

ITEM 12. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**BUSINESS VOTING LETTERS AND FORMS (S103147)**

1. By Councillor Vithoukas

Question

On 11 March 2016, the City of Sydney wrote to business owners about the City of Sydney Non-Residential Register and Rolls. The letter contained incorrect information which advised that business owners were required to return completed forms in a pre-paid envelope by 16 March 2016 (5 days later). When did the City become aware of the error? How many letters were sent to business owners with the incorrect date? Has the City re-written to those business owners to let them know an error had been made, advising them of the correct date to return their completed forms?

Answer by the Lord Mayor

The implementation of the Non-residential Register and Rolls is the responsibility of the CEO. The CEO has previously committed to providing Councillors with regular updates on progress with the implementation of the Register and Rolls. The CEO has advised the next update will be provided shortly.

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL SPEND (S103148)

2. By Councillor Forster

Question

Since September 2014, how much in total has the Lord Mayor spent on international travel, including airfares, accommodation and other miscellaneous travel-related expenses?

Answer by the Lord Mayor

All proposals for international travel are subject to review and approval by the full Council in accordance with the provisions of the Councillors' Expenses and Facilities Policy. The requested information may be found in the relevant Quarter Reviews (Supplementary Report attachment) for the period.

ANTI-WESTCONNEX PAMPHLET (S103148)

3. By Councillor Forster

Question

Over the course of the current federal election campaign, a pamphlet has been sent to residents in the City of Sydney criticising the WestConnex project, which is receiving funding from both the state and federal governments. This pamphlet contains City of Sydney logos and contact information, but has no authorisation.

1. Under what or whose authority was the anti-WestConnex pamphlet printed and distributed?

2. What was the cost of preparing and distributing the pamphlet?

Answer by the Lord Mayor

Please refer to my answer to Question on Notice 33.

NON-RESIDENTIAL REGISTER (S103148)

4. By Councillor Forster

Question

1. Are Council staff physically doorknocking businesses in the City of Sydney Local Government Area to inform them of their requirement to register on the non-residential roll?
2. To date, how many businesses have registered on the non-residential roll?
3. What has the Council done to ensure that barristers, most of whom are sole traders paying rent in chambers, are on the non-residential roll?
4. When registering, why are tenants required to provide details including the property's rateable lot number, when the Act does not require the City to collect this sort of information?
5. How many businesses have accessed Council's registration system but failed to complete the registration process?

Answer by the Lord Mayor

Please refer to my answer to Question on Notice 1.

SYDNEY SINGS FESTIVAL (S103142)

5. By Councillor Scott

Question

What has occurred to the Council funding allocated to the Sydney Sings Festival?

If not expended, where has it been transferred to in the 2016/17 Budget?

Answer by the Lord Mayor

On 21 March 2016, Council approved two items relating to the Sydney Sings Festival:

1. a grant of up to \$150,000 (excluding GST) in value-in-kind for venue hire waiver under the Festivals and Events (Artform) Sponsorship Program to Sydney Singing Limited for Sydney Sings.
2. the hosting of a civic reception to welcome international artists as part of Sydney Sings.

Since this approval, Sydney Sings has advised the festival will not proceed in 2016. As a result, this grant will lapse. As it is a value in kind grant, there was no cash component saved. Should they wish to hold the Festival at a later date, they will need to make a new application for support by the City.

The dates held by the Sydney Sings festival for the use of the Sydney Town Hall, amounted to \$109,420 and the Town Hall banner poles were a further \$40,692 a total of \$150,112 (excluding GST). The dates in Sydney Town Hall that were held are now available for general bookings. However at this late stage, it is unlikely that it will be booked.

Sydney Sings also booked a number of street banner poles at the not for profit rate. These bookings will also not be used, and the income of around \$62,000 will not be generated.

HOMELESS AT BELMORE PARK (S103142)

6. By Councillor Scott

I refer to the removal of tents used by rough sleepers at Belmore Park, by City officers, in February this year.

1. What is the City's policy on allowing those sleeping rough to erect tents at Belmore Park?
2. Where are the tents confiscated by City officers?
3. Will the tents confiscated by City officers be returned?
4. Can the Lord Mayor outline the process and timeframe of how confiscated tents will be returned to the relevant rough sleepers?
5. Alternatively, if the City is unable to return the tents, can the Lord Mayor confirm whether rough sleepers will be compensated for the loss of their tents?

