

**Time to pay up –  
why all  
embassies must  
pay the  
Congestion  
Charge**



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## Introduction

London is now owed over £40 million in unpaid Congestion Charge and Penalty Charge Notices by foreign embassies, with the unpaid bill rising by £1 million a month, research by the Liberal Democrat London Assembly Group has revealed.

The loss of revenue to Transport for London (TfL) and Londoners now equals more than £5 per person living in London.

The United States Embassy is the worst offender owing over £4 million to Londoners since their sudden decision to stop paying the Congestion Charge in 2005. They are followed by Russia, Germany and Japan in terms of money owed to TfL and Londoners. During 2009 alone the US and Russian embassies both racked up a bill of over £1 million in unpaid Congestion Charge and Penalty Charge Notices. Along with other embassies the cumulative unpaid bill of Congestion Charge and Penalty Charge Notices grew by more than £11.6 million in 2009. At current levels of non-payment the total bill owed to Londoners will exceed more than £50 million by the end of 2010.

Only a small proportion of embassies based in London consistently refuse to pay the congestion charge. The latest figures show that 74% of Embassies (119 out of 162) pay the charge on a regular basis<sup>1</sup>. Many of the non-paying embassies are some of the richest nations in the world.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.london.gov.uk/mqt/public/question.do?id=29242>

## The Congestion Charge - a history

Contained within the Greater London Authority Act 1999 was the right of the authority and its Mayor to create a zone in which a congestion charge could be levied. The former Mayor of London used this authority and in February 2003 charging began.

The congestion zone was designed to cut congestion in the centre of London, a target that it has clearly succeeded in. It is an undeniable fact that if the Congestion Charge had not been introduced the current levels of congestion within the zone would be significantly greater.

The Congestion Charge has also allowed extra investment in public transport and provided a number of other benefits for the local environment, including greater use of public transport, reductions in CO2 and other pollutants and improved road safety. By refusing to pay the charge, which is used solely to administer the scheme and fund transport schemes in London, embassies are benefiting from the generosity of their host city.

A number of embassies refused to pay from the outset (particularly African Union nations<sup>2</sup>), and by 2004, already a million pounds was owed to London by various embassies. The Government was, however, able to convince a number of the embassies to begin paying the charge<sup>3</sup>. Controversy only really began in 2005, when after paying the charge for two years the United States Embassy suddenly announced that it would no longer pay the charge as they now considered it a tax.

Over the summer of 2005 a number of embassies from EU countries reportedly met to discuss how to sidestep the charge and some time afterwards the German Embassy announced it would no longer pay the charge.<sup>4</sup> The French Embassy had no problem with the charge until 2007 and then decided they agreed with the actions taken by the American Embassy and started

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<sup>2</sup> <http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/uk/article1415468.ece>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.thisislondon.co.uk/news/article-13105573-diplomats-owe-13m-in-parking.do>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/article579971.ece>

to refuse to pay the charge. This tied-in conveniently with the expansion of the zone, which included the area where their embassy is located.

In 2006 the Embassy of the United Arab Emirates backed down and announced that it would start paying the charge having previously refused to pay from the very start. The Embassy cleared its debt and promised to begin to require its staff to pay the congestion charge<sup>5</sup>.

### **Tax and the Vienna Convention**

*“But no one has to pay the congestion charge. It’s simply the price to be paid, much like paying for a swim in the local pool. No one has to drive their car into the zone. If you don’t want to pay, don’t make the journey. Or take public transport.”*

Stephen Pollard, *The US Taxing our Patience*, The Times newspaper<sup>6</sup>.

Diplomats avoiding the Congestion Charge often cite the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations as the international treaty that legitimises their position. The Convention, agreed in 1961, does release diplomats from paying tax to their host country. However Article 34 of the Convention which deals with this issue, specifically denies diplomats the right to avoid paying for specific services.

The key fact is that the Congestion Charge in London is not a tax but a charge made for the use of certain types of private vehicles within specified hours, on some of London’s most congested roads. Foreign diplomatic staff should pay for this in the same way that British diplomats pay to use toll roads where they are based. Indeed a Times newspaper editorial last year

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<sup>5</sup> <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/london/4881442.stm>

<sup>6</sup> <http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/comment/thunderer/article714362.ece>

described the embassies and diplomatic missions that refuse to pay the charge as having an “intellectually unsustainable” position.<sup>7</sup>

Britain’s Office for National Statistics (ONS), rejected the argument that the charge was a tax because firstly by law all revenue must be spent on improving London’s transport system, as such the ONS consider the charge as a “*self financed market service*”. Secondly the ONS considered the amount charged as reasonable to the costs involved.

