Council 11 February 2019

Item 11

Supplementary Answers to Previous Questions

Supplementary Answers to Questions on Notice are as follows:

Question on Notice - Council 10 December 2018

New Year's Eve Alcohol Free Zones

10. By Councillor Scott

Question

At the November 2018 Council meeting, Councillors were advised that the answer to the following question would be provided via the CEO Update:

Broken down by year, please detail the total number of alcohol free zones in the City of Sydney on 31 December, between 2004 and 2018.

Could Councillors please be advised of the answer to this question as soon as possible?

Answer by the Lord Mayor

A CEO Update will be provided prior to Christmas.

Supplementary Answer

A recent Question on Notice sought information regarding the number of alcohol free zones in the City of Sydney on New Year's Eve.

Broken down by year, please detail the total number of alcohol free zones in the City of Sydney on 31 December, between 2004 and 2018.

Alcohol free zones apply to public roads and footpaths. They are established in public places to restrict the consumption of alcohol to help prevent alcohol-related anti-social behaviour and crime, including damage to property, littering and noise impacts. Alcohol restrictions provide NSW Police with an early intervention measure to confiscate alcohol within designated areas. In NSW a person cannot be fined for consuming alcohol in a restricted area.

Under section 644 of the Local Government Act (1993) the City may establish a restriction for either a public road or part of a public road. As such, there is no correlation between the number of zones and the area covered. All current restrictions expire 22 March 2020.

The table below outlines the total number of alcohol free zones in the City of Sydney on 31 December for the respective years.

Year (at 31 December)	Alcohol Free Zones
2004	94

Year (at 31 December)	Alcohol Free Zones
2005	43
2006	75
2007	83
2008	120
2009	157
2010	194
2011	205
2012	339
2013	344
2014	331
2015	371
2016	261
2017	280
2018	293

A web map of all current restrictions is available on the City's website: https://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/community/health-and-safety/alcohol-and-drugs/alcohol-safety/alcohol-restrictions