Answer by the Lord Mayor

The erection of tents for the use of staying overnight is not permitted in Belmore Park. The City is working with NSW Family and Community Services and NSW Police to support people sleeping rough into safe and secure accommodation, and prevent further unlawful camping in the park.

The City has a responsibility to maintain the safety and amenity of public spaces. This includes removing rubbish and abandoned items from public spaces on a regular basis. Notices are placed on items determined to be unattended in the public space with instructions about the time and date for their removal. A minimum of 24 hours' notice is provided prior to removal. Items not claimed are removed to landfill and cannot be retrieved. No compensation is provided for unclaimed items abandoned in the public space.

INSTALLATION OF BIRD BATHS (S103142)

7. By Councillor Scott

Question

I refer to a proposal for the installation of 64 life-sized bird sculptures at 27 locations along or near Bridge Street, including one bird bath at Macquarie Place Park.

1. Does the bird bath comply with the bird bath standards of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds?
2. Does the existing fountain in Macquarie Place Park conform to the Society's standards?
3. What measures will be taken to prevent the bird bath from becoming a receptacle for rubbish?

I refer to the City North Public Domain Plan, which was adopted by the Council at its December 2015 meeting. The Plan recommends "that a new Conservation Management Plan be prepared for Macquarie Place to guide ... future works".

When will this Conservation Management Plan be completed? When will it be made public?

Will the installation of the 64 life-sized bird sculptures at 27 locations along or near Bridge Street and the bird bath at Macquarie Place be subject to the future Conservation Management Plan?

If so, what are the implications for the 64 life-sized bird sculptures at 27 locations along or near Bridge Street and the bird bath?

Answer by the Lord Mayor

As previously advised (refer to my response to Question on Notice 17 of 16 May 2016), the Development Application (D/2016/504) for Distance of Your Heart has been lodged and is being assessed. A Briefing Note concerning this matter was distributed to Councillors on 21 June 2016.

TOM BASS P&O FOUNTAIN SCULPTURE (S103142)

8. By Councillor Scott

Question

I refer to page 702 of the Sydney Metro Environmental Impact Statement, dated 3 May 2016, which states that the Tom Bass P&O Wall Fountain sculpture located at 55 Hunter Street, Sydney, will be "reinstated at a location determined in consultation with City of Sydney Council".

1. Can the City confirm the current location of the sculpture?
2. Has Transport for NSW consulted the City about possible locations for the reinstatement of the sculpture? When?
3. Has the City considered possible locations for the reinstatement of the sculpture? If so, where?
4. Will the City incur any costs in the reinstatement of the sculpture? If so, what is the City's budget for the reinstatement works, broken down by design, labour and materials and any other items?

Answer by the Lord Mayor

I have asked the Chief Executive Officer to investigate this matter and report back to Councillors via the CEO Update.

ROSEBERY ESTATE EXEMPTION FROM GENERAL HOUSING CODE (S103142)

9. By Councillor Scott

Question

I refer to the City's request to the Department of Planning to vary the General Housing Code in relation to the Rosebery Estate in March 2014.

Has the City received a response from the Department regarding the City's request? If so, can it be shared with Councillors?

Answer by the Lord Mayor

The Department of Planning has not responded to either the original request or a follow-up request sent in January 2015.

The Department of Planning and Environment is currently seeking feedback on a proposed simplified Housing Code which is on public exhibition until 12 August 2016. The City will use this opportunity to reiterate its position on the Rosebery Estate.

STATE-OWNED ENTITIES AND THE NON-RESIDENTIAL REGISTER (S103142)

10. By Councillor Scott

Question

I refer to the City's non-residential register.

1. Can the Lord Mayor confirm whether the State-owned entities can be entered on the non-residential register?
2. Can the Lord Mayor confirm whether State-owned entities on the non-residential register will have the right to vote in the City's elections in September 2016?

Answer by the Lord Mayor

Please refer to my answer to Question on Notice 1.

KENT STREET CYCLEWAY (S103142)

11. By Councillor Scott

Question

I refer to the Kent Street Cycleway.

1. Does the City have any data regarding traffic congestion before and after the installation of the Kent Street Cycleway? Can the data please be provided to Councillors?
2. Does the City have any data in relation to accidents involving cyclists and pedestrians before and after the installation of the Kent Street Cycleway? Can the data please be provided to Councillors?
3. What measures has the City undertaken to ensure the safe passage of pedestrians from the street to the footpath?