In a startling lack of consistency in Oslo and Singapore where a similar charge exists both British and U.S embassy staff pay the charge<sup>89</sup>, and the Federal US Department for Transport itself does not count road tolls as a tax but as a user fee<sup>10</sup>.

The British Government has made it clear to embassies that the Congestion Charge should not be considered as a tax. In 2005 Jack Straw, the then Foreign Secretary, told the House of Commons: “*We have informed missions of our view that the congestion charge does not constitute a form of direct taxation under the Vienna Convention, but is a charge analogous to a motorway toll, and that they are expected to pay.*”<sup>11</sup>

The Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) has also published its own judgement on the issue. The OECD looked in particular at the organisational structure of Transport for London as a “quasi corporation”. The report referred to the fact that there is a legal requirement that the revenue from the charge must be spent on transport in London. “*The congestion charge is therefore a service charge not a tax because of the ring fenced accounting inherent in the scheme.*”

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<sup>7</sup> <http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/comment/letters/article6802440.ece>

<sup>8</sup> <http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2006/apr/06/london.transport>

<sup>9</sup> <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/london/4770293.stm>

<sup>10</sup> <http://www.barder.com/401>

<sup>11</sup> <http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/comment/letters/article718126.ece>

The report recognised that there was a cross subsidy (money from the Congestion Charge might go to trains for example) but pointed out that this was common in the private sector<sup>12</sup>.

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<sup>12</sup> <http://www.oecd.org/dataoecd/10/38/24330376.doc>

## **Boris Johnson puts his foot in his mouth and ensures Londoners lose out**

On this issue Boris Johnson has tried to have his cake and eat it. While he tells the embassies that they need to pay the charge he also tries to appeal to the motoring lobby, and elements within the Conservative Party by on a number of occasions publicly calling it a tax.<sup>13</sup> On 27<sup>th</sup> November 2008, when announcing the scrapping of the Western zone Boris Johnson declared, “*we can lift this tax*”<sup>14</sup>. A spokesman for the Mayor was later forced to retract this statement<sup>15</sup>.

Unfortunately Boris Johnson has not learnt his lesson. A year later he managed to repeat the mistake, this time speaking to the London Assembly when he described the Congestion Charge as a tax.<sup>16</sup> (Question 0223/2009) These high profile comments from the Mayor of London immediately legitimise the arguments of those avoiding the charge and totally undermine the campaign to persuade embassies and diplomatic missions to pay the Congestion Charge. During his election campaign Boris Johnson could play down his habit of putting his foot in his mouth, but now this habit is costing London tens of millions of pounds.

Regrettably the actions of Boris Johnson have also been followed by many London Assembly Conservative members, who have on a number of occasions provided an excuse to non-paying embassies by frequently referring to the Congestion Charge as a tax<sup>17 18</sup>. Incredibly some have even stated that they agree with the actions of the US and other non-paying embassies.

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<sup>13</sup> Boris Johnston axes London congestion charge, Guardian, Nov 27 2008 <http://www.guardian.co.uk/politics/2008/nov/27/congestioncharging-london>

<sup>14</sup> <http://www.guardian.co.uk/politics/2008/nov/27/congestioncharging-london>

<sup>15</sup> <http://torytroll.blogspot.com/2008/11/boriss-diplomatic-stand-off-lasts-only.html>

<sup>16</sup> <http://www.london.gov.uk/mqt/public/question.do?id=28979>

<sup>17</sup> <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/embassies-refuse-to-pay-capitals-congestion-charge-511556.html>

<sup>18</sup> <http://www.london.gov.uk/mqt/public/question.do?id=27370>



## Liberal Democrat action

Liberal Democrats in City Hall have taken a strong lead in consistently demanding that the embassies pay the money owed to London. The Liberal Democrat London Assembly Transport Spokesperson Caroline Pidgeon has regularly used Mayor's Question Time as well as other opportunities to ensure that the Mayor continues to pursue this issue. She has publicly described the embassy behaviour as an insult to Londoners and their host city.

