ITEM 10. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

LOSS OF PARKING SPACES WITHIN THE LGA (S129269)

By Councillor Forster

Question

Since 2012, how many on-street car parking spaces and loading zones have been removed in the City of Sydney local government area as a result of the construction of separated cycleways? How many more on-street parking spaces and loading zones will be removed as a result of planned separated cycleway projects, broken down by individual project?

Since 2012, how many on-street car parking spaces and loading zones have been removed in the City of Sydney local government area as a result of streetscape improvement projects and footpath widening projects, broken down by individual project?

Answer by the Lord Mayor

There are approximately 39,000 spaces in the LGA and losses since 2012 constitute about 0.8% of these spaces. Projects always aim to minimise on-street parking losses.

Since 2012, approximately 150 car parking spaces and six loading zone spaces have been removed as a result of the separated cycleways completed or under construction. A further 111 spaces will be removed as a result of cycleway projects currently in planning or design.

Since 2012, approximately 38 car parking spaces and two loading zone spaces have been removed as a result streetscape improvement and footpath widening projects completed or under construction. A further 13 spaces will be removed as a result of streetscapes projects currently in planning or design.

These losses include projects implemented by other organisations such as by Roads and Maritime Services.

LORD MAYOR EXPENSES (S129269)

2. By Councillor Forster

Question

Earlier in March, it was reported in the media that Acting Local Government Chief Executive Tim Hurst had written to the City of Sydney's CEO ordering Council to take urgent action over the lack of governance surrounding approval of the Lord Mayor's \$3.6 million annual office budget. It was also reported that Minister for Local Government Gabrielle Upton had given Council three weeks to "get its house on order." What steps have been taken by the Lord Mayor to respond to these concerns?

Answer by the Lord Mayor

I have been advised by the CEO that a revised draft Policy has been provided to the Office of Local Government for review. On completion of the review process, the Policy will be submitted to Council for consideration.

WESTCONNEX LEGAL COSTS (S129269)

3. By Councillor Forster

Question

The City has commenced two sets of proceedings in the Land and Environment Court objecting to the amount of compensation offered by Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) for land being compulsorily acquired from the City for the purposes of the WestConnex project. One objection relates to RMS's offer of compensation for leasehold interests compulsorily acquired in parts of Sydney Park from the City. The second objection relates to RMS's offer of compensation for a freehold interest RMS has compulsorily acquired in 67A Bourke Road from the City. The land acquired forms part of the proposed Alexandra Canal Cycleway. The City is seeking more compensation than RMS has offered in both cases.

How much will the prosecution of these two legal proceedings cost? How much additional compensation is the City of Sydney seeking?

Answer by the Lord Mayor

Information regarding these legal proceedings is confidential and cannot be provided in response to a question on notice. Councillors will be kept informed of progress of the proceedings via CEO Update.

DISCLOSURE LOG (S129268)

4. By Councillor Chung

Question

- 1. Is there a requirement under the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (GIPA Act) for a public agency to maintain a Disclosure Log for formal disclosures under the GIPA Act and to display that log on its website?
- 2. Would the City of Sydney be in breach of the GIPA Act if it did not maintain a Disclosure Log for formal disclosures under the GIPA Act and display that log on its website?
- 3. Is there a time following a formal disclosure at which the online publicly available Disclosure Log no longer needs to be available or accurate?
- 4. When was the City of Sydney online publicly available Disclosure Log last updated?
- 5. Have there been any requests for information made pursuant to the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (GIPA Act) since the commencement of the GIPA Act and up to 1 July 2011 and since 23 April 2015?

If so:

- a. How many?
- b. Please provide a summary of the requests lodged since the commencement of the GIPA Act and up to 1 July 2011 and since 23 April 2015;

6. Have there been any formal releases of information pursuant to the GIPA Act since the commencement of the GIPA Act and up to 1 July 2011 and since 23 April 2015?

If so:

- a. How many?
- b. Please provide a summary of the formal releases of information made since the commencement of the GIPA Act and up to 1 July 2011 and since 23 April 2015.

Answer by the Lord Mayor

A Disclosure Log is required by the *Government Information (Public Access) Act* 2009. Agencies are not required to publish all disclosures, only those they consider may be of interest to other members of the public. The log is not intended as a list of all formal access applications and there is no legislated timeframe for including or removing items.