Answer by the Lord Mayor

1. No. However, in June 2013, Transport for NSW reported¹ "Some separated cycleways in the CBD are already transporting more people per lane than adjacent vehicle lanes during the morning peak – adding capacity to the road network and helping to ease congestion...Kent Street cycleway performs highest in this regard, moving 34% of people and taking only 25% of the space during the morning peak hour."
2. RMS crash data for the years 2009 to 2014 shows there were two pedestrian-bicycle collisions on Kent Street in that time; in February 2011 and in December 2012. Kent Street cycleway opened late 2010.
3. The cycleway incorporates design features to facilitate safe passage of pedestrians, including double-step cross section design and wider medians at locations where pedestrians may be crossing the cycleway to access parking, high visual contrast between the separator kerb and the cycleway, and additional signage. In addition, The City carried out intensive onsite education when the infrastructure was new, to help people adjust to the changed conditions.

¹ Sydney City Centre Access Strategy: Technical report on proposed strategic cycling corridors.

QUARRY GREEN PARK, ULTIMO - PARK BENCH (S103142)

12. By Councillor Scott

Question

I refer to the uninstallation of the park bench at Quarry Green, Ultimo.

1. What was the total cost to the City of the installation of the park bench, broken down by design, installation, materials, labour, etc?
2. When was the installation of the park bench complete?
3. When did the uninstallation of the park bench commence?
4. What was the total cost to the City of the uninstallation of the park bench, broken down by labour, materials?
5. Where is the bench now?

Answer by the Lord Mayor

The park bench was installed on 23 February 2016 at a total cost of \$5,984. Due to amenity impacts on neighbouring residences, the bench was un-installed on 5 May 2016 at a cost of \$630. The bench is currently held at Bay Street Council Depot.

222 PALMER STREET, DARLINGHURST (S103142)

13. By Councillor Scott

Question

I refer to the City's plans for a community garden at 222 Palmer Street and development applications 2013/868; 2013/868A; 2013/868B; and 2013/868C.

1. Can the City please provide copies of the documents forming development applications 2013/868; 2013/868A; 2013/868B; and 2013/868C on our website?
2. What modifications, if any, have been made to the City's original plans for the community garden?
3. Has the City prepared a budget for the planned community garden? If so, how much has the City allocated toward design, materials and labour?
4. When does the City expect the community garden to be completed?
5. What community consultation has been undertaken for the purposes of establishing the community garden?

Answer by the Lord Mayor

Due to copyright law, the City is required to remove development application documentation once the exhibition period has expired. Staff advise these DAs relate to the child care centre and community space at 277 Bourke Street. These plans have not changed since the DA was approved in 2013.

A community garden was part of the concept design for the new park that was approved in December 2013 (D/2013/2018). The current Section 96 application aims to keep the location of the community garden consistent with the approved concept plan. The community garden area is located in the sunniest position on the site with space for a small worm farm or compost bin.

The cost of the materials, plants and construction labour for the initial establishment of the community garden is included in the overall park design and budget. For ongoing costs for the maintenance of the community garden, the community garden group will need to put together a management plan for approval including funding options. The community garden group can apply for a Matching Grant from the City of Sydney for plants, tools and garden materials.

It is anticipated the garden will be complete by March 2017.

In addition to the usual community consultation undertaken by the City when designing a new park, the City's Community Gardens Coordinator has been seeking community involvement for community garden since August 2015 - with little response to begin a community garden group.

The City's Community Gardens Coordinator met with three residents in February 2016 and spoke to them about Community Garden Policy, the proposed community garden, as well as alternative locations and footpath verge gardens if the group requires additional space than proposed at 222 Palmer Street.

After the community garden has been built, the Community Gardens Coordinator will contact the local community to form a group and to ensure it can become a self-managed Community Garden. The Community Gardens Coordinator will assist the group to prepare a community garden management plan for approval.

GIBBES STREET, NEWTOWN FOOTPATH AND KERB-ISLAND (S103142)

14. By Councillor Scott

Question

I refer to the Gibbes Street footpath and kerb island.

1. When will a proposal to widening the footpath and kerb-island on Gibbes Street be referred to the LPCTCC?
2. How much has the City budgeted for these works?
3. For which period has the funding been allocated?
4. If approved, when does the City anticipate these works will be complete?

