

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY ACT 2007

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY

Part 2: Transport

Section 17: Restrictions on disposal of land: method of giving consent

46. **Section 17** of the Act amends section 163 of the GLA Act 1999. Section 163 provides that TfL cannot dispose of operational land such as railway or tramway lines or stations, either through freehold sale or lease of over 50 years, without the consent of the Secretary of State. That consent must currently be given by means of an order made by statutory instrument. This section amends that requirement so that only the written approval of the Secretary of State is required.

Section 18: Membership of Transport for London: eligibility of holders of political office

47. **Section 18** removes the current prohibition in Schedule 10 to the GLA Act 1999 on political representatives being appointed as members of TfL, in order to bring TfL in line with other functional bodies, where political representatives can be appointed.

Section 19: Remuneration and allowances

48. **Section 19** then amends Schedule 10 to the GLA Act 1999 to prohibit the payment of remuneration or allowances (other than expenses) to members of TfL who are also Assembly members, except allowances in the case of an Assembly member who is also the chairman or deputy chairman of TfL.