The City's Disclosure Log was last updated in March 2017. It is available on the City's website at: http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/council/our-responsibilities/access-to-information/open-access-information

There have been 248 formal access applications received up to 1 July 2011 and since 23 April 2015. There have been 8,860 informal access requests received since 23 April 2015.

The number of formal applications and informal requests is published in the City's Annual Report – Operational Plan Report. More details of formal access applications are published annually in the City's Annual Report – Statutory Returns. The links to these reports can be found at: http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/council/forms-and-publications/annual-report. Relevant pages are: 2014/15 Operational Report p. 76, 2015/16 Operational report p.70, 2014/15 Statutory Returns p. 67, 2015/16 Statutory Returns p. 70.

Of formal applications received, most were by consent dealt with informally. Most related to individual development applications. Of the remainder requests, the following are regular themes:

- slips, trips and falls information by lawyers
- copies of complaints from neighbours and about small businesses
- investigation reports and recommendations
- council policies and guidelines, and
- requests relating to council expenditure.

A breakdown of categories, numbers in each and summary information relevant to formal access decisions made is published annually in the City's Annual Report – Statutory Returns. Common themes for formal applications are the same as for requests. Formal disclosures considered of interest to members of the public are published on the Disclosure Log.

The CEO will provide a summary of formal access applications lodged and formal releases of information since the commencement of the GIPA ACT and up to 1 July 2011 and since 23 April 2015 to Councillors via the CEO Update.

GREEN ROOFS AND COMMUNITY GARDENS (\$129275)

5. By Councillor Scott

Question

I refer to the motion as passed by Council on 26 August 2013, entitled, "GREEN ROOFS AND COMMUNITY GARDENS (\$103133)".

Broken down by year, please specify the budgets provided, if any, to the relevant motion which have received funding in the past financial years.

Please specify the budgets provided, if any, to the relevant motion which will receive funding in the coming financial year.

Please detail City actions taken to progress this motion.

Answer by the Lord Mayor

The 22 Questions on Notice numbered 5 - 27 refer to decisions made by Council during the period August 2013 to December 2016. Rather than authorising a distinct and ongoing program of work, many of the decisions:

- note the status of particular activities being undertaken by the City;
- request the provision of additional information to Councillors by way of CEO Update or briefing; or
- authorise the formal communication of matters of concern to external stakeholders/authorities.

These matters do not require the allocation of ongoing resources or budget.

In a number of instances, your requests for information have been addressed by way of answer to a previously submitted Question on Notice.

Should any matters raised by you remain outstanding these may be found in the "Ongoing Council Meeting Actions" report which is provided to Councillors via the CEO Update.

COMMUNITY PARTIES (S129275)

6. By Councillor Scott

Question

I refer to the motion as passed by Council on 9 December 2013, entitled, "COMMUNITY PARTIES (S103133)".

Broken down by year, please specify the budgets provided, if any, to the relevant motion which have received funding in the past financial years.

Please specify the budgets provided, if any, to the relevant motion which will receive funding in the coming financial year.

Please detail City actions taken to progress this motion.

Answer by the Lord Mayor

Please refer to my answer to Question on Notice 5.

UNLOCKING VACANT BUILDINGS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING (\$129275)

7. By Councillor Scott

Question

I refer to the motion as passed by Council on 12 May 2014, entitled, "UNLOCKING VACANT BUILDINGS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING (S103133)".

Broken down by year, please specify the budgets provided, if any, to the relevant motion which have received funding in the past financial years.

Please specify the budgets provided, if any, to the relevant motion which will receive funding in the coming financial year.

Please detail City actions taken to progress this motion.

Answer by the Lord Mayor

Please refer to my answer to Question on Notice 5.

SYDNEY GLBTI MUSEUM ARCHIVAL SPACE (S129275)

8. By Councillor Scott

Question

I refer to the motion as passed by Council on 12 May 2014, entitled, "SYDNEY GLBTI MUSEUM ARCHIVAL SPACE (S103133)".

Broken down by year, please specify the budgets provided, if any, to the relevant motion which have received funding in the past financial years.