Answer by the Lord Mayor

Designs to improve pedestrian safety and accessibility at the intersection of Gibbes and Whitehorse Streets, Newtown are under development. The City will consult with local residents and, if supported, the proposal will be referred to the Local Pedestrian, Cycling and Traffic Calming Committee (LPCTCC) for review and consideration in late 2016.

Budget has been allocated for construction in 2016/17.

DR HJ FOLEY PARK, GLEBE - PLAQUE (S103142)

15. By Councillor Scott

Question

I am advised that a plaque dedicated to St James, owned by St Bede's Church, and formerly located at Dr HJ Foley Park, was removed as part of works to the park and was never returned.

Can the City advise as to the whereabouts of the plaque? If not, will the City produce a new plaque?

When will the plaque be reinstated?

Answer by the Lord Mayor

There is no record of a plaque dedicated to St James located at Dr HJ Foley Park.

However, a plaque commemorating the naming of St James Park in Glebe, in honour of the 1977 centenary of St James Parish, was removed during the recent upgrade of St James Park.

The plaque was cleaned by a conservator and has been reinstated in the park near its original location (this plaque was the subject of a Question on Notice in February 2016).

ERSKINEVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL TRAFFIC (S103142)

16. By Councillor Scott

Question

I refer to the safety concerns expressed by teachers and parents of students at the Erskineville Public School in relation to vehicle traffic around the area.

1. What has the City done in response to these concerns?
2. What measures will the City take to address these concerns?

Answer by the Lord Mayor

I have been advised that staff are currently investigating these matters. A report will be provided to Councillors via CEO Update.

CHANGES TO VISITOR PARKING PERMIT (S103142)

17. By Councillor Scott

Question

I refer to Notice of Motion 5 (Limited Multiday Visitor Parking Permits Study) at the 16 May meeting of Council.

1. When does the City anticipate that it will undertake its review of the changes to the City's parking framework?
2. When does the City anticipate recommendations arising from the study to be reported back to Council?

Answer by the Lord Mayor

These matters will be progressed by the CEO in accordance with the terms of the Resolution of Council.

CHARITY PARKING PERMITS (S103142)

18. By Councillor Scott

Question

I refer to the parking permit recently granted to Pymont Cares Inc. in relation to a truck owned by the organisation.

1. Under which category was Pymont Cares granted a permit?
2. Under which category would an organisation apply for a parking permit for the purposes of undertaking similar work that requires the use of vehicles for the delivery of plants to Landcare sites, distribution of community-produced newsletters and attendance at evening meetings?

Answer by the Lord Mayor

Pymont Cares was issued a business parking permit for a goods vehicle registered in the name of the charity.

An organisation with a goods carrying vehicle registered in the name of the organisation - and routinely used for deliveries or works - may apply for a business parking permit. Permits are not issued for the purpose of private travel, or attending meetings.

In the case of Pymont Landcare, no dedicated vehicle is required, as only tubestock (ie, seedlings) is planted by volunteers and bulk deliveries of materials, such as mulch, are made by the City or its providers. The City's Community Gardens and Volunteer Coordinator has advised that the delivery of seedlings to worksites can be arranged by the City, if requested.

DOCUMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO THE ULTIMO SCHOOL (S103142)

19. By Councillor Scott

Question

Will the Lord Mayor make available all documents and correspondence related to negotiations undertaken for a new school for Pymont Ultimo on the City's website?

Answer by the Lord Mayor

The Department of Education has released extensive documentation related to the consideration of sites for a new school for Pymont Ultimo. The City has also released a range of documentation to the school community and will continue to do so as appropriate. Staff advise me that releasing all documents and correspondence in relation to the negotiations would potentially prejudice the City's ability to negotiate with third parties in the future.

110-112 OXFORD STREET, DARLINGHURST (S103142)

20. By Councillor Scott

Question

I refer to the property at 110-112 Oxford Street and the closure of six surrounding properties and businesses as a result of detached stone from the property.

1. Has the City completed its investigation into the incident? If so, what are the City's findings and will the investigation make any recommendations with regards to the City's building safety and/or inspection regulations?
2. What remedial works are being undertaken by the City?
3. When does the City expect the six surrounding properties and businesses to be able to reopen?
4. What are the City's plans for the property?
5. When does the City expect to realise those plans?
6. What budget, if any, has the City set for those plans?
7. Is the City conducting any inspections on other similar properties to prevent similar incidences from occurring?

