

Item 13**Supplementary Answers to Previous Questions**

Supplementary Answers to Questions on Notice are as follows:

Question on Notice – Council 20 September 2021**Item 8.6 Questions on Notice****Pandemic Leave and Stand Downs for City Staff**

By Councillor Scott

Question

1. Broken down by year, how many City staff have been stood down under the Splinter Award, and for how long?
2. Broken down by month, how many City staff have had their hours reduced since lockdown began in June 2021?

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Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

No City of Sydney employee was stood down under the Splinter Award in 2020. In July 2021, as a result of public health restrictions, 292 employees were stood down with pay under the 2021 Splinter Award. Most of these employees have now returned to their usual work or are undertaking suitable alternative work. As at 15 September 2021, two employees remain stood down with pay under the 2021 Splinter Award.

No employees had their hours reduced in June 2021. In July 2021, one part time employee had their hours reduced, with the hours not worked being paid as Covid-19 Special Paid Leave as per the 2021 Splinter Award. This employee has remained on this arrangement during August and September 2021. In August 2021, 70 employees in Infrastructure Maintenance worked on a roster basis which included a portion of their ordinary pay being paid as Covid-19 Special Paid Leave as per the 2021 Splinter Award. This arrangement remains in place.

Supplementary Answer**Background**

A Question on Notice was asked by Councillor Scott at the 20 September 2021 Council Meeting in relation to Pandemic Leave and Stand Downs for City Staff.

An incorrect figure was provided within the answer to this question on notice. The answer given was “As at 15 September 2021, two employees remain stood down with pay under the 2021 Splinter Award”. However, with further checking the correct answer is “As at 15 September 2021, 54 employees remain stood down with pay under the 2021 Splinter Award. 51 of these are Parking Rangers who live in Local Government areas of concern.”

The corrected answer to the Question on Notice is provided in full below, and will be provided as a Supplementary Answer in the 18 October 2021 Council Business Paper.

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2. No employees had their hours reduced in June 2021. In July 2021, one part time employee had their hours reduced, with the hours not worked being paid as Covid-19 Special Paid Leave as per the 2021 Splinter Award. This employee has remained on this arrangement during August and September 2021. In August 2021, 70 employees in Infrastructure Maintenance worked on a roster basis which included a portion of their ordinary pay being paid as Covid-19 Special Paid Leave as per the 2021 Splinter Award. This arrangement remains in place.