

Item 10**Questions on Notice****Lord Mayor's Picnic**

1. By Councillor Phelps

Question

A resident has raised a concern about the way in which disabled children and their families were treated at the Lord Mayor's New Year's Eve Picnic. The event is a free, catered event for 1,000 children with additional needs and their support persons in the Royal Botanic Gardens to enjoy the 9pm family fireworks on New Year's Eve. The Royal Botanic Gardens hosts another, fee-paying picnic on New Year's Eve as well, charging \$360 per person.

A parent of disabled children has contacted my office, claiming that they were turned away from the Lord Mayor's Picnic, being told that it had been cancelled, without explanation, while the fee-paying event hosted by the Royal Botanic Gardens proceeded.

Could the Chief Executive Officer please advise:

1. Whether the Lord Mayor's Picnic was cancelled, and under what circumstances?
2. What (if any) notice children with additional needs and their support persons were given?
3. Did the Royal Botanic Gardens New Year's Eve picnic proceed? If so, why did it proceed while the picnic for disabled children was cancelled?

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WestConnex Activist Groups

2. By Councillor Phelps

Question

The City has objected on many occasions to the WestConnex project.

The City has funded protests against the WestConnex project.

The City designed an alternative proposal, developed by expert transport planners, based on the original design for the project.

Could the Chief Executive Officer advise on the following:

1. How much money has been spent on WestConnex Activist Groups, protests and advertising – including but not limited to Fix NSW Transport Coalition and WestConnex Action Group (WAG) – since 2015 (not including traffic studies)?
2. What reports have been received on the use of Council funds?
3. How much was spent on the City's proposed alternative WestConnex plan including council staff time and external consultants?

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Domestic Waste Charge and Take Up of Smaller Bins

3. By Councillor Scott

Question

1. Broken down by year (since January 2015) detail the number of households paying the following domestic waste charge rates:
 - (a) \$987
 - (b) \$491
 - (c) \$323
2. Broken down by year (since January 2015) detail the total council revenue generated by the Domestic Waste Charge.
3. Broken down by year (since January 2015) detail how this revenue was expended by council.

4. Broken down by year (since January 2015) detail the number of households with the following bin sizes:
 - (a) 50 litre
 - (b) 70 litre
 - (c) 80 litre
 - (d) 120 litre
 - (e) 240 litre

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City of Sydney Councillor and Council Staff Travel

4. By Councillor Phelps

Question

Analysis has found that a long-haul flight generates more carbon emissions than the average person in dozens of countries around the world produces in a whole year.

The City of Sydney has shown a commitment to reducing its carbon footprint.

It was the first local council in Australia to be certified as carbon neutral under the national carbon offset standard.

The City ensures information about its carbon neutral programme - including offset certificates - is transparent and available for public scrutiny on its website. Offsets are purchased and retired in arrears at the end of the reporting period. And each year the City purchases offsets to ensure it remains 100 per cent carbon neutral.

But this environmental commitment is only declared for travel the City of Sydney pays for.

Considering the City does not pay for the majority of the many international trips City of Sydney councillors take, could the Chief Executive Officer please advise:

1. How many kilograms of CO₂ were generated in 2017/18 by international and domestic trips not paid for but taken by City of Sydney Councillors?
2. If this "unpaid" international and domestic travel was neutralised in line with the City's national carbon offset standard?
3. How do these CO₂ emissions impact the City's reporting of its carbon footprint?

The City of Sydney doesn't disclose what the international travel expenses are for staff. Could the Chief Executive Officer please advise:

4. How many kilograms of CO2 were generated in 2017/18 by international and domestic trips taken by City of Sydney staff?
5. If international and domestic travel of City of Sydney staff was neutralised?
6. How do these CO2 emissions impact the City's reporting of its carbon footprint?

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City of Sydney Waste Management

5. By Councillor Phelps

Question

In 2019, the City implemented some service changes as a result of the appointment of Cleanaway, the City's current Domestic Waste Collection Provider, effective from 1 July 2019.

The City's former mixed waste processing plant was closed in 2018, and the City no longer has access to a mixed waste processing plant.

Could the Chief Executive Officer please advise:

1. Where is the City's recycling and mixed waste going?
2. What exactly happens to the City's discarded plastic, paper, card, metal and glass once it's emptied from the yellow bins?
3. What exactly happens to the City's mixed waste once it's emptied from the red bins?
4. What actions have been taken to by the City to achieve its own target of "zero waste" by 2030?
5. The City of Sydney Council has had the steepest lift in the average amount it charges for waste management in the 2019-2020 financial year, raising fees by 12.5 per cent. What is this increase being spent on?
6. What indicators have City staff been using to inform their reports on the City's response to waste recovery and management?

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