

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

Alexander Barnes-Ross
(by email)

Our reference: MGLA040825-1452

2 September 2025

Dear Alexander Barnes-Ross

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 1 August 2025. Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

You requested:

Please provide any and all documents relating to Scientology's adverts on the London Underground, including but not limited to any reports and the outcome of any assessments made about the ads against the TfL advertising guidelines.

At a London Assembly meeting on 3rd July 2025, when asked on whether he would commit to reviewing whether Scientology ads are appropriate, TfL Commissioner Andy Lord responded "that has already been done".. and I am requesting information around this review, such as any correspondence between Assembly Members and the Commissioner and any documents provided by TfL to Assembly Members relating to the adverts.

Please also provide any communication received by the Church of Scientology and/or its representatives regarding the campaign. I am happy for the information to be supplied in a redacted format so as to protect people's privacy.

Our response to your request is as follows:

Please find below the information that the GLA holds within the scope of your request.

The following information has been extracted from briefing papers produced by Group office staff to support Assembly Members in relation to formal Assembly meetings:

Source	Text
MQT Briefing pack 22 May 2025 (Caroline Russell)	<p>Q: Are Scientology and Aftermath adverts in line with your advertising guidelines?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Scientology and Aftermath Foundation advertisements which ran on the TfL network were both reviewed against TfL's Advertising Policy and found to comply

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MQT 22 May 2025 (Gareth Roberts)	Scientology Adverts on TfL Network
Final papers Health Inequalities Plenary - 5 June 2025 / Draft briefng HIV question at plenary.	<p>Advertising on the TfL estate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assembly Members from opposition groups have asked the Mayor numerous questions about advertising on the TfL estate.• This and the Lib Dems have asked about Scientology adverts.

Please note that Assembly Members' information concerning constituency business or their activities as part of a political group are considered Members' own information and are not held by the GLA for the purposes of the FOIA.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA040825-1452.

Yours sincerely

Paul Robinson
Information Governance Officer

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<https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/governance-and-spending/sharing-our-information/freedom-information>