Caroline also proposed, and won the backing of the London Assembly for a motion, which called on Boris to write to the Heads of State demanding that they instruct their embassies to pay up. The Mayor has recently refused to do this and flatly rejected the majority view of the London Assembly.

While the Liberal Democrats provide leadership on this issue Boris Johnson has refused to take action and through his ill-judged comments legitimised the actions of the non paying embassies.

***"All the international evidence and legal opinion clearly states that the Congestion Charge is exactly that - it is a charge not a tax and embassies cannot leave bills unpaid. Indeed let us never forget that for the first two years of its existence the US Embassy did actually pay the Congestion Charge. The US Embassy position is indefensible and an appalling example to other embassies who follow the lead of the US."***<sup>19</sup>

Caroline Pidgeon, Liberal Democrat London Assembly Transport Spokesperson and  
Chair of the London Assembly Transport Committee

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<sup>19</sup> [http://www.gla.libdems.org.uk/news/000732/us\\_embassy\\_letting\\_down\\_londoners\\_and\\_setting\\_an\\_appalling\\_example\\_on\\_congestion\\_charge\\_pidgeon.html](http://www.gla.libdems.org.uk/news/000732/us_embassy_letting_down_londoners_and_setting_an_appalling_example_on_congestion_charge_pidgeon.html)

## Questions and Answers on the Congestion Charge

### Question:

**What is the Mayor of London doing to pursue the money we are owed?**

### Answer:

Boris Johnson wants to have his cake and eat it when asked about his views on the embassies that avoid paying. He tells Londoners that he wants them to pay, but when he wants to undermine the Congestion Charge he attacks it as a tax<sup>20</sup>, supporting the argument that the embassies use to escape the charge. Boris Johnson has even refused to take the modest step of writing to heads of states of the embassies and diplomatic missions of countries that refuse to pay the Congestion Charge, despite being urged to do so by the London Assembly.

### Question

**Isn't the charge a tax?**

### Answer:

No, it's a charge. Transport for London is a corporation, and has the same legal status as the Post Office. The Congestion Charge is a payment for services, and not paying the congestion charge is like not paying for a stamp. The US Federal Department for Transport also classify road tolls as user fees and not taxes.<sup>21</sup> Indeed it is worth remembering that the US Embassy was happy to pay the congestion fee until mid 2005, but then suddenly changed its mind. Furthermore the US has not objected to contributing to similar schemes in other cities where it has embassies.

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<sup>20</sup> Boris Johnston axes London congestion charge, Guardian, Nov 27 2008 <http://www.guardian.co.uk/politics/2008/nov/27/congestioncharging-london>

<sup>21</sup> <http://www.barder.com/401>

**Question****Why doesn't the Mayor or Transport for London take them to court?****Answer:**

The Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations protects diplomats from prosecution in the countries to which they are posted, so while they are breaking the law by not paying the charge London cannot take them to court.

**Question****What has the reaction been in America to their embassies stance?****Answer:**

The extremely influential New York Times published an editorial condemning its Embassy's behaviour and calling on them to pay up. The said it agreed with the British stance that the charge is not a tax, "The British make a good case that the charge is not a tax, but a toll for the use of selected streets. Their diplomats, they note, regularly pay tolls on American roads and bridges."<sup>22</sup>

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<sup>22</sup> [http://www.nytimes.com/2006/03/31/opinion/31iht-edrevolt.html?\\_r=1&scp=16&sq=congestion%20charge%20london%20embassy&st=cse](http://www.nytimes.com/2006/03/31/opinion/31iht-edrevolt.html?_r=1&scp=16&sq=congestion%20charge%20london%20embassy&st=cse)

**Question****Aren't British Diplomats exempt from the congestion scheme in Stockholm?****Answer:**

Yes but we have a Congestion Charge and they have a congestion tax. Central Government in Sweden made a specific decision that the scheme was a tax. The international norm remains that congestion charging is a charge for a service. Secondly, unlike London's scheme where the charge is collected and goes to a corporation (Transport for London) Stockholm's scheme is administrated and run by the central government. Unlike Stockholm's scheme the revenue collected by the Congestion Charge in London is ring fenced to be spent in London only. This is not true of the Stockholm scheme where the revenue can be spent over a broader and unspecified zone.<sup>23</sup> In summary comparing the Stockholm and London's schemes is not comparing like with like. The two schemes operate in two completely different ways.

