

Item 11

Questions on Notice

1. Pop-Up Cycleway Monitoring Study

By Councillor Forster

Question

At the City's July 2020 Council Meeting, it was resolved that the Chief Executive Officer be requested to commission an independent cycling, pedestrian and traffic monitoring study to monitor the changes in cycling, pedestrian and traffic uses as a result of the introduction of the new pop-up cycleways and progressively update the findings on the City's website.

At the City's September 2020 Council Meeting, it was stated that the timing and format of releasing the pop-up cycleway monitoring study results needed to be agreed with Transport for NSW.

On 30 November 2020, the City of Sydney posted a news story on its website indicating that the 'pop-ups serve more than 16,000 bike trips each week'.

The December 2020 Sydney City Newsletter stated that 'the new routes are popular with about 15,000 trips per week'.

1. Can the Chief Executive Officer please confirm when and where the monitoring study results can be accessed?
2. Can the Chief Executive Officer please provide the most up-to-date figures of cycling trips broken down by each pop-up cycleway?

S129269

2. Residential Apartments in 120 Oxford Street, Darlinghurst

By Councillor Phelps

Question

There are a number of residential apartments in 120 Oxford Street, Darlinghurst. The City of Sydney owned this property until its 99-year lease to Ashe Morgan in 2019.

Could the Chief Executive Officer please advise:

1. How many residential apartments are in this building?
2. When was the last time these apartments were occupied?
3. To whom were these apartments last leased?

S129272

3. Flammable Cladding in the City of Sydney

By Councillor Phelps

Question

In 2019, it was revealed that there were more than 300 buildings in the City of Sydney Local Government Area with potentially flammable cladding.

Could the Chief Executive Officer please advise:

1. If a safety audit of the flammable cladding risk has been conducted for all affected buildings in the City of Sydney Local Government Area? If so, when?
2. How many buildings in the City of Sydney Local Government Area have had their flammable cladding issues rectified?
3. How many buildings in the City of Sydney Local Government Area still have the flammable cladding?
4. When is the next audit of the flammable cladding risk to be done?

S129272

4. Cloud Arch Spending

By Councillor Phelps

Question

Could the Chief Executive Officer please provide an itemised amount spent to date on the Cloud Arch project?

S129272

5. Temporary Pop-Up Cycleways

By Councillor Phelps

Question

Legislation which enables the City of Sydney's six pop-up cycleways expires on 25 March 2021.

Could the Chief Executive Officer please advise what the City of Sydney's position on making each pop-up cycleway permanent or the date of removal is, including:

1. Henderson Road, Railway Parade and Bridge St, Alexandria?
2. Pyrmont Bridge Road, Glebe?
3. Moore Park Road and Fitzroy Street, Paddington?

4. Dunning Avenue, Rosebery?
5. Sydney Park Road, Erskineville?
6. Pitt Street, Sydney?

S129272

6. City of Sydney Short-Term Empty Properties Grant

By Councillor Phelps

Question

Under the City of Sydney's short-term empty properties grant, not-for-profits, for-profits, sole traders, and community groups are able to access empty spaces within the City at affordable rates.

Could the Chief Executive Officer please advise:

1. How many empty City-owned properties are there in the Local Government Area?
2. Which empty City-owned properties are included under the grant?
3. How long have these empty properties been unoccupied?
4. Who was the last occupier of these properties and when?
5. What are the addresses of these properties?
6. How many of the City's empty properties are residential and how many are commercial?

S129272

7. City of Sydney Printed Newsletters

By Councillor Phelps

Question

Could the Chief Executive Officer please detail:

1. The amount of money spent to produce, print and distribute each City of Sydney hard-copy newsletter?
2. How many City of Sydney newsletters have been produced from 2016-2020?
3. How much money has been spent producing, printing and distributing City of Sydney hard-copy newsletters from 2016-2020?

S129272

8. Street Furniture Recycling

By Councillor Phelps

Question

A Sydney Morning Herald article, dated 11 February 2021, on the replacement of street furniture across the City of Sydney raised concerns that a large proportion of existing street furniture will end up in landfill.

Could the Chief Executive Officer please advise:

1. What was the City of Sydney's intended outcome from replacing existing street furniture?
2. What assurances has the City of Sydney received that existing street furniture will be reused or recycled?
3. How much revenue is the new contractor likely to receive from advertising and other sources over the course of the contract?
4. How much revenue is the City expecting to receive over the course of the contract?

S129272

9. T2 Building Maintenance Costs

By Councillor Phelps

Question

Could the Chief Executive Officer please provide an itemised account of the holding and maintenance costs, including the commercial property manager fees on the T2 building from its purchase in 2009 to its sale in 2016?

S129272

10. T2 Mural Cost

By Councillor Phelps

Question

In 2012, Aboriginal artist Reko Rennie painted the 'Always Was, Always Will Be' artwork on the T2 building in Taylor Square.

The building was sold in 2016.

Could the Chief Executive Officer please provide how much was spent on the "Always Was, Always Will Be" artwork commissioned by the City of Sydney that wrapped the T2 building in Taylor Square?

S129272

11. Lunar Lanterns and statues

By Councillor Chung

Question

Could the Chief Executive Officer please advise:

1. How many Lunar Lanterns and statues are installed in the City of Sydney for 2021 Lunar New Year?
2. What was the total cost of manufacture and installation of the Lunar Lanterns and statues?
3. How many security personnel have been allocated to guard each lantern and statue?
4. What are the duties for each security guard?
5. How many hours a day and how many days a week is each Lunar Lantern and statue guarded?
6. What is the total cost for security to guard the Lunar Lanterns and statues?

S129268

12. Park Street Traffic Enforcement

By Councillor Chung

Question

1. Can the Chief Executive Officer please provide an update of the following data related to Ranger patrol on Park Street Erskineville since 14 December 2020:
 - (a) What dates and times (start and finish) have rangers attended Park Street Erskineville for the purposes of enforcing the 3T limit and 40km/h speed limit?
 - (b) How many vehicles have been detected contravening the '3 Tonne - No Truck' signage?
 - (c) How many vehicles have been detected contravening the "40km/h" signage?
 - (d) How many infringement notices have been issued for breaching the 3T weight limit and 40km/h speed limit?
2. Please provide copies of correspondence or details of discussions with State Rail, Holland or other rail contractors sent in accordance with Notice of Motion - Traffic Calming Park Street Erskineville on 14 December 2020.
3. What immediate steps were taken after 14 December 2020 to reduce the impacts of the additional traffic caused by the pop-up cycleway in Park Street?

S129268

13. 161-165 Brougham Street, Woolloomooloo

By Councillor Phelps

Question

In October 2020, residents of 161-165 Brougham Street, Woolloomooloo stated their intent to move into the apartment block to the City of Sydney.

The City advised that it would make a decision on the outcome of issuing an occupation certificate after the Land and Environment Court had made a decision on the change of Development Application requested by the Developer. This decision was handed down in October 2020.

The City has not yet decided whether it will issue an occupation certificate, nor has it decided if it will evict any of the residents already living in their properties.

Could the Chief Executive Officer please advise:

1. What was the decision by the Land and Environment Court?
2. What actions has the City taken to issue an occupation certificate?
3. If an occupation certificate is not immediately issued, what action does the Council intend to take?

S129272