

**ITEM 14. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE****BUSINESS TOURISTS (S103147)**

1. By Councillor Vithoukas

**Question**

The City of Sydney continues to support Business Events Sydney and business tourists are reported to spend 6.5 times more per day than leisure tourists in Sydney.

What are the major conferences, seminars and workshops to be held in Sydney during 2016?

How many of these are being sponsored or supported by the City?

If business tourists are 6.5 times more valuable than leisure tourists, how are business tourists informed about local businesses, markets and precincts?

**Answer by the Lord Mayor**

23 business events secured by Business Events Sydney are scheduled for 2016, based on currently available figures.

However, as the International Convention Centre in Darling Harbour will still be under construction during 2016, there are only two significant events where the delegates are staying in the CBD:

- Amway Taiwan Leadership Seminar 2016 (incentive group) – arriving 24 March for 4 days staying at The Star. Approximately 1,300 delegates will attend and this group is estimated to have \$6.5M economic impact (EI). EI is new money to Sydney and does not include airfares or registration fees to attend the conference.
- Nu Skin Greater China Success Trip (incentive group) – arriving 1 April for 4 days staying at a range of luxury hotels across the CBD. 8,000 delegates are expected to attend this incentive tour and their EI is estimated to be in excess of \$50M.

When the International Convention Centre opens at the end of 2017, there is an increase of conferences scheduled. Major conferences include:

- Amway China March 2017 – 5,000+ delegates.
- Institute of Internal Auditors July 2017 – 1,600 delegates, EI \$5.3M
- World Chamber of Commerce September 2017 – 1,000+ delegates
- International Bar Association October 2017 – 4,000+ delegates, EI \$14M+
- AIPPI Intellectual Property October 2017 – 2,000+ delegates, EI of \$6M+

The City does not directly sponsor these major international conferences and incentive groups. Instead, the City supports Business Events Sydney who then support these events. The City of Sydney supports Business Events Sydney with their bids to secure these events through a funding agreement. This agreement has been in place for three years (valued at \$1.5million) and is currently being renewed for a further five years, also for a value of \$1.5million.

The City may be asked from time to time to provide use of Town Hall for a welcome event or a special gala dinner, with all hard costs covered by the conference organisers.

In addition to the funding agreement, the City offers limited support directly to conference organisers (for profit organisations) through the Commercial Creative and Business Events sponsorship program and the Knowledge Exchange Grant program, which are governed by the City's Grants and Sponsorship policy and guidelines. Examples of events supported in this way include CeBit (Sydney) 2015 – 2017 and SydStart 2015.

In order to connect business tourists with local businesses, markets and precincts, the City sits on the Business Events Advisory Committee Sydney (BEACS) which meets regularly to assess the pipeline of conferences coming to Sydney. Other members are Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority, Sydney Airports Corp, Destination NSW and Business Events Sydney.

For the two major conferences with a CBD impact scheduled for 2016, the committee partners are working with the conference organisers to understand delegate needs and identify ways to welcome the groups and provide unique retail-focused 'money can't buy opportunities'.

In addition, information is distributed to the business tourists through a variety of channels including:

- Inclusion of The Official Sydney Guide in every delegate's welcome pack. This guide is produced by City of Sydney, Destination NSW and SHFA.
- Distribution of The Little Book of Sydney Villages guide. This is produced by the City of Sydney to highlight local business and includes maps and stories of places to go.
- Welcome messages to delegates including CBD street banners, Sydney Airport welcome signs, digital signage within major shopping centres such as Westfield Sydney, QVB and David Jones. These shopping centres also brief their tenants about the conference and provide visual references so retailers can proactively welcome guests into their stores.

## **FINANCIAL LITERACY SKILLS (S103147)**

2. By Councillor Vithoukas

### **Question**

As the cost of living continues to increase and affordable housing becomes rare within the City, many local residents and business owners find managing cash flow, understanding the different types of savings, the cost of credit cards and budgeting to be difficult.

Does the City run or support any programs, with cash or value-in-kind, that assist with the development of financial literacy skills for youth and adults?

### **Answer by the Lord Mayor**

The City runs and supports a range of programs and services that assist with the development of financial literacy skills of community members. This includes:

- A free will service for those in social housing, on a pension or low income, offered at the Harry Jensen Centre in Millers Point and a recent presentation on preparation of wills and estates at the Cliff Noble Community Centre, Alexandria.

- Hire of venues at reduced rates for some community-run programs, including Debtor Anonymous groups and an Underearners Anonymous group.
- Two of the City's Accommodation Grants tenants offer financial awareness programs, including Catholic Care who offer casework for young people, and Beehive Industries who are developing a financial awareness program for older people in conjunction with ANZ and ComBank.
- A Community Services Grant provided to Redfern Legal Centre to deliver a Money Problems and Consumer Complaints service and develop a Legal Toolkit for Community Workers to assist with unpaid fines, debts and utility bills, rental and housing problems.

### **SUPPORTING WOMEN'S SHELTERS (\$103147)**

3. By Councillor Vithoukas

#### **Question**

The City has taken a very public position against domestic violence with a series of gatherings and communications.

What are the numbers of existing women's shelters in the LGA?

Are women and children turned away from the shelters due to capacity issues?

Does the City fully or partially fund with cash or value-in-kind any of the women's shelters?

#### **Answer by the Lord Mayor**

Women's services in NSW are primarily funded by the State Government. Women's shelters are funded for a range of activities that respond to domestic violence, drug and alcohol dependency, release from correctional facilities etc. Some provide shelter or transitional accommodation exclusively for women. Some provide accommodation for men, women and children. The City doesn't have a comprehensive list of all service providers.

