

**ITEM 13. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE****CITY OF SYDNEY BUSINESS VOTING REGISTER (S103147)**

1. By Councillor Vithoukas

**Question**

1. Through which means did the City contact those identified as having submitted information which failed the eligibility criteria prior to the close of rolls? Were they contacted in writing or via another channel?
2. The nomination cut-off date for the non-residential register is set by legislation. Why did the City choose to broadly advertise a registration cut-off date of 14 July when the date set by legislation was 4 July?
3. Will an external auditor be engaged to analyse the business voting process for the 2016 City of Sydney elections? When will an external auditor be appointed to independently analyse the success or failure of the registration process?
4. Were all calls to the Business Voting call centre recorded? Will they be analysed as part of an external audit process into the business voting registration process to determine whether the correct information was provided to people who phoned seeking assistance and guidance?

**Answer by the Lord Mayor**

The implementation of the Non-residential Register and Rolls is the responsibility of the CEO. The CEO has previously provided 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.

**PUBLIC TOILETS (S103142)**

2. By Councillor Scott

**Question**

I refer to the City of Sydney Public Toilet Strategy 2014.

1. Of the 17 proposed public toilets and toilet facilities outlined in the Strategy, please detail the progress on each, and funds spent.
2. Broken down by year, what are past and future Budget allocations for the City of Sydney Public Toilet Strategy 2014?
3. How many businesses have signed up to the "City Cares" initiative?

**Answer by the Lord Mayor**

Significant progress has been made implementing the Public Toilet Strategy including:

- Wulaba Park, Green Square – new automatic public toilet installed in 2016. Funded by development VPA.
- Town Hall House – accessible public toilets on L1 and L2 installed 2015.
- St James Park – public toilets and change rooms upgraded in 2015. Paddington Town Hall – unisex accessible public toilet installed in 2015.
- Public toilet signage upgraded at 28 sites – completed 2015.
- Automatic Public Toilet feasibility study for sites at Kings Cross, Paddington, Newtown and East Sydney – draft complete and Scoping report due to Council late 2016.
- Removal of the fifty cent fee to use JCDecaux automatic public toilets throughout the City in 2015 – 12 sites.
- Standardised public toilet design for parks and open spaces completed. First location to roll out will be Observatory Hill Park. Scoping report due late 2016.
- Sydney Park Cycle Centre precinct. Proposed new public toilets about to go out to tender with construction to commence 2017.
- Erskineville Oval – new unisex accessible public toilet currently out to tender. Construction to commence late 2016.
- Alexandria Park - new unisex accessible public toilet currently out to tender. Construction to commence late 2016.
- Matron Ruby Park, Green Square – new public toilet delivered with park in 2017.
- Hyde Park Museum Station Upgrade – new unisex accessible public toilet to be installed in 2017.
- Retractable Urinal Corner of Liverpool and Oxford Streets – development application being prepared. Installation 2017 subject to development consent.
- Gunyama Park, Green Square - new public toilet delivered with park in 2018.
- Drying Green Park, Green Square - new public toilet delivered with park in 2018.
- Light Rail construction – relocation of automatic public toilet from Alfred Street, Circular Quay to Lawson Street, Redfern. Proposed 2017/18.

The City has also been advocating for additional public toilets in new development and projects not delivered by the City. This has led to public toilets being provided at Barangaroo Headland Reserve and the Harold Park Tram Sheds (to be completed late 2016).

Ongoing planning is being undertaken to deliver additional public toilets at the remaining sites recommended in the Public Toilet Strategy.

Public toilet strategy related projects are funded from a variety of capital works, capital renewal and operational budgets. Some facilities are also delivered by new development. Capital works budget allocations for the Public Toilet Strategy are:

- 2014/15 - \$500,000
- 2015/16 - \$500,000
- 2016/17 - \$500,000

The City Cares community toilet scheme will be trialled in the suburb of Newtown. Research on the operation of similar schemes overseas has been conducted and criteria for participation have been finalised. Staff are currently developing an implementation plan and businesses will be invited to nominate their facilities for inclusion in the scheme in 2017.

