - 4

Question No: 2014/4980

[Jennette Arnold](#)

Can you tell me more about the shift-patterns of Officers going out on the beat, in terms of whether there are fixed shifts at the same times each day, or whether there is flexibility in the times and locations that Officers patrol?

Reporting of Sex Crimes

Question No: 2014/4981

[Jennette Arnold](#)

You will be as concerned as I am to hear reports that 1-in-4 sex crimes are not being recorded correctly. Is this true? Is this acceptable, if so? And what will you do to address it?

criminal records

Question No: 2014/4982

[Andrew Dismore](#)

In what circumstances do you consider a criminal record should not be a bar to joining the police service; and in particular, would you consider or rule out an application from someone with a conviction or caution for drugs, violence or acquisitive crime offences?

crime reduction target

Question No: 2014/4983

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Do you agree that your top-down demand for a 20% reduction in crime has led to both under recording and downgrading of crime that is recorded in local Met crime statistics?

Hampstead Town contact point

Question No: 2014/4984

[Andrew Dismore](#)

Are you satisfied with the arrangements for Hampstead Town contact point?

Police advertising campaign

Question No: 2014/4985

[Andrew Dismore](#)

How much has been spent on the recent advertising campaign including the posters on phone boxes about police performance in each borough?

Street lighting

Question No: 2014/4986

[Andrew Dismore](#)

What are the likely consequences for crime levels, if Barnet Council switch off the street lighting and leave parks unlocked at night?

Gang crime in Barnet

Question No: 2014/4987

[Andrew Dismore](#)

I am getting worrying reports of a dramatic increase in gang crime in Barnet, much of it drug related and violent or threatening. What are you doing about it?

Dangerous driving on A10

Question No: 2014/4989

[Joanne McCartney](#)

I am still receiving numerous complaints from my constituents about dangerous driving on the A10 which involves racing and speeding. Not only is this dangerous, it is residents are also suffering from the noise. Further to the Mayor's response to MQ2014/4479 on dangerous driving on the A10, the Mayor stated that:

"In the interim however, TfL funded MPS officers are carrying out regular operations along this stretch of road. This is in addition to the eight speed cameras and six red light cameras placed along the A10. TfL and the MPS will continue to work closely together to ensure everything possible is being done to keep the A10 running as smoothly and safely as possible."

Can you outline what MPS resources have gone into tackling this issue and how long you envisage the interim period to last as this area will not be considered for average speed cameras until 2017 at the earliest?

Break-ins at local businesses

Question No: 2014/4990

[Joanne McCartney](#)

In Enfield Town there has been a spate of break-ins at local businesses with laptops and products being stolen, causing considerable stress, loss of income, and an impact on how the area is portrayed to local businesses. What resources are you putting into preventing this issue?

MPS commercial programme

Question No: 2014/4991

[Joanne McCartney](#)

In a letter from the Deputy Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police to John Biggs as Chair of the Budget and Performance Committee dated 3rd November, it is stated that the MPS is looking to see if it can compete in the areas of "Corporate Real Estate, Transport Services, Business Support Services, Logistics, ICT Services, Command and Control, and Criminal Justice". Can you detail which specific functions under each of these headings are being considered?

Engaging with young Londoners

Question No: 2014/4992

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Given the All Party Parliamentary Group for Children reporting recently that children have a profound lack of trust in the police, what action are you taking to rectify this across London?

Domestic Violence Services

Question No: 2014/4993

[Joanne McCartney](#)

In July 2014 you told the Assembly that "MOPAC is currently refreshing information on IDVA service provision across London and from there will build a commissioning and funding model ready for the autumn". Is this model ready and will you share it with us?

Recording Fraud

Question No: 2014/4994

[Joanne McCartney](#)

According to the MPS Crime data tables, in February 2013 the number of Fraud and Forgeries reported in London decreased dramatically. Was there a change to how the MPS now records Fraud and Forgery? Please give a detailed explanation as to the reason for this change.

Estate Receipts

Question No: 2014/4995

[Murad Qureshi](#)

Will the greater receipts than expected you have received for Scotland Yard (£250m+) save the sale of other Police stations like Paddington Green - the fictional home of the legendary Dixon of Dock Green?

Islamophobic Hate Crime

Question No: 2014/4996

[Murad Qureshi](#)

In light of the figures used by the BBC Regional News to show a 60 per cent plus raise in islamophobic hate crime in London, can you give me the latest figures you have for hate crime targeted at Muslim communities of London for 2013 and 2014, broken down by month & borough as well.

Alcohol related crime and anti-social behaviour

Question No: 2014/4997

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Please name the ten worst wards in London for high levels of alcohol related crime and antisocial behaviour?

Dispersal Zone Orders

Question No: 2014/4998

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Please list the areas where there is a current and active Dispersal Zone in operation? Is this a technique the MPS continues to make use of in areas of high antisocial behaviour?

Question Title; Noise Nuisance

Question No: 2014/4999

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

If residents complain of continuing problems with on-street 'partying' and serious late night noise nuisance is affecting communities, including sometimes from parked cars, what steps will the MPS take in response to this?

'Door to door Chugging'

Question No: 2014/5000

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

What advice do the MPS give to elderly members of the public regarding the common practice of Charities sending staff door to door seeking to collect banking details and sign up donors? What steps would the MPS take if a Charity pressured a confused and vulnerable older person on their doorstep to become a lifelong donor? How would the public go about complaining about this practice?