However, staff are aware of one crisis accommodation shelter in the local government area (LGA) that specifically accommodates women (and children) who have experienced domestic and family violence.

There are two additional women-only shelters in the LGA that specialise in assisting women who have experienced drug and/or alcohol dependency, and may also have experienced domestic and family violence.

There are another five crisis accommodation centres in the inner city, however, they are open to men, women and young people and are not specifically set up to support people escaping from domestic and family violence situations.

Other services within and nearby the LGA provide some short term transitional accommodation to young people or people in drug rehabilitation, however, these are not specifically refuges for people in domestic and family violence situations.

The City has provided grants to a number of these organisations through the Matching Grants, Local Community Grants and Cultural Grants programs for projects including an edible garden, programs for parents of young people questioning their gender or sexuality, art workshops and art therapy.

At the Winter Street Count 2015, the Crisis Hostels across the City were at 96% capacity, meaning they could not accept additional clients at that time.

Services are expected to provide assessments and referrals regardless of whether they have accommodation available. Women eligible under the Family and Community Services criteria may be offered Temporary Accommodation for up to 28 days. Women unable to find crisis accommodation are recommended to call Link2Home for a placement.

### **COMMITTEE SPEAKERS (S103147)**

#### **4. By Councillor Vithoukas**

##### **Question**

Council has committee meetings each month where the public have the ability to attend and address Council and Councillors about matters that are being considered.

What processes does Council undertake to contact those individuals/groups who have appeared before the committee and provide any follow up information?

##### **Answer by the Lord Mayor**

The provision in Council's Code of Meeting Practice for members of the public to address Committees provides an opportunity for interested parties to express their views prior to Council making a determination regarding matters on the agenda.

At the request of the Chair, and where possible and considered appropriate by the CEO, City staff provide a comment upon issues raised by speakers during Committee meetings. If City staff cannot address issues raised by speakers at Committees, a further response is provided in a memorandum on the subject item to Council the following week, which is made publicly available to speakers and other interested parties on the City's website and in hard copy at the Council meeting.

Provision of follow up information to speakers, subsequent to their attendance at Committee meetings, is subject to the provisions of the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection (PPIP) Act 1998* and the City's Privacy Management Plan regarding the use of personal information by Government agencies. Under the 'collection' provisions of the PPIP Act, if a member of the public is asked to supply their personal information, such as their name, address or telephone number, they must be informed how it will be dealt with in accordance with the privacy protection principles under the Act. To achieve this at the City, all forms and letters requesting personal information must include a *Privacy Protection Notice* that summarises how the information will be handled.

In most instances, members of the public who speak at Committee meetings will have had contact with relevant City staff prior to matters being reported for Council's consideration and provided personal information (eg, email address, phone number, postal address, residential address) for the purpose of follow up and/or formal notification of the outcome of Council's deliberations by the City. Relevant City staff then follow up with those speakers as and when required.

In some instances, individuals who speak at Committee meetings may not have had prior contact with City staff who are dealing with the subject matter and, therefore, collection of their personal details in accordance with the PPIP Act to enable formal contact and follow up by the City has not occurred. Other contact and follow up would therefore be dependent on the matter the member of the public spoke about and whether they had made subsequent contact with the City to provide sufficient personal information and consent for it to be used for this purpose. On the whole, however, most speakers at Committee meetings have access to the reports to Committees, Relevant To Memos, and Council's resolution recorded in the minutes of meeting, with follow up not required.

### **THE NON-RESIDENTIAL REGISTER AND ROLLS PROGRAM AND FOCUS GROUPS (S103147)**

5. By Councillor Vithoukas

#### **Question**

The Non-residential Register and Rolls Program Update that was provided to Councillors via the CEO Update noted that the staged Program Plan has progressed since August in accordance with the endorsed Methodology and Program Plan.

The update noted that focus group findings identified a need for a soft introduction to the new requirements to ensure a higher response rate.

When was this focus group research conducted? Were there other outcomes of the focus group research that are relevant to the success of the registration program? Are the wider findings of the focus group research available for review?

#### **Answer by the Lord Mayor**

Following a tender process conducted in September 2015, the appointed agency, Taverner Research, conducted 3 Focus Groups across three nights – Monday 28, Tuesday 29 and Wednesday 30 September 2015.

Key findings were that awareness of the legislative changes in regard to the non-residential register and rolls was essentially non-existent and that responding to the requirements was complex and challenging. Taverner made recommendations which it believed would increase general awareness of the legislative requirements and registration program as well as improving the overall reception to the mail-out, including improving the quality and number of responses.

In addition to recommending that the City should send out an introductory notice to all potential non-residents in advance of the general mailing of the formal registration package to let them know what to expect, Taverner also recommended that:

- All communication should refer people to the City of Sydney website or the Customer Care Centre.
- The letter in the formal registration pack should reiterate the points made in the introductory notice, provide simple and easy instructions on how to proceed through the registration process and also provide a timeline to help increase immediate compliance.

- That functionality of the eligibility website allow non-residents to fill out their forms online, then print, sign and send them back in the post

A copy of the research report may be provided to Councillors on request to the CEO.

### WOOLLOOMOOLOO MEN'S SHED (S103142)

6. By Councillor Scott

#### Question

How many times has the City submitted a development application for the Woolloomooloo Men's Shed?

When?

What was the cost for each?

What was the outcome of each?

In each of these development applications, did the City ask Roads and Maritime Services for landowner's consent?

If so, how many times did the City apply for landowner's consent and on which dates?

What was the outcome of these request/s?

