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HEALTH AND EQUALITIES

Health

- We estimate an equivalent of up to around 9,400 deaths were caused by long-term exposure to air pollution.
- A baby born in 2010 and exposed to that same level of air quality for its entire life would lose 2.2 years (if male) and 2 years (if female) of life expectancy.

Fairness

- The health impacts associated with air pollution fall disproportionally on our most vulnerable communities, affecting the poorest and those from minority ethnic groups more acutely.
- Tackling air pollution is about social justice and there is an urgent need to do more to tackle public health inequalities.





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GOVERNMENT'S ROLE

- The Mayor is doing everything he can but Government needs to ensure they are using their powerful policy levers in a complementary way:
 - Reform VED / fiscal incentives, to start reversing dieselisation and to promote cleaner vehicles
 - A national diesel scrappage scheme, to help people meet new emission standards
 - A new Clean Air Act, enshrining the right to clean air while providing local authorities with the powers they need to tackle emissions from sources like construction and river vessels