### **RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN (S103142)**

3. By Councillor Scott

#### **Question**

I refer to the City of Sydney Reconciliation Action Plan.

1. When will the City report on our Reconciliation Action Plan? If one is prepared, can it be shared with Councillors?
2. Please provide numbers of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people employed within the City, by year, from 2004 to current.
3. Please provide numbers of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander suppliers with contracts with the City, by year, from 2004 to current.

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

The Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) includes a section on reporting that outlines how the City will report against RAP actions and goals. Our reporting actions include six-monthly highlights in the Operational Plan Report, the Reconciliation Australia RAP Impact Measurement Report (October) and the Barometer Survey which will take place later this year. The RAP will be reviewed in 2017 to inform the development of our next RAP and achievements reported as part of this review process.

The RAP Impact Measurement Report reporting period is from 1 October – 30 September. Preparation for the 2016 report is underway. This is the first time the City is able to report 12 months of data. The RAP Impact Measurement Report includes measures such as the number of relationships between RAP organisations and community organisations, number of employees working in RAP organisations and dollars spent with Indigenous suppliers.

Progress on RAP actions was reported in the Operational Plan Report adopted at the February 2016 meeting.

Workforce data is provided for the period from 2012:

<b>City of Sydney non-casual employees - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff</b>	
<b>Year</b>	<b>Number</b>
2012	33
2013	30
2014	31
2015	28
2016*	27

\*The 2016 figure is a draft from as yet unpublished workforce profile data at 30 June 2016.

In addition, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are represented in the City's entry level programs. These include four Aboriginal school based trainees, one Aboriginal post-secondary trainee and an ArtsReady trainee. These are not included in the above the staff numbers.

Data on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander suppliers contracted by the City of provided for the period from 2012:

<b>Year</b>	<b>No. of Suppliers</b>	<b>No. of Contracts (Purchase Orders)</b>
2012	12	29
2013	18	46
2014	28	58
2015	37	69
2016 (6 months to date)	25	47

#### **RAINBOW FAMILIES KIT (S103142)**

4. By Councillor Scott

##### **Question**

I refer to the motion regarding Rainbow Families.

1. Which GLBTI community organisations did the CEO meet with to discuss the rainbow families kit?
2. Has a kit been developed?
3. If so, where are the materials promoted and distributed?
4. Broken down by year, what are past and future Budget allocations for the preparation and distribution of the rainbow families kit?

### Answer by the Lord Mayor

The *OUTspoken Families: a resource kit for Rainbow Families*, is a community based project produced with the support of the Rainbow Families Council, a Victorian community organisation which supports and promotes equality for families with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or intersex parents.

On 23 February 2015, Council resolved (in part) to request the Chief Executive Officer to seek advice from GLBTI community organisations whether:

- (i) the *OUTspoken Families: a resource kit for Rainbow Families* and other resource materials produced by the Rainbow Families Council are relevant to NSW; and
- (ii) the City of Sydney should promote and distribute relevant resource materials through the City's child care centres, after school programs, libraries and community centres.

A CEO update was provided 1 April 2016.

The City consulted the following LGBTI organisations about the *OUTspoken Families* resource kit:

- Inner City Legal Centre
- PFLAG (Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays)
- Gender Centre
- Rainbow Babies and Kids
- Rainbow Kids Camping
- Sydney Open House (Lesbian Discussion Group)
- CampOut (for LGBTI young people)
- Black Rainbow ( for LGBTI Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People)
- Headspace
- Beyond Blue
- Gay Dads NSW
- Co-Parenting NSW
- LGBTI Health Alliance (National Body)
- OII (Organisation Intersex International Australia)
- Safe Schools NSW
- ACON

There was broad agreement that an existing Victorian resource, the *OUTspoken Families* kit, which supports and promotes equality for families with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or intersex parents, is relevant for NSW.