#### Answer by the Lord Mayor

The City submitted three development applications for this project. The following table outlines the details of each application:

DA Lodgement Date	Land Ownership	Value	Owners Consent	Outcome
8/2012	City of Sydney Roads & Maritime Authority RailCorp	\$230,000	Consent granted by all landowners	DA approved, however, lapsed due to a new DA being lodged in April 2014 for a smaller building and site area. This removed the proposal from RMA land.
4/2014	City of Sydney RailCorp	\$190,000	Consent granted by all landowners	DA withdrawn on advice from CoS planners. An operational and management plan was requested to be submitted as part of the DA. This was prepared as part of a new DA submitted in February 2015.

2/2015	City of Sydney RailCorp	\$190,000	Consent granted by all landowners	DA withdrawn due to objections from Roads & Maritime Authority.
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### 21<sup>ST</sup> CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES (S103142)

7. By Councillor Scott

#### Question

What was the total cost of the Lord Mayor's trip, including costs for staff members accompanying the Lord Mayor, to the 21<sup>st</sup> Conference of the Parties in Paris?

Please provide a breakdown of the total cost by travel, accommodation, meals, and any other costs.

Coming out of the Conference, what are the future sustainability projects and programs that the City will adopt?

What is the timeframe for the City to implement any future sustainability projects and programs coming out of the Conference?

What is the budget allocated to these projects?

#### Answer by the Lord Mayor

C40 covered most of my travel and accommodation costs, and some costs for accompanying staff. During the Council meeting on 23 November, Council endorsed a budget of approximately \$13,000 per person from funds available within existing operational budgets.

While final incidental costs are still to be reconciled, the trip will come in under the budget approved by Council.

The final costs will be reported as part of the normal quarterly review process.

### 12 SPRINGFIELD AVENUE, POTTS POINT (S103142)

8. By Councillor Scott

#### Question

The City owns two units (units 7 and 8) at 12 Springfield Avenue, Potts Point.

What was the historical use of these two units?

Are any works currently being conducted on these two units? If so, what is the nature of these works? What is the cost?

What is the City's plan for future uses of these two units?

By financial year, what is the income earned from these units?

**Answer by the Lord Mayor**

Units 7 and 8, 12 Springfield Avenue, Potts Points are one-bedroom units acquired by the former South Sydney City Council in 1996 as investments and to relocate two social housing tenants from the then Council-owned "Kelburn Hall" at No. 51 Elizabeth Bay Road, Elizabeth Bay which was subsequently sold in late 1996.

There are planned budgeted capital works for Unit 7. The value of these works is estimated to be \$45,000.00, with a completion date of early 2016. These works include: new kitchen, new flooring, painting throughout, new air-conditioner and new blinds. This unit is currently vacant and will be leased at a market residential rent when the works are completed.

There are no planned capital works for Unit 8, aside from routine repair and maintenance works, as required.

The City's plan for these two units is to hold and maintain, and to continue to lease until such time as the City decides to divest.

Total rental income is as follows:

- Unit 7 – 2014/15 - \$3,000.00 pa.
- Unit 8 - 2014/15 – \$9,600.00 pa.

**LEARNING LANGUAGES (S103142)**

9. By Councillor Scott

**Question**

Does the City provide any facilities or services for the learning of languages in its libraries, through other community spaces, or online?

If so, how many different languages are taught through the City's libraries, other community spaces, or online?

If services are available online, what are they? What is the amount spent on them?

**Answer by the Lord Mayor**

1. Facilities and services for learning languages in Libraries and online are:

**Collections (Online)**

The Library provides access to the following online resources:

- **Mango Languages**  
Mango Languages is an online resource allowing library members to learn 71 community languages. Mango Languages provides community languages (for English speakers), English courses (for non-English speakers), language learning through film, thematic and cultural learning.
- **Library Press Display**  
Library Press Display is an online resource allowing library members' access to online Newspapers and Magazines from around the world, from over 100



countries in 60 languages. Many languages have audio, where the text can be read aloud in languages.

- Dragonsource  
Dragonsource, an online Chinese language resource, provides access to over 2,000 magazine titles.

### **Collections (Physical)**

The Library provides access to the following:

- Language learning resources  
The Library collects a wide range of materials for language learning to assist self-directed learning and discovery. Language learning materials include books, CDs, DVDs and combined formats such as books and CDs.
- Community Language materials  
The Library collects community language materials in Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Indonesian, Russian, Thai and Vietnamese. This includes books, CDs and DVD formats.
- ESL and IELTS materials  
The Library collects a range of English as a Second Language (ESL) library materials to encourage English language learning and develop proficiency of English language skills. International English Language Testing System (IELTS) materials are well used materials in the Library. IELTS materials assist students to gain English proficiency.
- Community language magazines and newspapers  
The Library collects a wide range of community language magazines and newspapers. Magazines are available in a wide range of languages, including Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Russian, Thai and Vietnamese.
- Bulk Loans via the State Library NSW  
The Library provides library members with access to the State Library's Community Language bulk loan service. Library members can request a box of Community Language books in over 40 languages free of charge.

### **Programs**

The Library provides Bi-Lingual Storytime sessions at Green Square, Ultimo and Haymarket Libraries. The session includes storytelling for pre-schoolers with stories read in Mandarin and English.

2. The Library provides learning opportunities through:
  - Bi-Lingual Storytime sessions (Mandarin and English language)
  - Mango Languages (online) provides learning for 71 Community languages
  - Print and online collections
3. Services available online and the approximate amount spent per financial year are:
 

- Mango Languages	\$8,833.00
- Library Press Display	\$18,507.00
- Dragonsource	\$2,450.00

**NEWSPAPER AND MEDIA ADVERTISING (\$103142)**

10. By Councillor Scott

**Question**

Over the past 12 months, broken down by month, publication, and cost, how many advertisements have been placed by the City in newspaper and media publications, including online media?