Please specify the budgets provided, if any, to the relevant motion which will receive funding in the coming financial year.

Please detail City actions taken to progress this motion.

Answer by the Lord Mayor

Please refer to my answer to Question on Notice 5.

GREEN SQUARE (S129275)

9. By Councillor Scott

Question

I refer to the motion as passed by Council on 28 July 2014, entitled, "GREEN SQUARE (S103133)".

Broken down by year, please specify the budgets provided, if any, to the relevant motion which have received funding in the past financial years.

Please specify the budgets provided, if any, to the relevant motion which will receive funding in the coming financial year.

Please detail City actions taken to progress this motion.

Answer by the Lord Mayor

Please refer to my answer to Question on Notice 5.

BAYS PRECINCT URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT (\$129275)

10. By Councillor Scott

Question

I refer to the motion as passed by Council on 25 August 2014, entitled, "BAYS PRECINCT URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT (S103133)".

Broken down by year, please specify the budgets provided, if any, to the relevant motion which have received funding in the past financial years.

Please specify the budgets provided, if any, to the relevant motion which will receive funding in the coming financial year.

Please detail City actions taken to progress this motion.

Answer by the Lord Mayor

Please refer to my answer to Question on Notice 5.

WATERLOO PUBLIC HOUSING (\$129275)

11. By Councillor Scott

Question

I refer to the motion as passed by Council on 3 November 2014, entitled, "WATERLOO PUBLIC HOUSING (S103133)".

Broken down by year, please specify the budgets provided, if any, to the relevant motion which have received funding in the past financial years.

Please specify the budgets provided, if any, to the relevant motion which will receive funding in the coming financial year.

Please detail City actions taken to progress this motion.

Answer by the Lord Mayor

Please refer to my answer to Question on Notice 5.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER DUAL NAMING AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY SIGNAGE (\$129275)

12. By Councillor Scott

Question

I refer to the motion as passed by Council on 8 December 2014, entitled, "ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER DUAL NAMING AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY SIGNAGE (\$103133)".

Broken down by year, please specify the budgets provided, if any, to the relevant motion which have received funding in the past financial years.

Please specify the budgets provided, if any, to the relevant motion which will receive funding in the coming financial year.

Please detail City actions taken to progress this motion.

Answer by the Lord Mayor

Please refer to my answer to Question on Notice 5.

RAINBOW FAMILIES KIT (S129275)

13. By Councillor Scott

Question

I refer to the motion as passed by Council on 23 February 2015, entitled, "RAINBOW FAMILIES KIT (S103133)".

Broken down by year, please specify the budgets provided, if any, to the relevant motion which have received funding in the past financial years.

Please specify the budgets provided, if any, to the relevant motion which will receive funding in the coming financial year.

Please detail City actions taken to progress this motion.

Answer by the Lord Mayor

Please refer to my answer to Question on Notice 5.

VICTORIA PARK, CAMPERDOWN (S129275)

14. By Councillor Scott

Question

I refer to the motion as passed by Council on 30 March 2015, entitled, "VICTORIA PARK, CAMPERDOWN (S103133)".

Broken down by year, please specify the budgets provided, if any, to the relevant motion which have received funding in the past financial years.

Please specify the budgets provided, if any, to the relevant motion which will receive funding in the coming financial year.

Please detail City actions taken to progress this motion.

Answer by the Lord Mayor

Please refer to my answer to Question on Notice 5.

URBAN CO-HOUSING (S129275)

15. By Councillor Scott

Question

I refer to the motion as passed by Council on 10 August 2015, entitled, "URBAN CO-HOUSING (S103133)".

Broken down by year, please specify the budgets provided, if any, to the relevant motion which have received funding in the past financial years.

Please specify the budgets provided, if any, to the relevant motion which will receive funding in the coming financial year.

Please detail City actions taken to progress this motion.

Answer by the Lord Mayor

Please refer to my answer to Question on Notice 5.

CLEANING UP WOOLLOOMOOLOO (\$129275)

16. By Councillor Scott

Question

I refer to the motion as passed by Council on 10 August 2015, entitled, "CLEANING UP WOOLLOOMOOLOO (S103133)".