This resource, directed towards parents, was prepared by Jacqui Tomlins a researcher, writer and advocate, former teacher and member of the Victorian Government LGBTI Taskforce, Health and Human Services Working Group. It is the result of 12 months extensive research talking to parents raising rainbow families and brings together their ideas, experiences, suggestions and collective wisdom.

The City also sought advice from these community organisations on the best way to promote and distribute the materials. As a result of feedback, and with the kit's author's agreement, information about the resource and a link to it has been provided on the City's LGBTIQ "community contacts" webpage, along with links to other relevant organisations.

The City has been promoting, and will continue to promote, the kit through its library network, child care centres, afternoon programs and its community centres.

### **GENDER EQUITY AND PAY EQUITY (S103142)**

5. By Councillor Scott

#### **Question**

1. Broken down by gender and year, please provide numbers of City of Sydney employees since 2004.
2. Broken down by gender and year, please provide the average wages of City of Sydney employees since 2004.
3. What measures has the City introduced to facilitate greater recruitment and retention of women personnel?
4. What measures has the City introduced to facilitate greater appointment of women personnel to more senior positions?

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

Data for City of Sydney non-casual staff by gender is provided below for the period 2012 to current.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Female Staff Headcount</b>	<b>Female %</b>	<b>Male Staff Headcount</b>	<b>Male %</b>
2012	704	40%	1076	60%
2013	718	39%	1112	61%
2014	733	39%	1127	61%
2015	758	40%	1143	60%
2016*	762	40%	1158	60%

\*The 2016 figure is a draft from as yet unpublished workforce profile data at 30 June 2016.

The City regularly monitors women's participation by seniority. 30% of senior management roles (CEO and Directors) are women. As at 30 June 2015, of the City's 217 senior employees (band 8 and above) 90 were women. This represents 41.5% of senior positions held by women.

The City is currently preparing a gender pay equity report which will be published later in 2016. This will analyse pay and gender equity using the national Workplace Gender Equality Agency's methodology.

The City has implemented a range of initiatives designed to make the City an attractive workplace for women. These include leadership and development programs, mentoring and coaching, flexible work arrangements, generous parental leave provisions, support for breastfeeding women, and access to child care. In addition the City supports managers to create diverse and inclusive teams.

**LIVE MUSIC MATTERS TASKFORCE REPORT (S103142)**

6. By Councillor Scott

**Question**

I refer to the Live Music Matters Taskforce Report.

What actions have been undertaken by the City to implement the recommendations from the report?

Broken down by year, what are past and future Budget allocations for the implementation of the Live Music Matters Taskforce Report?

**Answer by the Lord Mayor**

Please refer to the CEO Update of 1 April, 2016.

**HOUSING ISSUES PAPER (S103142)**

7. By Councillor Scott

**Question**

I refer to the City's Housing Issues Paper, which was on public exhibition between May and July 2015.

When can Council expect to receive the finalised paper?

**Answer by the Lord Mayor**

The City's Housing Issues Paper was produced as the first stage in the development of a Housing Policy and Action Plan. The outcomes from the Housing Issues Paper public exhibition process were reported to Councillors through a CEO Update on 18 March 2016. It is currently planned to submit the draft Housing Policy and Action Plan to Council for endorsement for public exhibition after the election to the new Council.

**STREET COUNT (S103142)**

8. By Councillor Scott

**Question**

I refer to the City's Street Count published on the City of Sydney website. The February 2010 count places the number of occupied hostel beds at 470. The February 2016 count puts the number of occupied hostel beds at 404. The February 2016 count notes that, on the night of the February 2016 count, hostel beds were at 98% capacity and capacity to be 414.

1. Please detail, since 2010 by year, the number of available hostel beds in the City of Sydney.

2. Broken down by year since 2004, what are past and future Budget allocations for the City's homelessness strategies, staff and related activities?