Answer by the Lord Mayor

Property Services has completed an investigation into the incident and it was found that the cause of the detached sandstone keystone feature was due to a compression failure which was essential for the keystone to remain in place.

In March 2016, the City's managing agents Brookfield Global Integrated Solutions (BGIS) appointed structural engineers, Henry and Hymas, to undertake an inspection of the 110-122 Oxford Street façade. The Structural Engineers' report recommended façade remediation works which were procured and scheduled to take place in May

After the façade failure, another more detailed façade inspection of 110-122 Oxford Street was undertaken by abseiling engineers who completed façade remediation works and this included the removal of loose stone and brickwork.

Only one retail business within the City-owned property 110-122 Oxford Street was affected by the temporary closure of the footpath, as a result of the temporary controls put in place to cordon off the footpath. Property Services has already held discussions with this business operator (who closed for one and half days) and they will be submitting a claim to the City for consideration.

BGIS undertake 6 and 12 month building condition inspections of all of the City's properties. Property Services have spoken to BGIS executive management since the incident, who have assured the City that, in light of the incident, BGIS will undertake an extensive review of the current processes to ensure they remain more robust.

110–122 Oxford Street is currently occupied by four retail tenants and has two retail vacancies. The property is not abandoned. A feasibility study was completed in November 2013 which assessed the viability and cost of converting the upper floors of 118–122 Oxford Street into 14 self-contained artist live/work apartments, and converting Levels 1 and 2 and the basements of 110 and 112-116 Oxford Street into artists' work and creative incubator spaces. There is funding for these works in the Long-Term Financial Plan.

GREENS ROAD, PADDINGTON (S103142)

21. By Councillor Scott

Question

I refer to the Lord Mayor's response to Question on Notice 5 at the 16 May meeting of Council.

When does the Lord Mayor expect the City to begin its consultation with local residents and businesses on the proposal to reinstate the previous parking controls?

Answer by the Lord Mayor

I recently met with residents and businesses in Paddington to find a sensible, long term solution for parking in Area 15. Residents were concerned the parking changes agreed in March by the Local Pedestrian Cycling and Traffic Calming Committee (LPCTCC), from 2P to 4P on Greens Road, were affecting their ability to park because visitors and students were taking advantage of the longer time limits.

Businesses had welcomed the 4P parking changes for the purpose of attracting visitors to patron local cafes, the cinema and shops. However there was recognition that better compliance and parking enforcement was required to prevent visitors from overstaying the prescribed limit on Greens Road, particularly for those attending local sporting events.

Paid parking in other areas of the Local Government Area has been shown to improve compliance and increase parking vacancy rates. City staff will undertake an occupancy demand survey in Area 15 to determine the need for paid parking. This also follows the resolution of March LPCTCC to investigate paid parking within the Paddington area.

As Semester 2 for College of Fine Arts students commences 25 July 2016, the City will schedule the parking surveys in early August. If a need for paid parking is found, consultation on the proposal with the community will occur with the intent to refer to the October LPCTCC for consideration.

544 ELIZABETH STREET, REDFERN (S103142)

22. By Councillor Scott

Question

I refer to the abandoned property located at 544 Elizabeth Street, Redfern.

1. Has the City sought legal advice about how the property may be dealt with?
2. Has the City undertaken any remedial or maintenance works on the property? If so, what were the nature of these works?
3. Is the City able to advise on the current state and condition of the property?
4. Has the City undertaken any studies as to the impact, if any, the deterioration of the property is having on surrounding properties?

Answer by the Lord Mayor

1. Yes.
2. In 2009, works were undertaken by the City following proceedings in the Land and Environment Court. The works related to the removal of accumulated waste materials in the premises and other works to make the structure safe (including removal of the front balcony).
3. The City has recently arranged for a structural engineer to inspect the property and is considering options in relation to the issue of orders regarding the condition of the property.
4. Initial indications are that the property remains sufficiently stable and structurally sound to provide the required bracing for the neighbouring buildings. This will be reviewed as part of the assessment of the property referred to above.

PUBLIC FORUM ON CENTRAL TO EVELEIGH PRECINCT (S103142)

23. By Councillor Scott

Question

I refer to the public forum hosted by the City in relation to the Central to Eveleigh precinct, on Wednesday 15 June 2016 at 6.30pm.