Broken down by year, please specify the budgets provided, if any, to the relevant motion which have received funding in the past financial years.

Please specify the budgets provided, if any, to the relevant motion which will receive funding in the coming financial year.

Please detail City actions taken to progress this motion.

Answer by the Lord Mayor

Please refer to my answer to Question on Notice 5.

REDFERN / WATERLOO COMMUNITY COLLABORATION COMMITTEE (\$129275)

17. By Councillor Scott

Question

I refer to the motion as passed by Council on 26 October 2015, entitled, "REDFERN / WATERLOO COMMUNITY COLLABORATION COMMITTEE (S103133)".

Broken down by year, please specify the budgets provided, if any, to the relevant motion which have received funding in the past financial years.

Please specify the budgets provided, if any, to the relevant motion which will receive funding in the coming financial year.

Please detail City actions taken to progress this motion.

Answer by the Lord Mayor

Please refer to my answer to Question on Notice 5.

LIMITED MULTIDAY VISITOR PARKING PERMITS STUDY (S129275)

18. By Councillor Scott

Question

I refer to the motion as passed by Council on 16 May 2016, entitled, "LIMITED MULTIDAY VISITOR PARKING PERMITS STUDY (S103133)".

Broken down by year, please specify the budgets provided, if any, to the relevant motion which have received funding in the past financial years.

Please specify the budgets provided, if any, to the relevant motion which will receive funding in the coming financial year.

Please detail City actions taken to progress this motion.

Answer by the Lord Mayor

Please refer to my answer to Question on Notice 5.

MARKETS POLICY (S129275)

19. By Councillor Scott

Question

I refer to the motion as passed by Council on 16 May 2016, entitled, "MARKETS POLICY (\$103133)".

Broken down by year, please specify the budgets provided, if any, to the relevant motion which have received funding in the past financial years.

Please specify the budgets provided, if any, to the relevant motion which will receive funding in the coming financial year.

Please detail City actions taken to progress this motion.

Answer by the Lord Mayor

Please refer to my answer to Question on Notice 5.

WATERLOO PUBLIC HOUSING SUPPORT (\$129275)

20. By Councillor Scott

Question

I refer to the motion as passed by Council on 11 April 2016, entitled, "WATERLOO PUBLIC HOUSING SUPPORT (S103133)".

Broken down by year, please specify the budgets provided, if any, to the relevant motion which have received funding in the past financial years.

Please specify the budgets provided, if any, to the relevant motion which will receive funding in the coming financial year.

Please detail City actions taken to progress this motion.

Answer by the Lord Mayor

Please refer to my answer to Question on Notice 5.

PYRMONT BRIDGE (\$129275)

21. By Councillor Scott

Question

I refer to the motion as passed by Council on 21 March 2016, entitled, "PYRMONT BRIDGE (S103133)".

Broken down by year, please specify the budgets provided, if any, to the relevant motion which have received funding in the past financial years.

Please specify the budgets provided, if any, to the relevant motion which will receive funding in the coming financial year.

Please detail City actions taken to progress this motion.

Answer by the Lord Mayor

Please refer to my answer to Question on Notice 5.

DEFIBRILLATORS AT CITY'S SPORTING FIELDS (\$129275)

22. By Councillor Scott

Question

I refer to the motion as passed by Council on 27 June 2016, entitled, "DEFIBRILLATORS AT CITY'S SPORTING FIELDS (S103133)".

Broken down by year, please specify the budgets provided, if any, to the relevant motion which have received funding in the past financial years.

Please specify the budgets provided, if any, to the relevant motion which will receive funding in the coming financial year.

Please detail City actions taken to progress this motion.

Answer by the Lord Mayor

Please refer to my answer to Question on Notice 5.

MULTICULTURAL STRATEGY FOR THE FUTURE (S129275)

23. By Councillor Scott

Question

I refer to the motion as passed by Council on 25 July 2016, entitled, "MULTICULTURAL STRATEGY FOR THE FUTURE (S103133)".

Broken down by year, please specify the budgets provided, if any, to the relevant motion which have received funding in the past financial years.

Please specify the budgets provided, if any, to the relevant motion which will receive funding in the coming financial year.

Please detail City actions taken to progress this motion.