**Question****What are the Penalty Charge Notices that embassies owe in addition to unpaid Congestion Charge payments?****Answer:**

Any driver who has not paid the Congestion Charge by midnight on the following charging is issued a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) for £120 to the registered keeper of the vehicle. If the PCN is paid with 14 days of the date of service the driver receives a 50% discount, with the amount payable being £60, rather than £120.

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<sup>23</sup> [www.stockholm.se/PageFiles/70349/Sammanfattning%20eng%20090918\\_.pdf](http://www.stockholm.se/PageFiles/70349/Sammanfattning%20eng%20090918_.pdf)

## Outstanding Diplomatic Congestion Charge penalty notices

### Appendix G - MQ193 / 2010

Please publish a table showing the total level of unpaid Congestion Charge and Penalty Charge Notices generated by each embassy and diplomatic mission during the year of 2009.

Mission Name	Unpaid Charges Volume	Value of Unpaid Charges	Value of Outstanding PCNs
AMERICAN EMBASSY	9,568	£ 76,544	£ 1,042,860
EMBASSY OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION	9,045	£ 72,360	£ 987,000
EMBASSY OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY	7,111	£ 56,888	£ 773,220
EMBASSY OF JAPAN	6,735	£ 53,880	£ 745,320
HIGH COMMISSION FOR THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA	4,265	£ 34,120	£ 464,100
OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR INDIA	3,874	£ 30,992	£ 426,720
OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR GHANA	3,229	£ 25,832	£ 351,660
EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND	3,214	£ 25,712	£ 349,560

SPANISH EMBASSY	2,793	£ 22,344	£	305,220
FRENCH EMBASSY	2,605	£ 20,840	£	286,560
EMBASSY OF GREECE	2,562	£ 20,496	£	278,520
EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN	2,470	£ 19,760	£	266,880
THE EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE SUDAN	2,327	£ 18,616	£	258,000
EMBASSY OF ROMANIA	2,253	£ 18,024	£	249,840
EMBASSY OF UKRAINE	2,133	£ 17,064	£	231,780
EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA	1,808	£ 14,464	£	201,840
KENYA HIGH COMMISSION	1,694	£ 13,552	£	187,200
HIGH COMMISSION FOR THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN	1,649	£ 13,192	£	180,660
HIGH COMMISSION FOR THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA	1,489	£ 11,912	£	162,420
EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CUBA	1,468	£ 11,744	£	156,360
EMBASSY OF ALGERIA	1,449	£ 11,592	£	158,160
EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA	1,269	£ 10,152	£	140,460
CYPRUS HIGH COMMISSION	1,260	£ 10,080	£	137,160
HIGH COMMISSION FOR THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA	1,253	£ 10,024	£	136,140
EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF HUNGARY	1,243	£ 9,944	£	135,060

EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF YEMEN	1,231	£ 9,848	£	133,500
EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS	1,134	£ 9,072	£	124,320
EMBASSY OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC	1,009	£ 8,072	£	109,980
HIGH COMMISSION FOR THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA	842	£ 6,736	£	91,020
SIERRA LEONE HIGH COMMISSION	763	£ 6,104	£	84,060
HIGH COMMISSION FOR THE REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON	739	£ 5,912	£	80,580
AUSTRIAN EMBASSY	672	£ 5,376	£	73,500
EMBASSY OF THE ISLAMIC STATE OF AFGHANISTAN	656	£ 5,248	£	72,900
EMBASSY OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC	643	£ 5,144	£	70,260
BELGIAN EMBASSY	642	£ 5,136	£	70,740
ROYAL DANISH EMBASSY	633	£ 5,064	£	70,020
MAURITIUS HIGH COMMISSION	608	£ 4,864	£	67,140
EMBASSY OF THE FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA	575	£ 4,600	£	63,180
EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF EQUATORIAL GUINEA	561	£ 4,488	£	62,640
BOTSWANA HIGH COMMISSION	541	£ 4,328	£	59,100
HIGH COMMISSION FOR THE REPUBLIC OF ZIMBABWE	499	£ 3,992	£	54,180
HIGH COMMISSION FOR THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA	442	£ 3,536	£	48,600
HIGH COMMISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE		£	£	47,040