1. What was the total cost to the City for hosting the event?
2. What was the cost of venue hire for the event?
3. What was the cost of catering the event?
4. What was the cost of staffing the event?
5. How many households were sent the material?

6. What was the cost of preparing materials for the event, broken down by printing, delivery and design?

Answer by the Lord Mayor

Tea, coffee and water were provided at the event for attendees, and food was provided to speakers and City staff. The brochure was produced in-house and delivered to all suburbs from Haymarket to Green Square. The total cost of the event including venue hire, additional security and usher staff, catering and brochure distribution was \$25,513.

WESTCONNEX PUBLICATION (S103142)

24. By Councillor Scott

Question

I refer to the A3 sized leaflet publication prepared by the City in relation to the planned WestConnex tollroad titled "Take action now!"

1. What was the total cost of the materials, broken down by printing, delivery and design?
2. How many households were sent the material?
3. What was the cost of preparing and sending the material on a per household basis?

Answer by the Lord Mayor

Please refer to my answer to Question on Notice 33.

COMMUNITY FORUM ON CENTENNIAL PARK AND MOORE PARK WORKS (S103142)

25. By Councillor Scott

Question

I refer to the proposed City forum in relation to works at Centennial Park and Moore Park.

1. What is the total budget for hosting the event?
2. What is the cost of venue hire for the event?
3. What is the cost of catering the event?
4. What is the cost of staffing the event?
5. What is the cost of preparing materials for the event, broken down by printing, delivery and design?
6. When will the forum be held?

Answer by the Lord Mayor

The proposal for work at Centennial Park and Moore is not proceeding so the proposed Community Forum will also therefore not proceed.

CITY'S TECH STARTUPS ACTION PLAN (S103142)

26. By Councillor Scott

Question

I refer to the City's Tech Startups Action Plan.

1. Did the City allocate a communications budget for the plan?
2. For which period has the budget been allocated?
3. What is the budgeted amount?

Answer by the Lord Mayor

As noted in the report on this item to the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee on 20 June 2016, "Provision has been made in the 2016/2017 budget for the delivery of priority projects (as identified in the Tech Startups Action Plan) across a range of business units. The funding of projects in later years will be incorporated into capital and future year's operating budgets."

SYDNEY PARK CHILDCARE CENTRE COSTS (S103142)

27. By Councillor Scott

Question

I refer to the Lord Mayor's announcement of the cancellation of plans to build the Sydney Park Childcare Centre.

1. How many development applications were involved in the plans?
2. What was the cost of the development application(s)?
3. How many studies were undertaken in relation to the proposed plans?
4. What were the cost of the studies?
5. Were any other costs from the cancellation of Sydney Park childcare plans incurred?
6. How many flyers, ads, press releases or other City communications referred to a childcare centre at Sydney Park?
7. Broken down, what was the cost of these communications and on what date were they sent/distributed?

8. When did the Lord Mayor become aware the City was not progressing with the Sydney Park Childcare Centre?

Answer by the Lord Mayor

The CEO has provided a report on the provision of child care in the City of Sydney which addresses the issue of the proposed Sydney Park Childcare Centre, and it was discussed at the meeting of the Cultural and Community Committee on Monday 20 June 2016.

SYDNEY PARK BIKE PATH (S103142)

28. By Councillor Scott

Question

What is the estimated cost of the new bike track, broken down by DA, design, materials, labour, etc?

Answer by the Lord Mayor

The bike track did not require a development application. The design cost totalled \$100,000 and construction \$1,500,000.

SYDNEY PARK (S103142)

29. By Councillor Scott

Question

1. Has the City ever commissioned any reports on the contamination in Sydney Park? If so, how many, when, and at what cost?
2. If so, when were they received by the City?
3. Will the City make these reports publicly available?

Answer by the Lord Mayor

Sydney Park was previously a landfill site. The City has undertaken extensive rehabilitation works in Sydney Park and commissioned over 20 reports since 2003 on contamination issues to ensure community safety at a cost of \$300,000 - \$400,000. Contamination reports have been commissioned before proceeding on specific projects such as the Playground and Village Green, the Kiosk and public toilets, and the Allan Davidson Oval and Facility. The most recent project specific contamination report was the proposal for the Child Centre.