**Answer by the Lord Mayor**

<b>Publication</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Ad #/Format #</b>
Architectural Review Magazine	May-15	\$4,790.38	1 ad
Australian Chinese Daily	Oct-15	\$723.80	1 ad
Australian Chinese Daily	Nov-15	\$957.00	1 ad
Australian Chinese News Weekly	Mar-15	\$396.00	1 ad
Australian Chinese News Weekly	Aug-15	\$396.00	1 ad
Australian Chinese News Weekly	Nov-15	\$726.00	1 ad
AFR Boss Magazine	Dec-15	\$13,300.00	1 ad
Australian Financial Review	Oct-15	\$6,417.93	1 ad
Australian Financial Review	Nov-15	\$28,417.93	2 ads
Australian Sponsorship News Online	Apr-15	\$333.33	2 ads
C!AO Magazine	Jul-15	\$3,246.10	2 ads
Central Courier	Dec-14	\$6,830.93	4 ads
Central Courier	Jan-15	\$9,464.30	6 ads
Central Courier	Feb-15	\$14,629.72	10 ads
Central Courier	Mar-15	\$12,233.94	9 ads
Central Courier	Apr-15	\$13,334.22	9 ads
Central Courier	May-15	\$17,619.77	12 ads
Central Courier	Jun-15	\$15,419.40	13 ads
Central Courier	Jul-15	\$22,096.30	16 ads
Central Courier	Aug-15	\$15,388.74	11 ads
Central Courier	Sep-15	\$15,741.10	10 ads
Central Courier	Oct-15	\$19,709.65	13 ads
Central Courier	Nov-15	\$18,734.22	11 ads
City Circular	Sep-15	\$2,277.11	1 ad
City News/City Hub	Dec-14	\$675.64	2 ads
City News/City Hub	Jan-15	\$1,351.29	5 ads
City News/City Hub	Feb-15	\$2,459.45	5 ads

<b>Publication</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Ad #/Format #</b>
City News/City Hub	Mar-15	\$1,732.36	3 ads
City News/City Hub	May-15	\$4,123.28	4 ads
City News/City Hub	Jun-15	\$1,954.32	3 ads
City News/City Hub	Jul-15	\$673.44	1 ad
City News/City Hub	Sep-15	\$1,349.08	2 ads
City News/City Hub	Oct-15	\$4,200.25	4 ads
City News/City Hub	Nov-15	\$3,132.32	3 ads
City Walker	Oct-15	\$1,452.00	1 ad
Daily Telegraph	Mar-15	\$6,733.39	1 ad
Daily Telegraph	Aug-15	\$2,178.87	1 ad
Daily Telegraph	Oct-15	\$19,518.38	2 ads
Fairfax Digital	Oct-15	\$13,750.00	4 ad formats
Gumtree website	Nov-15	\$11,000.00	2 ad formats
Inner West Courier - City Edition	Dec-14	\$2,602.49	2 ads
Inner West Courier - City Edition	Jan-15	\$5,561.49	4 ads
Inner West Courier - City Edition	Feb-15	\$6,338.92	5 ads
Inner West Courier - City Edition	Mar-15	\$6,555.51	5 ads
Inner West Courier - City Edition	Apr-15	\$7,390.24	7 ads
Inner West Courier - City Edition	May-15	\$11,410.85	9 ads
Inner West Courier - City Edition	Jun-15	\$4,755.89	4 ads
Inner West Courier - City Edition	Jul-15	\$6,926.16	5 ads
Inner West Courier - City Edition	Aug-15	\$6,566.79	5 ads
Inner West Courier - City Edition	Sep-15	\$7,923.04	6 ads
Inner West Courier - City Edition	Oct-15	\$7,456.89	4 ads
Inner West Courier - City Edition	Nov-15	\$11,382.18	8 ads
In The Black magazine	Nov-15	\$2,000.00	1 ad
Koori Mail	Dec-14	\$1,241.68	1 ad
Koori Mail	Jan-15	\$1,489.40	1 ad
Koori Mail	Mar-15	\$1,819.40	1 ad
Koori Mail	Jun-15	\$1,239.48	1 ad
Koori Mail	Jul-15	\$822.60	2 ads
Koori Mail	Sep-15	\$489.40	2 ads
LOTL	Mar-15	\$1,056.00	1 ad
LOTL	May-15	\$957.00	1 ad

