

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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By email

Our Ref: MGLA021117-3038

30 November 2017

Dear ██████████

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 2 November 2016. Your request has been dealt with under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

You requested the carbon footprint directly associated with the London/Westminster New Year's fire work display for the last two years (2015, 2016) and the forthcoming event (December 2017). You focused your request on the fireworks themselves because of their impact on air quality and health.

The GLA does not calculate an overall carbon footprint for the fireworks every year, but does hold a copy of some figures produced by Carndu Ltd about emissions from last year's display (31 December 2016). These show that approximately 0.029 tonnes of nitrogen oxide (NOx) were emitted by the official New Year's Eve fireworks display last year which we calculated is roughly equivalent to 0.00006% of London's annual NOx emissions.

We do not have separate figures for 2015 or for the coming event in December 2017, but they are likely to be similar for each of these three years, which all have a similar fireworks budget and fireworks of the same type and calibre used in each of these years.

Our event production company minimises the impact of the event as a whole by using London based suppliers, reusing equipment year on year and hiring in rather than building bespoke equipment for each year.

Please find attached the information that we hold within the scope of your request.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA021117-3038.

Yours sincerely

Ruth Phillips
Information Governance Officer

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