Answer by the Lord Mayor

Please refer to my answer to Question on Notice 5.

WENTWORTH PARK (S129275)

24. By Councillor Scott

Question

I refer to the motion as passed by Council on 25 July 2016, entitled, "WENTWORTH PARK (\$103133)".

Broken down by year, please specify the budgets provided, if any, to the relevant motion which have received funding in the past financial years.

Please specify the budgets provided, if any, to the relevant motion which will receive funding in the coming financial year.

Please detail City actions taken to progress this motion.

Answer by the Lord Mayor

Please refer to my answer to Question on Notice 5.

CYCLIST SIGNAGE (\$129275)

25. By Councillor Scott

Question

I refer to the motion as passed by Council on 25 July 2016, entitled, "CYCLIST SIGNAGE (S103133)".

Broken down by year, please specify the budgets provided, if any, to the relevant motion which have received funding in the past financial years.

Please specify the budgets provided, if any, to the relevant motion which will receive funding in the coming financial year.

Please detail City actions taken to progress this motion.

Answer by the Lord Mayor

Please refer to my answer to Question on Notice 5.

24 HOUR PUBLIC TOILETS AND PUBLIC SHOWERS (\$129275)

26. By Councillor Scott

Question

I refer to the motion as moved at Council on 21 November 2016, entitled, "24 HOUR PUBLIC TOILETS AND PUBLIC SHOWERS (S129266)", and the City's opening of its public toilets 24 hours.

Broken down by year, please specify the budgets provided, if any, to the relevant motion which have received funding in the past financial years.

Please specify the budgets provided, if any, to the relevant motion which will receive funding in the coming financial year.

Please detail City actions taken to progress this motion.

Answer by the Lord Mayor

Please refer to my answer to Question on Notice 5.

SAFETY MAPPING SERVICES (S129275)

27. By Councillor Scott

Question

I refer to the motion as passed by Council on 12 December 2016, entitled, "SAFETY MAPPING SERVICES (S129266)".

Broken down by year, please specify the budgets provided, if any, to the relevant motion which have received funding in the past financial years.

Please specify the budgets provided, if any, to the relevant motion which will receive funding in the coming financial year.

Please detail City actions taken to progress this motion.

Answer by the Lord Mayor

Please refer to my answer to Question on Notice 5.

MARTIN PLACE MEMORIAL (\$129275)

28. By Councillor Scott

Question

I refer to the planned permanent Martin Place Memorial to commemorate the victims of the Lindt Café Shooting of December 2014.

Broken down by year, how much funding has or will the City contribute to the Memorial?

When does the City expect the Memorial to be completed?

Answer by the Lord Mayor

The Martin Place Memorial is being implemented by the NSW Government. The City has not been asked for funding but is supporting the NSW Government to undertake this project, providing necessary council and technical advice.

GREEN LIVING CENTRE (S129275)

29. By Councillor Scott

Question

Broken down by year, how much funding has the City contributed to the Green Living Centre for the past 10 years?

How much funding has the City allocated the Green Living Centre for the coming financial year 2017/18?

Answer by the Lord Mayor

The City has contributed the following funding to the Green Living Centre, which included free access to the shopfront (218 King St. Newtown) as in-kind contribution over the last 10 years.

	Cash contribution	In-Kind contribution (Use of property)
2007/8	\$123 960	\$100 000
2008/9	\$129 538	\$100 000
2009/10	\$130 000	\$100 000
2010/11	\$133 510	\$100 000
2011/12	\$138 000	\$100 000
2012/13	\$142 140	\$100 000
2013/14	\$145 835	\$100 000
2014/15	\$175 000	\$140 000
2015/16	\$178 500	\$140 000
2016/17	\$181 251	\$140 000
Total	\$1 477 734	\$1 120 000

The budget for 2017/18 is currently being finalised and will be presented to Council at the May meeting.

STREET TREE PROGRAM (S129275)

30. By Councillor Scott

Question

I refer to the City's street tree program, as part of the City's tree maintenance program.

Broken down by location, how many street trees has the City approved to be planted over the 2016 and 2017 calendar years?

Broken down by location, how many street trees has the City approved to be removed over the 2016 calendar year?

