

CROSSRAIL

Weekly Parliamentary Monitoring – week ending 25 April 2008

Prime Minister's Question Time

During the proceedings of Prime Minister's Question Time Mike Gapes MP stated:

"Last week, the Prime Minister made a very successful visit to my constituency of Ilford. Does he agree that London is the most successful and diverse city in the world, with fantastic community relations? Investment has been made in its buses and trains, and there is still Crossrail to come. Does he think that all of that would be put at risk if someone with uncosted commitments and shadowy advisers were to be parachuted into our capital city?"

The PM responded: *"People know that more people are able to use public transport—buses and the London underground—as a result of the Mayor of London's policies. In addition, more people are able to get affordable housing as a result of his policies. What would be completely unacceptable to the people of London would be to wake up and find that, as a result of a Conservative Mayor, housing was being cut, affordable housing was being taken away and the very transport services they relied on were being savagely cut. We will not allow that to happen."*

Also raised in PMQ's was the topic on unmanned stations. Lee Scott MP said: *"My constituents in Ilford, North arrive home late at night to find some stations unmanned. Does the Prime Minister agree that the current moribund Mayor of London is letting them down and that next week, hopefully, we shall have a Mayor of London who will protect their safety?"*

The PM replied: *"If that is the case, the last thing the hon. Gentleman's party would want to do is to cut spending on transport, but that is exactly what the policy of that party is."*

http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200708/cmhansrd/cm080423/debtext/80423-0002.htm#qn_o6

Crossrail Bill

The following petitions against the Crossrail Bill have been withdrawn:

EMI Music Publishing Limited (Petition No.30)

Mr Lloyd Christopher Biscoe (as Liquidator for JTA Joinery Limited) (Petition No. 79)

Mintel International Group Limited (No. 3)

South West Regional Assembly (No.76)