Publication	Month	Cost	Ad #/Format #
LOTL	Sep-15	\$957.00	1 ad
LOTL	Nov-15	\$957.00	1 ad
MX - Sydney	Feb-15	\$246.64	1 ad
MX - Sydney	Mar-15	\$496.37	\$992.74
News Digital Network	Oct-15	\$11,000.00	4 ad formats
SBS website	Sep-15	\$7,721.88	3 ad formats
SBS website	Nov-15	\$4,893.92	3 ad formats
Sing Tao	Nov-15	\$1,593.92	1 ad
Southern Courier	Dec-14	\$906.46	1 ad
Southern Courier	Feb-15	\$3,262.80	2 ads
Southern Courier	Mar-15	\$6,634.49	4 ads
Southern Courier	Apr-15	\$2,151.73	1 ad
Southern Courier	May-15	\$3,576.58	2 ads
Southern Courier	Jun-15	\$5,480.85	4 ads
Southern Courier	Jul-15	\$1,140.15	1 ad
Southern Courier	Aug-15	\$3,436.95	2 ads
Southern Courier	Sep-15	\$1,142.35	1 ad
Southern Courier	Oct-15	\$6,750.27	2 ads
Southern Courier	Nov-15	\$9,120.93	5 ads
Star Observer	Jan-15	\$1,197.90	1 ad
Star Observer	Feb-15	\$1,263.90	1 ad
Star Observer	Mar-15	\$1,197.90	1 ad
Star Observer	Apr-15	\$1,197.90	1 ad
Star Observer	May-15	\$1,263.90	1 ad
Star Observer	Jun-15	\$1,197.90	1 ad
Star Observer	Jul-15	\$1,716.00	1 ad
Star Observer	Oct-15	\$1,716.00	1 ad
SX	Jan-15	\$946.00	1 ad
SX	Feb-15	\$946.00	1 ad
SX	Mar-15	\$946.00	1 ad
SX	Apr-15	\$946.00	1 ad
SX	May-15	\$946.00	1 ad
SX	Jun-15	\$946.00	1 ad
SX	Jul-15	\$5,500.00	1 ad
SX	Aug-15	\$946.00	1 ad
SX	Sep-15	\$946.00	1 ad
SX	Nov-15	\$946.00	1 ad
Sydney's Child Magazine	Nov-15	\$4,663.75	1 ad
Sydney Morning Herald	Dec-14	\$14,549.55	1 ad
Sydney Morning Herald	Jan-15	\$10,912.18	1 ad
Sydney Morning Herald	Feb-15	\$13,525.50	1 ad

Publication	Month	Cost	Ad #/Format #
Sydney Morning Herald	Mar-15	\$75,393.10	5 ads
Sydney Morning Herald	Jun-15	\$14,878.05	1 ad
Sydney Morning Herald	Aug-15	\$14,944.05	1 ad
Sydney Morning Herald	Oct-15	\$40,718.17	3 ads
Sydney Morning Herald	Nov-15	\$11,234.85	1 ad
The Australian	Apr-15	\$11,066.00	2 ads
The Australian	Jul-15	\$5,533.00	1 ad
The Australian	Sep-15	\$8,316.00	2 ads
The Australian	Oct-15	\$13,509.41	1 ad
The Australian	Nov-15	\$13,443.41	1 ad
The Epoch Times	Nov-15	\$3,157.00	1 ad
The Guardian (AU)	Nov-15	\$2,750.00	3 ad formats
The Saturday Paper	Aug-15	\$870.00	1 ad
The South Sydney Herald	Sep-15	\$440.00	1 ad
Thuranka	Feb-15	\$22.50	1 ad
Wentworth Courier	Dec-14	\$4,138.24	3 ads
Wentworth Courier	Jan-15	\$7,937.06	5 ads
Wentworth Courier	Feb-15	\$10,657.74	5 ads
Wentworth Courier	Mar-15	\$14,586.46	8 ads
Wentworth Courier	Apr-15	\$10,384.13	6 ads
Wentworth Courier	May-15	\$16,702.16	8 ads
Wentworth Courier	Jun-15	\$10,814.52	6 ads
Wentworth Courier	Jul-15	\$15,349.64	8 ads
Wentworth Courier	Aug-15	\$8,914.80	4 ads
Wentworth Courier	Sep-15	\$14,842.68	9 ads
Wentworth Courier	Oct-15	\$15,431.75	7 ads
Wentworth Courier	Nov-15	\$19,402.90	9 ads

**Notes:**

Items in Central Courier, Inner West Courier – City Edition, Southern Courier and the Wentworth Courier include display ads, public notice ads & DA ads.

Items in City News/CityHub include display ads + public notice ads.

Items in the SMH and The Australian contain display ads + some public notice ads (small \$ notice ads removed).

**NSW BUSINESS CHAMBER AWARDS PROGRAM 2015 ADVERTISING (\$103142)**

11. By Councillor Scott

**Question**

What was the total cost of the advertisement placed by the City entitled 'Thanks for being part of it' regarding the NSW Business Chamber Awards Program 2015?

In which media publications was this advertisement placed, broken down by the advertising costs for each publication?

**Answer by the Lord Mayor**

<b>Publication</b>	<b>Total Spend</b>
Inner West Courier inner city	\$1,410.72
Southern Courier	\$2,013.00
Central	\$1,739.40
Wentworth Courier	\$2,422.32
City Hub	\$1,116.67

**IN-ROAD TREE PLANTINGS (\$103142)**

12. By Councillor Scott

**Question**

Since 2004, broken down by year, how many in-road tree plantings has the City undertaken?

Since 2004, broken down by year, where has the City undertaken in-road tree plantings and at what cost for each project?

Broken down by year, how many in-road tree plantings does the City plan to undertake over the forthcoming four years?

Broken down by year, where will future in-road tree plantings be undertaken and at what cost for each project?

How was the priority for each in-road tree planting determined and who was consulted?

**Answer by the Lord Mayor**

Assuming comparable data is available for the period requested, I have asked the CEO for this information to be compiled. Due to the short time frame and the amount of work involved in extracting and compiling this information, a response will be provided to a future meeting of Council.

**LANEWAY UPGRADES (S103142)**

13. By Councillor Scott

**Question**

Since 2004, broken down by year, how many of the City's laneways have been upgraded?

Since 2004, broken down by year, which of the City's laneways have been upgraded and at what cost for each?

Broken down by year, how many of the City's laneways are projected to be upgraded over the forthcoming four years?

Broken down by year, which of the City's laneways are projected to be upgraded over the forthcoming four years?

Broken down by year, what is the projected cost for upgrading each of the City's laneways over the forthcoming four years?

How was the priority for each laneway upgrade determined and who was consulted?

