

HOUSE OF LORDS

Date: 25 February 2013

Lord Berkeley OBE asked Her Majesty's Government:

what were the dates of (1) the data used, and (2) the conclusions, of the cost-benefit calculations on which the decision to build the Thames Tideway Tunnel was made. [HL5391]

The Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Lords, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Lord de Mauley):

Defra published a Regulatory Impact Assessment on sewage collection and treatment for London in March 2007 and a 'Costs and Benefits of the Thames Tunnel' document in November 2011 (as an annex to a strategic and economic case for the Thames Tideway Tunnel). Both documents listed the sources of their data. Defra also published in February 2012 a list of the evidence associated with the case for the Tunnel (with the relevant dates of publication), entitled the 'Thames Tunnel Evidence Assessment'.

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