**Answer by the Lord Mayor**

Historically, the City's Street Count has only recorded the number of people staying in crisis accommodation on the night of the count, and has not collected the number of beds available. Commencing February 2015, City staff recorded data on the number of beds available and the number of occupied beds to quantify the capacity of crisis services.

Funding of crisis accommodation is the responsibility of the NSW Government Family and Community Services. As of July 2016, there are 435 crisis accommodation beds available in the LGA. The number of available beds fluctuates on a nightly basis depending on a range of factors, including client mix, eg, couples, families, people with complex needs, intoxicated persons, staffing and volunteer availability, buildings and maintenance works. The table below outlines the record of available hostel beds in the City since 2015 when data has been recorded.

	<b>Feb 2015</b>	<b>Aug 2015</b>	<b>Feb 2016</b>
<b>Available hostel beds</b>	504	486	414

The table below outlines the City's budget allocation for homelessness strategies, staff, funding:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Budget Total</b>	<b>Comments</b>
2012/13	<b>\$ 2,134,398</b>	Includes \$1.4m p.a. grant to NSW Family and Community Services
2013/14	<b>\$ 2,231,910</b>	
2014/15	<b>\$ 2,274,090</b>	
2015/16	<b>\$ 2,272,211</b>	
2016/17	<b>\$ 2,365,611</b>	

The City also supports Oasis Youth Support Network to provide a transitional accommodation service for young people aged 16-25 who are at risk of or experiencing homelessness at 90 Regent Street, Redfern. The City forgoes potential market rent of \$50,000 annually to facilitate this arrangement – an in-kind contribution of in excess of \$250,000 over the five-year lease which expires in June 2017.

**ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER DUAL NAMING SIGNAGE (S103142)**

9. By Councillor Scott

**Question**

How many Acknowledgement of Country signs have been installed in the City of Sydney?

Please list the locations of these signs.



Broken down by year, what are past and future Budget allocations for the implementation of the new signage related to this project?

**Answer by the Lord Mayor**

There are currently 58 Acknowledgement of Country signs installed across the City Of Sydney in the following sites:

- Alexandria Park, Alexandria
- Arthur Reserve, Darlinghurst
- Barracks Reserve, Paddington
- Hyde Park, Sydney
- Ibero American Plaza, Haymarket
- Jack Floyd Reserve, Redfern
- John Armstrong Reserve, Elizabeth Bay
- John Street Reserve, Glebe
- King George V Memorial Park, The Rocks
- Lawrence Hargraves Reserve, Elizabeth Bay
- Macquarie Place Park, Sydney
- O'Connell Street Park, Newtown
- Quarry Green, Ultimo
- Reconciliation Park, Redfern
- Redfern Park, Redfern
- Regent Street Reserve, Paddington
- Reservoir Street Reserve, Surry Hills
- Ronald Shore Park, Darlinghurst
- St Bartholomews Park, Pyrmont
- St James Park, Glebe
- St Neots Reserve, Potts Point
- Strong Memorial Reserve, Paddington
- Womerah Gardens, Darlinghurst
- Yellowmunde Park, Redfern
- Yurong Street Reserve, Darlinghurst

The past, current and future budget allocations for the implementation of new park signage are as follows:

2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
\$10,856	\$36,130	\$74,002	\$38,110	\$135,367	\$273,222	\$402,801

2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
\$613,959	\$212,687	\$212,791	\$486,033	\$536,859	\$594,316	\$625,000

2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Total
\$297,500	\$297,500	\$297,500	\$297,500	\$297,500	\$272,500	\$6,012,133

### DIVESTMENT (\$103142)

10. By Councillor Scott

#### Question

Broken down by year since 2004, in dollar terms, please detail City funds placed with institutions that currently fund fossil fuels projects?

#### Answer by the Lord Mayor

Please refer to the Relevant To for Agenda Item 6.2.