**Answer by the Lord Mayor**

Assuming comparable data is available for the period requested, I have asked the CEO for this information to be compiled. Due to the short time frame and the amount of work involved in extracting and compiling this information, a response will be provided to a future meeting of Council.

**STREET UPGRADES (S103142)**

14. By Councillor Scott

**Question**

Since 2004, broken down by year, how many street upgrades has the City undertaken?

Since 2004, broken down by year, where has the City undertaken street upgrades and at what cost for each project?

Broken down by year, how many street upgrades does the City plan to undertake over the forthcoming four years?

Broken down by year, where will future street upgrades be undertaken and at what cost for each project?

How was the priority for each street upgrade determined and who was consulted?

**Answer by the Lord Mayor**

Assuming comparable data is available for the period requested, I have asked the CEO for this information to be compiled. Due to the short time frame and the amount of work involved in extracting and compiling this information, a response will be provided to a future meeting of Council.

**CYCLE PATHS (\$103142)**

15. By Councillor Scott

**Question**

Since 2004, broken down by year, how many cycle paths has the City completed?

Since 2004, broken down by year, where has the City constructed cycle paths and at what cost for each project?

Broken down by year, how many new cycle paths does the City plan to construct over the forthcoming four years?

Broken down by year, where will future new cycle paths be constructed and at what cost for each project?

How was the priority for each cycle path determined and who was consulted?

**Answer by the Lord Mayor**

Assuming comparable data is available for the period requested, I have asked the CEO for this information to be compiled.

Due to the short time frame and the amount of work involved in extracting and compiling this information, a response will be provided to a future meeting of Council.

**LORD MAYOR'S NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY (\$103142)**

16. By Councillor Scott

**Question**

What was the total cost of the 2012 Lord Mayor's New Year's Eve Party, broken down by printing costs, catering costs, staff costs, venue hire, and any other costs?

What was the total cost of the 2013 Lord Mayor's New Year's Eve Party, broken down by printing costs, catering costs, staff costs, venue hire, and any other costs?

What was the total cost of the 2014 Lord Mayor's New Year's Eve Party, broken down by printing costs, catering costs, staff costs, venue hire, and any other costs?

**Answer by the Lord Mayor**

<b>Category comparison</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Artists	\$55,440	\$56,967	\$52,970
Infrastructure	\$114,959	\$114,421	\$120,628
Scenic and production	\$134,627	\$154,965	\$170,959
Tax	\$66,400	\$29,386	\$37,545
Staffing	\$81,418	\$82,970	\$79,686
Catering	\$152,649	\$162,976	\$165,174
Security	\$22,871	\$24,125	\$24,849



Category comparison	2012	2013	2014
Venue Costs	\$29,662	\$39,512	\$35,217
Sponsorship activations – inc. printing costs	\$25,430	\$26,794	\$19,135
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$683,456</b>	<b>\$692,116</b>	<b>\$706,163</b>

Venue costs include the cost of firing fireworks from the sails of the Sydney Opera House.

Printing costs are included in Sponsorship costs, as all invitations and other printing include partner logos.

### **CLEVELAND HOUSE, SURRY HILLS (S103142)**

17. By Councillor Scott

#### **Question**

What actions have the City undertaken to preserve the heritage of Cleveland House at 146-164 Chalmers Street, Surry Hills?

Are any future actions proposed to preserve the heritage of Cleveland House? If so, what future actions are proposed?

#### **Answer by the Lord Mayor**

Cleveland House was designed by the well-known colonial architect Francis Greenway, built in c1823, and is among the earliest homesteads in Australia. The house is highly significant and is currently listed under both NSW State Heritage Register and Sydney Local Environment Plan.

The main responsibility for preserving Cleveland House lies with its owner and occupant, LGS Enterprises Pty Ltd. It is this company's obligation to keep the building well maintained and safe. As the house is listed as a State heritage item, NSW Heritage Council, under the Heritage Act 1977, can intervene in conservation matters, including the issue of repair orders, to assessment of building works and provision heritage funding assistance. In August 2010, the NSW Heritage Council issued an order on the property requiring urgent repair works. In the 2011-2013 NSW Heritage Grants program, the Heritage Council approved a \$50,000 grant for conservation works to Cleveland House.

Conservation works to Cleveland House are currently underway. These include the repair and upgrading of the verandah and stormwater system. The works were approved by NSW Heritage Council in 2012 and by the City of Sydney in 2012 (via confirmation of heritage works without DA consent) and in 2014 (D/2014/381). Most of the approved works have been completed. An application by the owner has been lodged with NSW Heritage Council seeking consent for reconstruction and restoration of the roofing, chimneys and walls. The City of Sydney expects to receive this development application soon.

Council's heritage staff inspected the house in November 2011 and found the interior of the house intact and in a fair condition. When the current and projected conservation works to the exterior of the house are completed, the building will be in a good repair.

### **City of Sydney actions to preserve Cleveland House**

The City of Sydney works to conserve Cleveland House under the framework of the Environmental Planning and Assessment (EP&A) Act and through making and implementing planning instruments. By listing Cleveland House as a local heritage item and listing its surrounding area as a heritage conservation area (Cleveland Garden Conservation Area), council applies heritage planning controls to works and development on the site and on the properties and public domain in its vicinity. By these means we try to ensure that the significance of Cleveland House, including its setting and curtilage, is preserved and not harmed by new developments.

Council staff in the planning and building sections provided professional and technical assistance to the owner in relation to the proposed conservation works. In 2013, the owner Brian Vincent wrote to City CEO asking for Council's support for the reinstatement of front stairs and fencing, which would encroach on the public land on Bedford Street. After co-ordinated discussions between Council's planning, public domain, infrastructure and legal sections, the director of Planning Development and Transport replied to Mr. Vincent, suggesting in-principle support of the proposed stairs and stipulating the additional information needed to proceed with the project. To date, the design of this stair has not been finalised or agreed to.