	428	3,424		
EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA	424	£ 3,392	£	45,840
MALTA HIGH COMMISSION	419	£ 3,352	£	45,840
EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA	398	£ 3,184	£	42,480
HIGH COMMISSION OF THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO	385	£ 3,080	£	43,560
UGANDA HIGH COMMISSION	374	£ 2,992	£	40,680
EMBASSY OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM	368	£ 2,944	£	40,380
HIGH COMMISSION FOR THE REPUBLIC OF MALAWI	343	£ 2,744	£	36,660
EMBASSY OF LUXEMBOURG	325	£ 2,600	£	35,580
KINGDOM OF SWAZILAND HIGH COMMISSION	312	£ 2,496	£	33,900
JAMAICAN HIGH COMMISSION	292	£ 2,336	£	31,920
PORTUGUESE EMBASSY	276	£ 2,208	£	30,300
EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CÔTE D'IVOIRE	253	£ 2,024	£	27,960
EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA	251	£ 2,008	£	27,480
EMBASSY OF FINLAND	233	£ 1,864	£	25,860
EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA	228	£ 1,824	£	25,860
EMBASSY OF THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT	207	£ 1,656	£	21,720
HIGH COMMISSION FOR ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA	205	£ 1,640	£	22,260



TURKISH EMBASSY	202	£ 1,616	£	22,680
ROYAL EMBASSY OF SAUDI ARABIA	192	£ 1,536	£	19,680
EMBASSY OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA	187	£ 1,496	£	20,760
BELIZE HIGH COMMISSION	186	£ 1,488	£	21,000
HIGH COMMISSION FOR GUYANA	174	£ 1,392	£	19,980
EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA	166	£ 1,328	£	18,000
EMBASSY OF EL SALVADOR	152	£ 1,216	£	16,500
EMBASSY OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	151	£ 1,208	£	16,440
EMBASSY OF THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF KOREA	145	£ 1,160	£	16,200
EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF GUINEA	131	£ 1,048	£	14,460
EMBASSY OF THE STATE OF ERITREA	127	£ 1,016	£	13,740
HIGH COMMISSION FOR GRENADA	115	£ 920	£	12,480
HIGH COMMISSION FOR THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH	91	£ 728	£	10,680
THE EMBASSY OF MOLDOVA	81	£ 648	£	8,760
EMBASSY OF THE STATE OF QATAR	76	£ 608	£	6,900
EMBASSY OF THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	61	£ 488	£	4,980
LIBYAN EMBASSY	46	£ 368	£	4,740
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM HIGH COMMISSION		£	£	3,720

	41	328		
ITALIAN EMBASSY	36	£ 288	£	4,200
EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA	34	£ 272	£	4,080
EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF SENEGAL	32	£ 256	£	2,460
BENIN CONSULATE	27	£ 216	£	3,000
TONGA HIGH COMMISSION	23	£ 184	£	2,760
EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF MADAGASCAR	22	£ 176	£	2,400
EMBASSY OF THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC	20	£ 160	£	1,320
EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA	20	£ 160	£	1,260
EMBASSY OF THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC	17	£ 136	£	1,320
EMBASSY OF THE SULTANATE OF OMAN	16	£ 128	£	1,260
EMBASSY OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO	16	£ 128	£	1,200
HIGH COMMISSION FOR THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE	13	£ 104	£	1,440
EMBASSY OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN	13	£ 104	£	1,260
EMBASSY OF THE AZERBAIJAN REPUBLIC	13	£ 104	£	1,560
ROYAL THAI EMBASSY	11	£ 88	£	1,020
EMBASSY OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	10	£ 80	£	1,200
EMBASSY OF THE STATE OF KUWAIT	10	£ 80	£	1,080

EMBASSY OF THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN	10	£ 80	£	1,200
EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN	10	£ 80	£	780
HIGH COMMISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI	9	£ 72	£	1,080
EMBASSY OF THE STATE OF BAHRAIN	8	£ 64	£	540
EMBASSY OF ICELAND	8	£ 64	£	780
EMBASSY OF GEORGIA	7	£ 56	£	840
EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF GABON	7	£ 56	£	600
OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	6	£ 48	£	660
THE GAMBIA HIGH COMMISSION	5	£ 40	£	600
BRAZILIAN EMBASSY	5	£ 40	£	600
EMBASSY OF THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC	5	£ 40	£	300
EMBASSY OF IRELAND	5	£ 40	£	420
EMBASSY OF MEXICO	4	£ 32	£	300
EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA	4	£ 32	£	240
EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES	4	£ 32	£	480
IRAQI INTERESTS SECTION	4	£ 32	£	480
ROYAL NETHERLANDS EMBASSY	4	£ 32	£	300
ROYAL NORWEGIAN EMBASSY		£	£	300

