

Item 9**Questions on Notice****1. Clover Moore Independent Team Tent at Alexandria Sunday Funday**

By Councillor Jarrett

Question

The Alexandria Sunday Funday was held on 30 April 2023 at Alexandria Park Community School. At this event, there was a Clover Moore Independent Team tent set up in conjunction with the City of Sydney tent.

1. Who provided the funding for the Clover Moore Independent Team tent?
2. What was the City of Sydney's involvement in the running of the Clover Moore Independent Team tent?

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2. City Owned Property Vacancies

By Councillor Scott

Question

In response to a Question on Notice on 29 March 2021, the City advised that the City reports on properties owned, rent collected and value in kind support provided each year in the annual report.

However, there is not an accessible list of City-owned properties publicly available.

The City holds data on the property vacancy rates of City-owned properties from 2009 to present with the average vacancy rate circa three per cent annually.

1. List the number of City-owned properties in the last five years that were:
 - (a) vacant for less than a month?
 - (b) vacant between a month and six months?
 - (c) vacant for six months to a year?
 - (d) vacant for longer than a year?

2. Of these, where were the properties located that were vacant for over a year? Please list their:
 - (a) address; and
 - (b) zoning.
3. Has the City of Sydney sold the property on the corner of Fig and Wattle Street, Pyrmont?
4. How many separate spaces for rent does the City own?
5. Of those properties, how many are being used and for what purpose?

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3. City Properties Sold Under Market Value

By Councillor Scott

Question

1. Since 2004, what property has the City given to the NSW Government for less than market value? For each property, detail the property's:
 - (a) address;
 - (b) market value;
 - (c) price sold;
 - (d) proposed use;
 - (e) date sold; and
 - (f) how long it was vacant for before selling.
2. Since 2004, what other properties has the City sold for less than market value? For these properties, include their:
 - (a) address;
 - (b) market value;
 - (c) price sold;
 - (d) buyer;
 - (e) proposed use; and
 - (f) how long it was vacant for before selling.

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4. Gambling Signage Outside Pubs

By Councillor Scott

Question

In a letter to resident Steve Pate, the City acknowledged that the 'VIP Lounge' signs (denoting a pokies room) outside the Oxford Hotel, the Courthouse Hotel and the Colombian Hotel were "unlikely" to have been approved by Council. Additionally stating that the City is "further investigating the signs' compliance in accordance with our development controls, and will take action as required."

1. Did the City approve the signs at the three specified hotels?
2. What actions will the City be taking in response to the inspections of the three hotels?
3. What has the review of gambling signage uncovered?
4. How many gambling signs were there in the City of Sydney?
 - (a) How many were compliant?
 - (b) How many were not compliant?
5. What actions has the City taken against the non-compliant locations?
6. What actions will the City take in response to the review of the gambling signage, including prevention of future signage?

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5. International Student Leadership and Ambassador (ISLA) Program 2023-24

By Councillor Scott

Question

The International Student Leadership and Ambassador (ISLA) program is a City of Sydney program that aims to increase the positive experience of all international students through training international student ambassadors to actively participate in city life and build Sydney's reputation as a preferred destination to study. The program offers free training, work integrated learning and volunteering opportunities to enhance international student leadership skills and experience, which become transferable to their future careers. Participants also have an opportunity to make new friends, build a local support network and develop a sense of belonging while getting involved in local events and activities.

It is an award-winning program – it received the NSW Government International Student Community Engagement Award – Business/Government category in 2014 and NSW Youth Work Award in 2018.

1. How long has this program been running?
2. How many students have graduated from the program?

3. What has the program achieved?
4. What is the annual cost of running the program?
5. Has the program been cancelled?
6. If so:
 - (a) Why was it cancelled?
 - (b) Who was consulted in the process?
 - (c) Will there be a similar program created to continue to support international students?

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6. Redfern Community Centre Staffing

By Councillor Scott

Question

1. How many staff members have worked work at Redfern Community Centre, broken down by year?
2. What is the average number of staff employed at Redfern Community Centre, broken down by year, for the last five years?
3. How long have the current staff members worked there?
4. What are the City's plans for resourcing the Community Centre in the future?

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7. Waste Collection Complaints

By Councillor Scott

Question

On 14 April 2023, Councillors received correspondence from the Transport Workers Union with an update on the industrial action. Within this correspondence, the Transport Workers Union also detailed important information about the failings of Cleanaway and the conditions that led to the strike.