During 2013, when the work on the verandah and drainage started, Council's heritage staff regularly met with the project architect and the owner and provided advice on specific conservation and construction issues.

### **Future actions**

Council will continue its efforts in protecting the setting and visual curtilage of Cleveland House. The views from and to the house will be protected. The pocket park on Bedford St in front of Cleveland House will be retained, as specified in the land use zoning plan. In future developments of the Central to Eveleigh Corridor by the State government, we will ensure the vistas from Cleveland House to Prince Alfred Park and former Grose Farm (now the University of Sydney) are respected.

In future, Council may consider supporting the reinstatement of the original front stairs of Cleveland House by allowing the stairs to encroach on the public land provided the final design successfully addresses heritage impacts, public amenity and public safety.

Council staff will continue to provide assistance on the conservation works of Cleveland House. This includes assistance in investigating the building's history, providing technical advice and information on appropriately skilled tradespeople.

### **TREE LOSS IN SYDNEY PARK (S103146)**

18. By Councillor Doughty

#### **Question**

What is the estimated number of trees that will be lost as a result of the impact of WestConnex on Sydney Park?

#### **Answer by the Lord Mayor**

Numbers are approximate, based on an estimate due to extent of works.

9 street trees to Sydney Park Road  
89 street trees to Euston Road  
43 street trees to Campbell Road  
76 trees within Sydney Park

**Totals:**

141 street trees  
76 park trees  
217 total estimated removed.

**FREE PUBLIC WIFI IN SYDNEY CBD (S103145)**

19. By Councillor Green

**Question**

The Notice of Motion on 30 March 2015 requested the Chief Executive Officer work closely with the NSW Government to deliver free WiFi within the Sydney CBD and report back to Council via the CEO update on progress.

1. Most Australian capital cities (Adelaide, Melbourne, Canberra, Perth and Brisbane) provide free WiFi in key CBD and public space locations and target high activity areas through partnerships between local and state government and the private sector.
2. On 24 September 2015, The Sydney Morning Herald reported that Transport for NSW, as an incentive to attract shoppers into George Street especially for the festive season, would provide free WiFi.
3. The former Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority was investigating opportunities for provision of free WiFi in key areas of The Rocks and Circular Quay.

Can the Chief Executive Officer please provide an update on progress of negotiations with the NSW Government for the provision of CBD free WiFi?

**Answer by the Lord Mayor**

City staff are in regular contact with Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority, and have recently been invited to take part in the project. The Authority has recently moved into NSW Government Property within the Department of Finance and Services cluster, which has resulted in some delays.

**CITY OF SYDNEY UNOCCUPIED BUILDINGS (S103148)**

20. By Councillor Forster

**Question**

In response to a Question on Notice in October 2015, the Lord Mayor provided a list of Council-owned properties that are currently unoccupied. This list did not include the Fig and Wattle Street Depot; properties along Oxford Street, including 74-76 and 110-122 Oxford Street; or basement properties in Foley Street, which are currently unoccupied.

Could the Lord Mayor please provide a complete list of all City-owned properties which are currently not occupied, leased or being put to other community and/or commercial use, and the reasons for their disuse?

**Answer by the Lord Mayor**

City-owned properties which are currently not occupied, leased or being put to other community and /or commercial use have been defined as unoccupied buildings, that is, those buildings that are currently uninhabitable due to the following circumstances:

- (1) property is a Capital Works Corporate Plan item, with significant construction activity underway/planned to commence;
- (2) property is earmarked for imminent upgrade works, scope of such upgrades is often defined during the process of being leased with scope matching the intended end-use;
- (3) property is listed for delivery of strategic infrastructure and/or allocated for disposal.

Eighteen buildings fall within these definitions and are listed below:

- (1) Capital Works Corporate Plan Items (construction activity underway/planned to commence)

1-5 Flinders Street, Surry Hills, 2010

Royal South Sydney Hospital Building (former), 3 Joynton Avenue, Zetland, 2017

Esme Cahill Building, 3 Joynton Avenue, Zetland, 2017

Tram shed Hyde Park, 110 Elizabeth Street, Sydney, 2000

East Sydney Community and Arts Centre, in Albert Sloss Reserve, 225-245 Palmer Street, Darlinghurst, 2010

Juanita Nielsen Community Centre, 31 Nicholson Street, Woolloomooloo, 2011

277-279 Bourke Street, Darlinghurst, 2010

Taylor Square Pumphouse, 136 Oxford Street, Darlinghurst, 2010

The Crescent – 3-7 and 9 is vacant pending Johnsons Creek Masterplan – fast track childcare will be developed on part of this land.

- (2) Imminent Upgrade Prior to Leasing/Occupation Stage or Demolition

The following buildings cannot be occupied in their current state. These properties have been matched against customer needs. The City is currently undertaking feasibility to determine cost of works.

WBG Incinerator, Glebe Foreshore Walk East, 53 Forsyth Street, Glebe, 2037

Status: formal Council approval being sought at the October 2015 meeting to lease this building.

Pump Room- Sydney Park, 167-169 Euston Road, Alexandria, 2015

Status: minor update planned to permit occupation by City Farm for storage use.

Club Room - Jubilee Park, 2 Federal Road, Glebe, 2037

Status: update planned to permit use by local Community Sporting groups.

17A Albert Street, Erskineville, 2043

Status: update being considered to permit use for Creative City.