	3	24		
TUNISIAN EMBASSY	3	£ 24	£	300
BARBADOS HIGH COMMISSION	2	£ 16	£	180
CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSION	2	£ 16	£	120
EMBASSY OF PERU	2	£ 16	£	60
MALAYSIAN HIGH COMMISSION	2	£ 16	£	180
AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION	2	£ 16	£	120
EMBASSY OF THE ORIENTAL REPUBLIC OF URUGUAY	1	£ 8	£	60
EMBASSY OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA/EMBASSY OF SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO	1	£ 8	£	120
CONSULATE-GENERAL OF MONACO	1	£ 8	£	60
THE ROYAL EMBASSY OF CAMBODIA	1	£ 8	£	120
HIGH COMMISSION FOR SAINT LUCIA	1	£ 8	£	60
EMBASSY OF GUATEMALA	1	£ 8	£	60
EMBASSY OF SWEDEN	1	£ 8	£	60
NEW ZEALAND HIGH COMMISSION	1	£ 8	£	60
EMBASSY OF THE KINGDOM OF MOROCCO	1	£ 8	£	120
EMBASSY OF CHILE	1	£ 8	£	60
ROYAL NEPALESE EMBASSY	1	£ 8	£	120

HIGH COMMISSION FOR SEYCHELLES	1	£ 8	£	-
COLOMBIAN EMBASSY	1	£ 8	£	60
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>99,468</b>	<b>795,744</b>	<b>10,870,680</b>	

#### Appendix D - MQ 115 / 2010

Please publish a table showing the cumulative amount in unpaid Congestion Charge and Penalty Charge Notices that is now owed for each embassy or diplomatic mission in London.

Outstanding Diplomatic Congestion Charge penalty notices for contraventions since Scheme start up until and including 07 Jan 2010

	Unpaid Charges Volume	Value of Unpaid Charges	Value of Outstanding PCNs
AMERICAN EMBASSY	34,350	£ 274,800	£ 3,719,880
EMBASSY OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION	28,067	£ 224,536	£ 3,099,840
EMBASSY OF JAPAN	24,641	£ 197,128	£ 2,704,080
EMBASSY OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY	23,308	£ 186,464	£ 2,561,950
HIGH COMMISSION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA	17,984	£ 143,872	£ 1,918,170
THE EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE SUDAN	11,727	£ 93,816	£ 1,233,060

OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR INDIA	10,352	£ 82,816	£ 1,158,700
EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND	9,012	£ 72,096	£ 997,680
OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR GHANA	8,431	£ 67,448	£ 927,260
KENYA HIGH COMMISSION	7,932	£ 63,456	£ 838,170
FRENCH EMBASSY	7,633	£ 61,064	£ 835,900
SPANISH EMBASSY	7,474	£ 59,792	£ 833,540
EMBASSY OF GREECE	7,112	£ 56,896	£ 789,060
HIGH COMMISSION FOR THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA	7,043	£ 56,344	£ 739,600
EMBASSY OF UKRAINE	6,752	£ 54,016	£ 747,420
EMBASSY OF ROMANIA	6,597	£ 52,776	£ 733,000
HIGH COMMISSION FOR THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA	6,139	£ 49,112	£ 643,900
EMBASSY OF ALGERIA	5,643	£ 45,144	£ 601,060
SIERRA LEONE HIGH COMMISSION	4,937	£ 39,496	£ 514,000
EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN	4,876	£ 39,008	£ 537,440
EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA	4,150	£ 33,200	£ 472,560
EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA	4,101	£ 32,808	£ 448,000
EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF HUNGARY		£	£ 408,640