In addition, the City has a contract in place with environmental consultants GHD, at a five year value of \$890,000 ex GST to undertake the following testing:

- Lakes and wetland water quality monitoring (quarterly report)
- Landfill gas emissions monitoring at Sydney Park (quarterly report)

- Ground water (bore hole) monitoring (annual report)
- Harvested storm water monitoring and inspection (annual report)

It is not the standard practice of Council to make them available to the public, however, all reports are recorded in Council's files and available to the public under the GIPA Act.

STREET ART STUDY (S103142)

30. By Councillor Scott

Question

1. Has the City commissioned any external reports on street art?
2. If so, what was the cost?
3. If so, when were the reports received by Council?
4. If so, will the City make these reports publicly available?

Answer by the Lord Mayor

Please refer to my answer to Question on Notice 12 on 23 November 2015.

CITY FUNDING CONTRACTS (S103142)

31. By Councillor Scott

Question

Since 2012, has any City of Sydney funding or sponsorship contract, agreement or MOU included any provisions in relation to the Lord Mayor speaking at an event?

If so, what is the most common form of words used to express this agreement?

If so, please list the organisations this form of provision is included in any agreement with?

Answer by the Lord Mayor

The City's standard grant and sponsorship agreements include the opportunity for the Lord Mayor and Councillors to speak and/or be invited to any openings, launches or public events as standard acknowledgement of City of Sydney support. The following standard text is tailored as appropriate to each grant or sponsorship.

Sponsorship:

Lord Mayor/ Councillor Opportunities

Opportunities for the Lord Mayor/Councillors to welcome, launch and/or attend the Project.

Grant:

Acknowledgements

The Lord Mayor, Councillors and guests to be invited to any opening, launch or public event associated with the Project.

CITY OF SYDNEY RUNGS OF MANAGEMENT AND SALARY BANDS (S103141)

32. By Councillor Mandla

Question

The City of Sydney is a complex organisation with a commensurate management structure consisting of, inter alia, Directors, Acting Directors, Managers, Acting Managers, Supervisors and Team Leaders.

It would be useful to know what the management hierarchies are in management and supervisory roles, and what the remuneration structures are for the City of Sydney at the various levels and how they are determined.

Could the Lord Mayor please answer:

1. What is the total number of all management and supervisory roles in the City of Sydney?
2. If they are defined, how are they defined at each level?
3. Break down that total into the hierarchy of all of the management and supervisory roles in the City, including the number of positions held in each category and the associated remuneration by band.
4. What is the ratio of management positions to subordinate positions?

Answer by the Lord Mayor

The organisational structure at the City has three levels of formal management reporting to the CEO:

Directors (Management level 2)
Business Unit Managers (Management level 3)
Section Unit Managers (Management level 4).

Larger operational units also have team leaders or local supervisors to allow for the operational running of teams.

The table below indicates the level of management, the number of roles and the salary bands associated with each level. Salary bands are determined by the job value of each role, and are therefore not the same for each level of management.

Management Level	Number of Roles*	Salary Bands
Executive CEO M1	1	Senior Executive Salary
Executive - Directors M2	9	Senior Executive Salary
Business Unit Managers M3	71**	Senior Executive Salary, Band 10, Band 9, Band 8
Section Managers M4	125**	Band 6 – Band 10

* Number of roles indicates the number of employees currently fulfilling a management position.

** The City Project and Property Division is currently going through a realignment of its management positions and this will result in a reduction in the number of M3 roles in the future. .

CITY OF SYDNEY WESTCONNEX ELECTION DISTRIBUTION MATERIALS (S103141)

33. By Councillor Mandla

Question

The Council resolution of 16 May 2106 approved "the preparation of updated information for the community on the progress of the WestConnex project and its impacts on the City of Sydney."

It was resolved, inter alia, that Council "(D) approve the preparation of updated information for the community on the progress of the WestConnex project and its impacts on the City of Sydney".

Could the Lord Mayor please answer:

1. What information was prepared?
2. What information was distributed to the community?
3. Who signed off on all of the final information?
4. Which Councillors, if any, were shown final information prior to distribution?
5. Given this information could be construed as election material, did the material note that it was "authorised by"?
6. What was the method of distribution and quantities, if this involved letters, leaflet drops etc.?
7. Where was this distributed?
8. What were the total costs of this information, broken down into preparation and distribution?