Annex - Kellett Place, 66-68 Kellett Street, Potts Point, 2011

Status: demolition being considered due to poor condition which permits reclamation of park land. (Note a tree is growing through the roof.)

(3a) Listed for Delivery of Green Square Infrastructure and Facilities

Mandible Industrial, 41 Mandible Street, Alexandria, 2015

330-332 Botany Road, Alexandria, 2015

334-336 Botany Road, Alexandria, 2015

338 Botany Road, Alexandria, 2015

(3b) Divestment

75-77 Kellick Street, Waterloo, 2016 - Contracts exchanged.

The above property list submitted in October 2015 did not include the following Council owned properties for the following reasons:

- 56-78 Oxford Street (inclusive of Foley Street premises) - is not unoccupied as there are currently 30 premises leased/licensed in this property; 8 premises pending capital works and nil premises vacant to be leased.
- 82-106 Oxford Street – is not unoccupied as there are currently 41 premises leased/licensed in this property; 5 premises pending capital works and 7 premises vacant to be leased.
- 110-122 Oxford Street – is not unoccupied as there are currently 7 premises leased/licensed in this property; 7 premises pending capital works and 1 premise vacant to be leased.
- 17-19 Albert Street, St Peters – terms agreed with Roads and Traffic Authority – required for by WestConnex.
- Fig & Wattle Street Depot – Councillors are aware that the licences over this site were terminated to permit the sale of this property to the Department of Education. The bulk of the City's sandstone and trachyte has been relocated to another City-owned site, with the remaining stock to be auctioned on site.
- 20 O'Riordan Street, Alexandria 2015 – forms part of the list for Delivery of Green Square Infrastructure and Facilities

**SMOKE-FREE AREAS (S103148)**

21. By Councillor Forster

**Question**

Is the function of the cigarette butt bins in Martin Place, which have the potential to encourage smokers to gather and smoke nearby, being reviewed as part of the current and ongoing Smoke-Free Trial?

**Answer by the Lord Mayor**

The placement of the bins, with the inclusive ash trays, in Martin Place was reviewed prior to the implementation of the trial. It was resolved that that bins would remain in their current locations to allow members of the public entering Martin Place to have the opportunity to adequately and safely dispose of cigarette butts once made aware of the smoke free trial. The bins in the area attract a high usage by all pedestrians, not just smokers. Further consideration will be given during evaluation at the completion of the trial in May 2016.

**CENTRAL PARK (S103148)**

22. By Councillor Forster

**Question**

I continue to receive a significant amount of correspondence from residents of Central Park, Chippendale, highlighting serious concerns they have with issues such as illegally parked vehicles, development application breaches and illegal occupation of properties within the precinct. Can the Lord Mayor please provide updated information in relation to the following concerns, including action the City has taken to address the following issues?

1. Illegally parked vehicles along Chippendale Way: Has this road been dedicated to the City? If so, have City Rangers been patrolling the area? How many parking infringements have been issued in the area?
2. Breaches of DA conditions by restaurants and other retail outlets located in and around Chippendale Green: How many noise complaints has the City received related to restaurants and food outlets in the open, lower ground areas near the Green? How many noise complaints has the City received relating to public events and markets held in the open space on Chippendale Green?
3. Illegal Accommodation: How many complaints has the City received about apartments at Central Park being used for illegal accommodation? What action is the City taking to address this issue in the complex? Can the Lord Mayor please provide an update on the City's promised review of the impacts and its policy on short-term accommodation?

**Answer by the Lord Mayor**

1. Chippendale Way has been dedicated to the City. Rangers who perform regular patrols of Chippendale Way, both proactively and in response to complaints from members of the public. So far this year, rangers have issued 52 penalty notices in Chippendale Way.

2. In the past six months, complaints received have been only about Coco Cubano restaurant (located in the open, lower ground areas near the Green), and about some of the outdoor events held in the park. Approximately four complaints were lodged in the past six months about Coco Cubano, and several more in the months prior to that. Approximately 10 complaints have been received about various events held in the park in the past three months, such as the Brewery Markets, silent dance parties, and other events with live music. These complaints have been investigated by Health and Building officers and Rangers, but none have resulted in enforcement action being taken. The reason for this is due to a lack of specific details being provided by complainants in a timely manner, and a lack of cooperation by the complainant to allow access or to provide further information. There have been additional complaints made to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment in this time.
3. In the past six months, approximately 10 complaints have been received about alleged unauthorised accommodation in Central Park residential towers. In some cases, the strata management were notified of the issue to allow them to manage the issue in the first instance. Health and Building have been prevented from taking action in some cases because the complaints have not provided specific unit numbers, only references to the Air BNB website (which do not provide specific unit numbers). In other cases, inadequate information about the alleged 'overcrowding' was provided to Council to justify action such as the issuing of search warrants or notices of entry.

The City is supporting both policy and legislative development in the area of short term accommodation. This is being achieved by actively working with and providing submissions to key stakeholders to NSW Government Inquiries and other government agencies. The City has also engaged with the Victorian Government who are reviewing short term accommodation policy.

Senior City staff continue to hold regular meetings as part of a strategic project plan and share ideas and suggested changes to ensure a whole of government approach to reviewing short term accommodation policy is achieved.

On a practical level, the City has successfully formed an investigation team which continues to disrupt and dismantle organised illegal accommodation networks. A number of prosecutions are underway, which include the Burrows Road, Alexandria fire and the operators of the former Banana supermarket in the Chippendale area, with further criminal charges under consideration.

The City continues to advocate for a State-wide policy for the short term tourist and visitor accommodation market. It is hoped that these changes will provide clarity both from an operators and enforcement perspective.