	3,713	29,704	
EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF YEMEN	3,575	£ 28,600	£ 391,980
EMBASSY OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC	3,415	£ 27,320	£ 378,120
EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS	3,409	£ 27,272	£ 376,560
HIGH COMMISSION FOR THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA	3,247	£ 25,976	£ 349,160
CYPRUS HIGH COMMISSION	3,180	£ 25,440	£ 353,140
HIGH COMMISSION FOR THE REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON	2,994	£ 23,952	£ 321,560
HIGH COMMISSION FOR THE REPUBLIC OF ZIMBABWE	2,966	£ 23,728	£ 305,540
HIGH COMMISSION FOR THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN	2,930	£ 23,440	£ 330,830
EMBASSY OF THE FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA	2,709	£ 21,672	£ 288,540
MAURITIUS HIGH COMMISSION	2,357	£ 18,856	£ 257,220
HIGH COMMISSION FOR THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA	2,321	£ 18,568	£ 243,520
EMBASSY OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC	2,252	£ 18,016	£ 246,920
EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF EQUATORIAL GUINEA	2,214	£ 17,712	£ 240,000
KINGDOM OF SWAZILAND HIGH COMMISSION	2,209	£ 17,672	£ 229,760
HIGH COMMISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE	1,964	£ 15,712	£ 209,340
EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CUBA	1,956	£ 15,648	£ 203,560

AUSTRIAN EMBASSY	1,906	£ 15,248	£	212,180
HIGH COMMISSION OF THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO	1,862	£ 14,896	£	198,680
BELGIAN EMBASSY	1,821	£ 14,568	£	203,420
EMBASSY OF THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT	1,613	£ 12,904	£	154,920
BOTSWANA HIGH COMMISSION	1,550	£ 12,400	£	169,440
ROYAL DANISH EMBASSY	1,543	£ 12,344	£	174,200
HIGH COMMISSION FOR THE REPUBLIC OF MALAWI	1,543	£ 12,344	£	161,000
EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CÔTE D'IVOIRE	1,526	£ 12,208	£	158,320
EMBASSY OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM	1,468	£ 11,744	£	158,840
MALTA HIGH COMMISSION	1,457	£ 11,656	£	160,620
UGANDA HIGH COMMISSION	1,344	£ 10,752	£	145,100
EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF GUINEA	1,310	£ 10,480	£	134,800
EMBASSY OF THE ISLAMIC STATE OF AFGHANISTAN	1,295	£ 10,360	£	146,140
JAMAICAN HIGH COMMISSION	1,243	£ 9,944	£	135,620
ROYAL EMBASSY OF SAUDI ARABIA	1,199	£ 9,592	£	120,490
EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA	1,190	£ 9,520	£	130,540
EMBASSY OF THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF KOREA		£	£	114,420



	1,097	8,776	
EMBASSY OF LUXEMBOURG	879	£ 7,032	£ 98,060
TURKISH EMBASSY	875	£ 7,000	£ 88,470
EMBASSY OF FINLAND	777	£ 6,216	£ 86,900
EMBASSY OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF MAURITANIA	766	£ 6,128	£ 75,940
PORTUGUESE EMBASSY	752	£ 6,016	£ 87,420
HIGH COMMISSION FOR ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA	726	£ 5,808	£ 78,720
EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA	725	£ 5,800	£ 80,500
EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA	631	£ 5,048	£ 68,240
HIGH COMMISSION FOR GUYANA	568	£ 4,544	£ 62,720
THE GAMBIA HIGH COMMISSION	543	£ 4,344	£ 55,000
EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA	531	£ 4,248	£ 61,920
EMBASSY OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA	515	£ 4,120	£ 57,160
EMBASSY OF THE STATE OF ERITREA	491	£ 3,928	£ 52,560
EMBASSY OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	430	£ 3,440	£ 47,020
EMBASSY OF THE STATE OF QATAR	364	£ 2,912	£ 35,630
THE EMBASSY OF MOLDOVA	298	£ 2,384	£ 32,880

EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA	251	£ 2,008	£	27,480
HIGH COMMISSION FOR THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH	223	£ 1,784	£	24,790
ROYAL THAI EMBASSY	213	£ 1,704	£	18,190
BELIZE HIGH COMMISSION	203	£ 1,624	£	23,040
LIBYAN EMBASSY	186	£ 1,488	£	19,640
EMBASSY OF EL SALVADOR	165	£ 1,320	£	17,800
EMBASSY OF HONDURAS	164	£ 1,312	£	16,520
EMBASSY OF GEORGIA	157	£ 1,256	£	14,560
TUNISIAN EMBASSY	154	£ 1,232	£	15,840
EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA	144	£ 1,152	£	16,200
EMBASSY OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN	143	£ 1,144	£	14,100
EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF MADAGASCAR	134	£ 1,072	£	14,020
EMBASSY OF THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN	123	£ 984	£	12,780
HIGH COMMISSION FOR GRENADA	118	£ 944	£	12,800
ITALIAN EMBASSY	100	£ 800	£	10,350
IRAQI INTERESTS SECTION	73	£ 584	£	7,540
BENIN CONSULATE		£	£	7,260