However, on 9 March 2023, the Chief Executive Officer advised Councillors and staff that there was no further industrial action anticipated.

1. Broken down by year since 2004 to date, detail staffing levels for in house Waste Collection Services.
2. Broken down by year since 2004 to date, detail staffing levels for Cleanaway City of Sydney Waste Collection Services.
3. Broken down by year since 2004, detail the number of complaints received for the following reasons:
 - (a) illegally dumped rubbish;
 - (b) overdue domestic waste collection service; and
 - (c) overdue street cleaning services.
4. Broken down by year, for the last five years, detail the average response time to:
 - (a) illegally dumped rubbish;
 - (b) overdue domestic waste collection service; and
 - (c) overdue street cleaning services.
5. When will the briefing on the waste contract review be?
6. What are the different sized trucks currently operated by Cleanaway? Are they able to service Thompson Street and Shorter Lane in Darlinghurst?
7. Has the Lord Mayor met with the Transport Workers Union?
8. Is there further industrial action currently anticipated?
9. Has the City or the Lord Mayor agreed to a public meeting to address the industrial action and the related waste collection issues happening in the City?
10. What communication services is the City using to the inform residents about the waste collection service and its interruptions?
11. How many depots did the City own before November 2019 and where were they located?
12. How many of these depots has the City sold since? If so, how much for?

13. For the City to insource waste again, what are the depot requirements and what is the estimated budget required?
14. Has the City of Sydney investigated the following Cleanaway issues occurring as outlined in the Transport Workers Union letter to Council? If so, what information was found and what action was taken about:
 - (a) water pollution events;
 - (b) environment breaches;
 - (c) license condition breaches which posed a high risk of damage to the environment;
 - (d) no pay increase for over a year;
 - (e) worker's right to vote to take protected industrial action;
 - (f) engaging with individual workers instead of their nominated bargaining representative;
 - (g) failure to follow directions/orders of the Fair Work Commission relating to the conduct of a protected action ballot at City of Sydney and Cleanaway's Erskine Park Commercial site, which resulted in a delay in the ability for some workers to take protected industrial action.
15. Has the City of Sydney investigated the following outstanding matters that are preventing the industrial dispute being resolved? If so, what information has been found and what action has been taken?
 - (a) base wage rates for waste workers under the City of Sydney Contract are 13 to 14 per cent lower than the same workers performing identical work for other councils throughout metropolitan Sydney.
 - (b) variance in ordinary hour and rostering arrangements across Australia, with arrangements that are drastically below Award conditions and could result in unsafe working conditions, such as:
 - (i) eliminating the 8-hour working day by introducing the requirement for workers to work 9.5-hour ordinary days, reducing overtime penalties awarded for over 8 hours of work;
 - (ii) the ability to "average 38-hour ordinary hour weeks" over extended periods (three to 12-month periods), meaning worker's hours could be sporadic, insecure and unsafe, with the ultimate goal to manipulate workers' rosters to reduce Cleanaway's requirement to pay overtime; and
 - (iii) forcing workers to work weekends regularly without existing overtime penalties applying;
 - (c) Cleanaway have refused to increase Award based allowances in line with minimum increases ordered by the Fair Work Commission over the life of the agreement, resulting in allowance being paid less than the Modern Award;

- (d) Cleanaway refuse to allow workers access to fair and reasonable representation by the Transport Workers Union by:
 - (i) limiting workers' access to the Fair Work Commission to resolve industrial disputes; and
 - (ii) refusing to allow the Transport Workers Union the opportunity to train and advise workers of their industrial rights during an induction process.

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8. 'Yes' Campaign for a Voice to Parliament Campaign Plan

By Councillor Scott

Questions

1. When is the plan to progress the 'yes' vote for the Voice campaign due to Council?
2. Will the plan involve allowing organisations holding events supporting the 'yes' vote to use Sydney Town Hall for free?
 - (a) What will be the conditions to hold a free or subsidised event?
 - (b) Will the Lord Mayor or a Councillor be required to be invited to speak as a condition?
3. How and when will the City update Councillors on the progress of their investigations and plans for supporting the Voice Campaign?
4. Will the plan involve making informative resources on the 'yes' vote available on the following City of Sydney communication platforms?
 - (a) website;
 - (b) banner poles;
 - (c) electronic billboards;
 - (d) newsletter;
 - (e) print communications;
 - (f) city email communications;
 - (g) community centres;
 - (h) social media.

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