### CHIPPENDALE GREEN CENTRAL PARK (\$103141)

11. By Councillor Mandla

#### Question

Recently, a constituent came to our office with complaints in regard to skateboarding in Chippendale Green Central Park and the damage done to property owned by Council and local constituents.

Could the Lord Mayor please answer:

1. To date, how much money has been spent on fixing damage done to the park?
2. To date, what measures have been taken to reduce the amount of damage done by skateboarders?
3. When was the last time Chippendale Green Central Park had maintenance and cleaning done?
4. How often do cleaners go through the park?
5. How often does maintenance go through the park to ensure all damaged property is maintained?
6. To date, how much money has been spent cleaning graffiti off Council-owned property in the park?
7. Who, if anyone, is in charge of checking to ensure all maintenance and cleaning is done in the park?

8. Does Council have a list of constituents from whom staff will no longer accept phone complaints?
9. If so, who dictates who staff will and will not take calls from, and what guidelines influence these decisions?

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

The Chippendale Green development was completed by Fraser Property Australia in 2012. The parklands have been dedicated to the City, however, Frasers are responsible for aspects of the management and maintenance of the site until December 2017 in accordance with the voluntary planning agreement. This includes all servicing of lawns, gardens and trees, and the majority of the infrastructure elements in Central Park. Frasers Property maintain the paving in Chippendale Green/Central Park, with the City only maintaining the paving on the footpaths of the roads that cross this site.

City Operations provide litter management and general cleaning of Chippendale Green/Central Park on a daily basis in line with the City's Parks and Open Space Maintenance Contract. The condition of the site and quality of work is inspected by the City's contract manger and the contractor's Supervisor at least twice per month.

A formal quality audit is undertaken quarterly. Recent service issues identified induce removal of fine litter such as cigarette butts and bin cleaning, which is being addressed by the City's contractor. Turf wear has also been identified as an issue which is being addressed by Frasers Property.

Works include removal of litter, emptying bins and cleaning barbeques on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. The requirement for additional maintenance by the City as a result of damage or vandalism has been minimal and limited to periodic spikes in waste, as a result of peaks in park usage or an occasional broken irrigation component, and rectified immediately.

City staff have been advised by Frasers that the need for repairs or maintenance as a result of vandalism has been minimal. Recent feedback from Frasers has suggested that skate-related activity has reduced over time. This is thought to be due to the installation of skate deterrents installed extensively through the park. Frasers also have security staff who monitor the use of the space for skating. They have indicated that skating activity is limited only to through traffic on main paths. The City Rangers have also confirmed that skate-related complaints at Chippendale Green have reduced. There have been complaints periodically through school holidays, however, this is consistent with other locations in the City.

For information on the City's Customer Service Charter and associated procedures please refer to the following website links:

<http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/council/our-responsibilities/customer-service-charter>

[http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/\\_\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0007/229183/2014-139144-03-Procedure-Unreasonable-Customer-Conduct-June-2014-accessible.pdf](http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0007/229183/2014-139144-03-Procedure-Unreasonable-Customer-Conduct-June-2014-accessible.pdf)

**BUSINESS VOTE (S103141)**

12. By Councillor Mandla

**Question**

The City of Melbourne has approximately 60,000 enrolled business voters. They have slightly more than half the resident population of Sydney (93,000 versus 169,000 in the 2011 Census). Being a city with more office floor space and more retailers in every survey conducted from the 2011 Census, Cityscope and our own surveys, it could be reasonably expected that the City of Sydney would have approximately 80,000.

Could the Lord Mayor please answer?

1. How many business voters will be presenting to the Australian Electoral Commission for verification?
2. Of this number, how many were automatically enrolled by the CEO?
3. How many businesses are not enrolled?

**Answer by the Lord Mayor**

The implementation of the Non-residential Register and Rolls is the responsibility of the CEO. The CEO has previously provided 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.

