

Item 10

Questions on Notice

1. Potential Savings Forecast

By Councillor Jarrett

Question

In the Quarter 4 Review, the City of Sydney has a proposed forecast of \$10 million in potential savings in the budget forecast of the City of Sydney.

1. What is the breakdown of the proposed forecast of \$10 million as to each project and where have these potential savings occurred, and what is the amount forecast to be saved on each project?
2. What is each project's respective scope where there is a potential saving?
3. What are the reasons for each potential saving within the breakdown of \$10 million in potential savings?

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2. Minor Adjustments Forecast Breakdown

By Councillor Jarrett

Question

In the Quarter 4 Review, the City of Sydney has a proposed forecast of \$35 million in minor adjustments in the budget forecast including 197 individual projects.

1. What is the breakdown of each minor adjustment for each of the 197 individual projects respectively?
2. What is each project's respective scope where there is a potential saving?
3. What are the reasons for the minor adjustment for each individual project within the breakdown of \$35 million in individual adjustments?

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3. Council and Public Spaces – Free Storage Space for Non-Profit Organisations and Community Organisations

By Councillor Ellsmore

Question

1. Does the City of Sydney currently have any venues which would be suitable for the use by community or not for profit organisations to store items that have been donated to them? If yes, please provide details.
2. Does the City of Sydney have any programs or grants to enable community organisations or non-profit organisations to access and use under-utilised City of Sydney venues for the storage for items that have been donated to them? If yes, please provide details.

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4. Leave Accrual Error

By Councillor Weldon

Question

1. Has Council been briefed by the Chief Executive Officer or staff in regards to a leave accrual error that, as I understand, was identified in 2021 and dates back to a 2018 system upgrade after which leave continued to accrue at the standard rate for employees on leave with half pay?
2. If the answer to 1 is yes, on what date(s) and in what form(s) was an initial briefing and any subsequent updates provided?
3. If the answer to 1 is no, why have Council not been informed?
4. How many staff were impacted by this leave accrual error and to what extent were these staff impacted?
5. What consultation was undertaken with employees who were impacted?
6. What steps have been taken to resolve the incorrect accrual of leave?
7. At any point since the onset of the leave accrual error, were any impacted staff required or instructed to take leave as a result of having excess annual leave?
8. Have any concessions been made to staff who, as a factor of the leave accrual error, were required or instructed to take leave that they would not otherwise have been required or instructed to take?
9. Are there any ongoing disputes with current or former staff who were impacted?
10. Has the City engaged with the relevant union(s) for those employees who were impacted by this error?

11. Has the City been made aware of any complaints to the Industrial Relations Commission of NSW?

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5. Temporary Cycleways in City of Sydney

By Councillor Weldon

Question

1. On 29 May 2020 did then Minister for Planning the Hon Rob Stokes sign the Environmental Planning and Assessment (COVID-19 Development Temporary Cycleways) Order 2020 as part of the NSW Government's emergency response to Covid-19 under section 10.17 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979?
2. Were cycleways erected during 2020 as temporary cycleways under the Environmental Planning and Assessment (COVID-19 Development- Temporary Cycleways) Order 2020 in Moore Park Road, Dunning Avenue, Pitt Street, Bridge Road, Fitzroy Street, and Sydney Road?
3. Was a condition specified for the development for the purposes of a temporary cycleway (including construction, installation and work for those purposes) that the development must not remain in place for more than two months after the expiration of the "prescribed period"?
4. Was the "prescribed period" defined in Section 10.17 as ending six months after the commencement of the section or on a later day not more than 12 months after the commencement as specified by the Regulations?
5. Was the "prescribed period" later amended to be 31 March 2022.
6. Was this amendment to Section 10.17 made by the COVID 19 Recovery Act 2021 No 5, assented to on 25 March 2021?
7. As of 1 June 2022, which temporary cycleways have been removed in City of Sydney in compliance with the condition specified for their development?
8. As of 1 June 2022, are any temporary cycleways in City of Sydney being maintained in contravention of a condition which had been specified for their development?
9. If the answer to 6 is yes, please advise the locations of temporary cycleways being maintained in contravention of the condition they must not remain in place for more than two months after the expiration of the prescribed period.
10. If the answer to 6 is yes, by what authority are these temporary cycleways being maintained?
11. If the answer to 6 is yes, is it the intention of Council to remove these temporary cycleways?

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