Answer by the Lord Mayor

Council approved the production of communications materials in relation to the WestConnex toll road project at its meeting on 16 May 2016. A flyer was produced in-house by City staff to provide the community updated information on the progress of the project as per the Council resolution. The City's corporate website was also updated.

The flyer is not election material and did not therefore require an "authorised by" annotation.

The flyer was letterbox dropped to every household (98,700) in the City of Sydney by the City's walkers. It was delivered to 98,700 letterboxes. The total cost was \$28,126.

HOMELESSNESS SERVICES DURING JUNE WEEKEND HEAVY RAINS (S103141)

34. By Councillor Mandla

Question

On Sunday 5 June 2016, the CEO sent a broadcast email stating "Staff from City and State government and relevant charities are working to place people in accommodation. Some people are still advising they do not want accommodation. State Govt had put on extra accommodation and staff continue to patrol city to offer support.

If we run out of accommodation a temporary shelter can be created as per our protocol with state government.

We are also lining up access to dry clothes, showers etc over the next few days."

Could the Lord Mayor please answer:

1. In total, how many staff from the City of Sydney were patrolling the streets on the weekend of 5 June?
2. What streets and parks were patrolled by City of Sydney staff on the weekend of 5 June?
3. What charities were involved in providing volunteers and staff to patrol the streets?
4. In total, how many volunteers and staff from those charities were patrolling the streets on the weekend of 5 June?
5. In total, how many people were spoken to about accommodation?
6. In total, how many people accepted the accommodation?
7. In total, how many people declined the accommodation?
8. In total, how many people accepted showers and dry clothing?
9. Of these people who accepted the accommodation, how many were 457 Visa over-stayers or running from the law?
10. Were the CEO and/or the Lord Mayor there in person to oversee the operation?

11. If not, who was overseeing the operation?

Answer by the Lord Mayor

Through 4 to 6 June 2016, the Bureau of Meteorology issued a severe weather warning for the Sydney metropolitan area and across the coast of NSW. In response, the City, together with NSW Family and Community Services, activated the Emergency Response Plan for People Sleeping Rough. Staff from the City of Sydney, Neami National, Mission Australia and St Vincents Homeless Health mobilised to patrol the city to check on the welfare of people sleeping rough and link them with accommodation and other services.

Organisations patrolled the whole LGA from Saturday to Monday. The City LGA was split into four quadrants and sub-patrol groups were allocated to cover each area. Areas with known populations of people sleeping rough were prioritised, including Wentworth Park, Belmore Park, and Woolloomooloo.

Three City staff patrolled the LGA during the period 4-6 June. The table below outlines the organisations involved and the number of staff who were on patrol throughout the period.

Day	City of Sydney	St Vincents	Mission Australia	Neami
Saturday 4 June	1	2	2	3
Sunday 5 June	1	1	2	1
Monday 6 June	2	4	2	4

Over 100 people were engaged over the weekend. Eighteen people accepted temporary accommodation. Every person spoken to was provided with information about where to access temporary accommodation, showers, a change of clothing and medical support.

No data regarding an individual's visa status or criminal history was collected.

City staff worked with NSW Family and Community Services to coordinate the response to the storm. Logistics were overseen by the Manager, Homelessness, in collaboration with the Director City Life and the Manager, Security and Emergency Management and the operation was monitored by the CEO.

WARFIELD REPORT WHICH INVESTIGATED COMPLAINTS AND GRIEVANCES MADE BY THE STAFF WITHIN THE RANGERS UNIT (S103141)

35. By Councillor Mandla

Question

Proceedings are on foot in the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal in respect of a release of the Warfield Report under an Administrative Decision stemming from a GIPA decision.

Could the Lord Mayor please answer:

1. Who will be the instructing Solicitors in the matter and what is the cost estimated to be?
2. What are the internal costs of these proceedings expected to be?
3. Has Junior Counsel been retained and what is the estimated cost?

4. Will Senior Counsel be retained and what is the estimated cost?

Answer by the Lord Mayor

1. The City's internal solicitors currently have carriage of this matter and, as a result, no costs are currently being incurred.
2. Generally, no costs are awarded in this jurisdiction. Work will be undertaken by staff in the course of their duties.
3. Junior counsel has been retained and the costs will depend on the conduct of the proceedings. This matter is yet to be listed for hearing.
4. At this stage, senior counsel has not be retained.