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A. Tessa,

Thank you for your letter 7 January enclosing an example of correspondence from your constituents regarding Early Day Motion 521 about the Mayor of London's 2010 fare increase.

Although I sympathise with your constituents' concerns, the Government is unable to intervene in this matter. However, in a recent letter to the Mayor, Sadiq Khan made it clear that the Government did not agree with some of the Mayor's decisions including the proposed removal of the western extension of the congestion charge zone as this would reduce Transport for London's (TfL) income in a time of constrained funding.

Parliament gave the Mayor the powers to introduce a congestion charging scheme in the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (as amended by the Transport Act 2000), and the scheme that is in place in central London - including any variation of the scheme - is a matter for him and TfL.

Under the same legislation, TfL is also responsible for fares and ticketing across its network. As a functional body of the Greater London Authority, TfL is held accountable by the elected Mayor of London and scrutinised by the London Assembly, made up of 25 elected members.

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Yours ever,

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