	65	520	
EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF GABON	62	£ 496	£ 6,280
EMBASSY OF THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	62	£ 496	£ 5,100
HIGH COMMISSION FOR SAINT LUCIA	52	£ 416	£ 5,160
EMBASSY OF THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC	45	£ 360	£ 4,160
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM HIGH COMMISSION	43	£ 344	£ 3,840
EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF SENEGAL	41	£ 328	£ 3,180
EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN	40	£ 320	£ 4,240
EMBASSY OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO	38	£ 304	£ 3,260
EMBASSY OF THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC	33	£ 264	£ 3,100
EMBASSY OF MONGOLIA	29	£ 232	£ 2,880
EMBASSY OF MEXICO	24	£ 192	£ 2,500
TONGA HIGH COMMISSION	23	£ 184	£ 2,760
EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA	22	£ 176	£ 1,500
EMBASSY OF THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC	18	£ 144	£ 1,640
EMBASSY OF THE SULTANATE OF OMAN	16	£ 128	£ 1,260
EMBASSY OF THE AZERBAIJAN REPUBLIC	15	£ 120	£ 1,800

EMBASSY OF ICELAND	13	£ 104	£	1,380
HIGH COMMISSION FOR THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE	13	£ 104	£	1,440
EMBASSY OF THE STATE OF KUWAIT	12	£ 96	£	1,320
EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES	11	£ 88	£	920
EMBASSY OF NICARAGUA	10	£ 80	£	880
EMBASSY OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	10	£ 80	£	1,200
EMBASSY OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA/EMBASSY OF SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO	9	£ 72	£	960
HIGH COMMISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI	9	£ 72	£	1,080
EMBASSY OF THE STATE OF BAHRAIN	8	£ 64	£	540
OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	8	£ 64	£	900
HIGH COMMISSION FOR SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES	8	£ 64	£	860
EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA	8	£ 64	£	720
MALAYSIAN HIGH COMMISSION	6	£ 48	£	600
EMBASSY OF IRELAND	5	£ 40	£	420
BRAZILIAN EMBASSY	5	£ 40	£	600
EMBASSY OF PERU	4	£ 32	£	244
EMBASSY OF GUATEMALA		£	£	360

	4	32	
EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA	4	£ 32	£ 240
ROYAL NETHERLANDS EMBASSY	4	£ 32	£ 300
AMBASSADE DE LA REPUBLIQUE DU BURUNDI	3	£ 24	£ 360
HIGH COMMISSION FOR SEYCHELLES	3	£ 24	£ 160
EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF RWANDA	3	£ 24	£ -
ROYAL NORWEGIAN EMBASSY	3	£ 24	£ 300
BARBADOS HIGH COMMISSION	3	£ 24	£ 300
CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSION	2	£ 16	£ 120
EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF TOGO	2	£ 16	£ 200
AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION	2	£ 16	£ 120
EMBASSY OF SWEDEN	1	£ 8	£ 60
EMBASSY OF THE KINGDOM OF MOROCCO	1	£ 8	£ 120
HIGH COMMISSION FOR SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS	1	£ 8	£ 120
COLOMBIAN EMBASSY	1	£ 8	£ 60
THE ROYAL EMBASSY OF CAMBODIA	1	£ 8	£ 120
CONSULATE-GENERAL OF MONACO	1	£ 8	£ 60

EMBASSY OF THE ORIENTAL REPUBLIC OF URUGUAY	1	£ 8	£ 60
EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA	1	£ 8	£ 120
NEW ZEALAND HIGH COMMISSION	1	£ 8	£ 60
EMBASSY OF CHILE	1	£ 8	£ 60
ROYAL NEPALESE EMBASSY	1	£ 8	£ 120
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>333,872</b>	<b>2,670,976</b>	<b>36,279,584</b>

