

**Item 11****Questions on Notice with Answers****1. Railway Parade, Erskineville**

By Councillor Chung

**Question**

Staff recently advised that the current expected reopening of Railway Parade to two-way traffic is early-mid 2022:

1. Could the Chief Executive Officer please advise why there has been a delay to reopen Railway Parade?
2. Could the Chief Executive Officer please confirm that the decision to reopen Railway Parade to two-way traffic is final and it will be reopened in early-mid 2022?

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**Answer by the Chief Executive Officer**

1. In May 2021, Council resolved to adopt the shared path solution at Railway Parade. This change in scope has required additional design and approvals from external authorities.
2. Yes, reinstatement to two-way has now been approved by both Council and the Local Pedestrian, Cycling and Traffic Calming Committees (LPCTCC).

**2. Outstanding Rubbish Collections**

By Councillor Scott

**Question**

1. Broken down by type of collection how many outstanding collections do the Cleanaway contractors have?
2. What is the average awaiting time between reporting a hard rubbish collection and it being collected by Cleanaway?
3. How much, if any, overtime have City of Sydney staff had to work to assist Cleanaway staff with outstanding collections since June 2021?

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**Answer by the Chief Executive Officer**

1. As of Monday 15 November 2021, the following booked collections were outstanding:

Scheduled Collection Date and Waste Stream	Number of requests
Book Clean Up - Bulky Household	0
Book Clean Up - Metals	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>0</b>

256 Booked Bulky Waste Collections have been scheduled for 15 November 2021.

As of Monday 15 November 2021, the following reported illegally dumped waste collections were outstanding:

Reported Date	Number of requests
<b>12/11/2021</b>	
Illegally Dumped Waste	1

As of Monday 15 November 2021, the following missed services were reported to Customer Service over weekend 13/14 November 2021:

Missed Services	Number of requests
<b>Bulky Waste Collections</b>	
Mattresses	1
Bulky Household	5
Metal/Whitegoods	3
<b>Bin Collections</b>	
General Waste – Red Bin	6
Green Organics – Green Bin	1
Recycling – Yellow Bins	1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>17</b>

All reported missed services will be investigated and collections made as required on 15 November 2021.

2. Booked bulky waste collections have a set collection day each week depending on the suburb. The time difference between booking a collection and the scheduled collection day will vary from one day up to one week; depending on when the collection is booked. The average time for illegally dumped waste to be collected after reporting is two business days.

3. The City's Cleansing Operations team were offered the opportunity to work an additional four hours of overtime on Thursday, 16 September 2021 and Friday, 17 September 2021. This coincided with five Cleanaway staff members contracting Covid-19, therefore reducing the number of staff available for collections.

Overtime was offered to Cleansing Operations staff to assist with bulky waste collections in the Local Government Area. There were six staff (three trucks) on Thursday, 16 September 2021 and two staff (one truck) on Friday, 17 September 2021 that elected to work an additional four hours. This totalled 32 hours of staff overtime across the two afternoons and a total of 111 bookings were collected.

### **3. 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**

1. 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. As at 10 November 2021, all employees have returned to their usual work or suitable alternative work.
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 remained on this arrangement during August and September 2021 and returned to their normal working hours on 11 October 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. On 11 October 2021, 131 City Rangers also commenced working a revised roster which included a portion of their ordinary pay being paid as Covid-19 Special Paid Leave as per the 2021 Splinter Award.

#### **4. Plastic Garbage Bags**

By Councillor Forster

##### **Question**

Why does the City use plastic garbage bags to line its bins throughout the Local Government Area?

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##### **Answer by the Chief Executive Officer**

It is not standard practice for the City's Cleansing Operations team to use plastic bin liners in street litter bins across the Local Government Area. However, they are sometimes used to line temporary street litter bins to improve hygiene and cleanliness of bins deployed to CBD and high traffic areas. The Cleansing Operations team are working to phase out this practice to reduce unnecessary plastic usage in the City.