**NEWSPAPER AND MEDIA ADVERTISING (S103142)**

13. By Councillor Scott

**Question**

In the past financial year 2015/2016, how many City of Sydney newspaper and media advertisements has the Lord Mayor featured in?

What is the total cost of the City's newspaper and media advertising that features the Lord Mayor in the previous financial year?

**Answer by the Lord Mayor**

The City of Sydney has a legal obligation to inform all residents in its Local Government Area of its actions, policies and operations, the majority of which emanate from decisions of Council.

In the 2015/16 financial year, approximately 90 newspaper and print advertisements have been produced at a cost of \$150,000. Topics have included construction updates, consultations, events, community facilities, business workshops, capital works launches and public meetings.

The Lord Mayor has the delegated authority to be the official spokesperson for the City of Sydney. This includes being the spokesperson for media and marketing materials.

**DELEGATIONS (S103142)**

14. By Councillor Scott

**Question**

Since 2004, broken down by year, how many press statements and publications issued on behalf of Council has the Lord Mayor approved under City delegations?

**Answer by the Lord Mayor**

As noted in my answer to Question on Notice 13, the Lord Mayor has delegated authority to be the official spokesperson for the City of Sydney, including for media and marketing materials. The compilation of the requested information for a period of 12 years would require significant staff time and represent an inappropriate diversion of the City's administrative resources.

**NON-RESIDENTIAL REGISTER (S103142)**

15. By Councillor Scott

**Question**

How many enrollees on the City's Non-Residential Register have ticked a box requesting more information from the City?

Of these, how many enrollees' details have been passed over to the City's Communications Unit?

**Answer by the Lord Mayor**

The implementation of the Non-residential Register and Rolls is the responsibility of the CEO. The CEO has previously provided 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.

**RECYCLING CONTAMINATION EDUCATION SCHEME (S103142)**

16. By Councillor Scott

**Question**

Please detail the current contamination rates of residential recycling collections.

Broken down by year, what are past and future Budget allocations for the City of Sydney Zero Waste Campaign?

**Answer by the Lord Mayor**

The current contamination rate for the residential recycling stream is 14%.

Past and future Budget allocations for the City of Sydney Zero Waste Campaign are as follows:

- 2012-13 – \$305,000
- 2013-14 – \$199,992
- 2014-15 – \$278,000
- 2015-16 – \$300,001
- 2016-17 - \$300,001

### LEARN TO SWIM FACILITIES (S103142)

17. By Councillor Scott

#### Question

How many learn to swim classes were offered by City of Sydney pools in the years 2013, 2014 and 2015?

What is the number of students catered for in the City's learn to swim programs in the years 2013, 2014 and 2015?

What is the number of students currently unable to be catered for in the City's learn to swim programs broken down by pool?

What is average waiting time, broken down by pool, for students wishing to enrol in one of the City's learn to swim programs?

#### Answer by the Lord Mayor

The City's Learn to Swim program offers swimming lessons for all ages and abilities, from 6 months to adult, run by qualified instructors. Classes are held Monday to Sunday and split into morning and afternoon sessions. The City's indoor facilities are meeting the demand of new customer enquiries and, with Prince Alfred Park Pool reopening in May 2013, there is adequate capacity in the outdoor facilities.

The number of learn to swim classes has increased by more than 3000 from 2013 to 2015:

Facility	2013	2014	2015
Andrew (Boy) Charlton Pool	1,200	1,105	943
Cook + Phillip Park Pool	24,180	22,322	26,736
Ian Thorpe Aquatic Centre	32,476	32,116	30,902
Victoria Park Pool	976	1011	1081
Prince Alfred Park Pool	1254	1408	1936
Total	58,486	57,962	61,598

All five facilities have the capability to handle new enquiries within this existing program timetable. Programs vary in occupancy of between 67% and 92% and there are currently no cases where any particular class level is at 100% occupancy. This means that there is availability in every level of the program throughout the week.