Answer by the Lord Mayor

Staff have compiled the street tree removal and planting work undertaken by the City, broken down by suburb, as outlined in the table below.

Suburb	Tree Plantings approved – 2016 and 2017 calendar years	Tree Removals - 2016 calendar year
Alexandria	82	43
Annandale	2	-
Beaconsfield	13	6
Camperdown	42	22
Centennial Park	8	3
Chippendale	23	12
Darlinghurst	83	35
Darlington	38	15
Dawes Point	4	3
Elizabeth Bay	18	6
Erskineville	62	28
Forest Lodge	19	2
Glebe	103	39
Haymarket	28	12
Millers Point	4	2
Newtown	36	14
Paddington	15	17
Potts Point	24	10
Pyrmont	43	13
Redfern	47	34
Rosebery	76	29
Rushcutters Bay	10	2
St Peters	2	2
Surry Hills	123	38
Sydney	137	32
Ultimo	31	8
Waterloo	68	29

Suburb	Tree Plantings approved – 2016 and 2017 calendar	Tree Removals - 2016 calendar year
	years	
Woolloomooloo	16	7
Zetland	65	39
Total	1222	502

SEPARATED CYCLEWAY PROGRAM (S129275)

31. By Councillor Scott

Question

I refer to the City's separated cycleway program.

Broken down by year and project, please detail the City's expenditure on separated cycleways.

Broken down by year and project, please detail the contributions of State and Federal Governments on separated cycleways in the City.

Answer by the Lord Mayor

The data requested is being extracted by staff and will be reported to Councillors via the CEO Update.

WESTCONNEX (S129275)

32. By Councillor Scott

Question

Can the Lord Mayor please provide copies of the performance outcomes for each grant given to the community organisations that relate to WestConnex?

Please provide details of which grants have, and have not, been acquitted, with reasons.

Answer by the Lord Mayor

Performance outcomes for grants provided to *WestConnex Action Group* and *No WestConnex Public Transport Inc* relate to increasing public awareness and understanding of Westconnex and associated issues.

Grant recipients must acquit prior grants before further grants are provided by the City.

NON-RESIDENTIAL ROLL (S129275)

33. By Councillor Scott

Question

Can the Lord Mayor please enquire with the NSW Electoral Commission as to what proportion of the City's non-residential voters did not vote at the September 2016 elections; how many have been issued a fine; what the projected revenue to be raised by the government will be; and report back these figures via CEO update?

Answer by the Lord Mayor

Information about the number of non-resident voters who failed to vote at the September 2016 elections was provided to Councillors via the CEO Update on 17 March 2017 (refer p.55 of Item 2.3). The CEO will seek a response from the NSW Electoral Commission about the additional information you have requested.

COMMUNICATIONS (S129275)

34. By Councillor Scott

Question

Broken down by year, how many City of Sydney social media posts, flyers and direct mail, billboards and emails featured the Lord Mayor for the financial years of 2014/15 and 2015/16?

Broken down by year, what is the total cost of the City's social media posts, flyers and direct mail, billboards and emails that featured the Lord Mayor for the financial years of 2014/15 and 2015/16?

Broken down by social media posts, flyers or direct mail, billboards and emails, what is the cost of the City's social media posts, flyers and direct mail, billboards and emails that featured the Lord Mayor for the financial years of 2014/15 and 2015/16?

Answer by the Lord Mayor

The NSW Local Government Act provides for the Lord Mayor as the leader of the City, to be the principal spokesperson for the Council, to carry out the civic and ceremonial functions of the office, and to represent the council (section 226). As I routinely attend and officiate at City events, I appear in many official photographs and reports on the city's work.

In each of the 2014/15 and 2015/16 financial years, the City produced and sent out six Business, 12 Creative City and 12 Green Villages electronic emails to subscribers. City billboards were campaign-led material and did not feature the Lord Mayor.

In 2014/15, there were 17 flyers and direct mail items about City programs, projects, policies and decisions of Council that featured a message from the Lord Mayor. These cost approximately \$140,000 to print and distribute. The equivalent figures for 2015/16 are 25 items that cost approximately \$180,000 to print and distribute.

The City does not have technology to scan through the thousands of social media posts during the two year period. The City's social media posts promote the City's work, events and programs. I have my own social media channels.