Sometimes, parents want to enrol their children at specific times for classes when there currently no availability (notwithstanding availability in other proximate classes). There is a wait list at Ian Thorpe Aquatic Centre for some specific classes which are already full in peak times. The waitlist is generally only used where there is an enquiry for a specific combination of class times and levels (e.g., when a parent is seeking to enrol two siblings in concurrent classes, or seeking a specific instructor at a specific time). Currently, there are less than 25 members on the waitlist at Ian Thorpe Aquatic Centre, with a typical wait time of 4-7 days.

### **SPEND ON ENVIRONMENTAL MASTER PLANS (S103148)**

18. By Councillor Forster

#### **Question**

On 20 June 2016, Council approved the draft Environmental Action 2016 – 2021 Strategy and Action Plan for public exhibition. As a result, the following master plans have been superseded:

1. Decentralised Energy Master Plan - Renewable Energy: 2012-2030;
2. Decentralised Energy Master Plan - Trigeneration: 2010-2030;
3. Decentralised Water Master Plan: 2012-2030; and
4. Advanced Waste Treatment Master Plan: 2013-2030.

What was the total cost of the development, exhibition and publication of these plans, broken down by plan?

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

The draft Environmental Action 2016 – 2021 Strategy and Action Plan focuses on defining actions to 2021 on the pathway to achieving Sustainable Sydney 2030 goals. In developing the Strategy and Action Plan, the City reviewed the suite of green infrastructure masterplans, including those documents referenced, and incorporates the findings of these Master Plans.

The City has already made significant progress towards our 2030 environmental goals. Greenhouse gas emissions in our own operations have reduced by 27% since 2006. LGA emissions have reduced by 19% since 2006 amid strong growth in population and worker numbers, with a 36% reduction in carbon intensity.

As stated in the report to the Environment Committee on 20 June this year, existing environmental master plans and strategies are supporting or reference documents. They are still live documents used to inform future actions undertaken by the City and stakeholders within the Local Government area.

**CITY OF SYDNEY PROPERTY PORTFOLIO (S103148)**

19. By Councillor Forster

**Question**

Can the Lord Mayor please provide an up-to-date list of all Council-owned properties within the LGA, as well as the total value of these properties, broken down by individual property?

**Answer by the Lord Mayor**

Please refer to the following website link for the City's land register as at January 2016:

[http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0019/123508/Documentation-Land-Register-from-CAMS-January-2016.pdf](http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0019/123508/Documentation-Land-Register-from-CAMS-January-2016.pdf)

Individual investment property values represent sensitive commercial information.

The total value of properties at 30 June 2015 was \$5.6 Billion. The total carrying value of non-investment properties was \$5.4 Billion. These values are listed in the City's Annual Financial Statements in Note 9 to the accounts.

These properties are subject to independent valuation, utilising a variety of valuation techniques as appropriate for their purpose and use, as set out in Note 27 to the Financial Statements.

The City's General Purpose Financial Statements are prepared in accordance with the OLG guidelines and Australian Accounting Standards, and are audited by the City's external auditors Price Waterhouse Coopers.

**LORD MAYOR STAFF NUMBERS (S103148)**

20. By Councillor Forster

**Question**

How many people (including full time, part time, casual and volunteer staff) currently work in the Office of the Lord Mayor?

What are the positions of the staff currently working in the Office of the Lord Mayor?

**Answer by the Lord Mayor**

The Office of the Lord Mayor currently employs 22 staff, including full-time and part-time staff. There are no agency contractor, casual or volunteer staff at this time. The office includes a Chief of Staff, Deputy Chief of Staff, 6 policy staff, 2 communications staff, 7 administrative staff, and 5 protocol staff that manage City events.



**CHINESE NEW YEAR (S103142)**

21. By Councillor Scott

**Question**

When does the City expect the Chinese New Year Parade to return to George Street?

**Answer by the Lord Mayor**

The City will review the future of the Chinese New Year celebrations once construction works for light rail are complete.