

Item 9

Questions on Notice

1. Gambling Advertising on City of Sydney Property

By Councillor Ellsmore

Question

In 2023, City of Sydney electronic advertising screens ran advertisements for Crown. In the week of 14 October 2024, the advertising screens featured advertisements for greyhound racing at Wentworth Park - the Ladbrokes 'Wentworth Park Million Dollar Chase'.

1. What policies and procedures outline the City of Sydney's commitment that gambling will not be promoted by the City of Sydney, including on City of Sydney property?
2. What policies, procedures and/or arrangements outline what kinds of advertising the City of Sydney will allow on its advertising screens which are managed by QMS?

In an Answer to a Question on Notice tabled at the 19 September 2022 Council meeting the Chief Executive Officer advised "The City has notified QMS that it will not permit wagering or gambling advertising (other than lotto advertising) ..." (at 10.3).

3. What gambling and wagering advertisements is the City of Sydney aware of, which have featured on the council's advertising screens:
 - (a) In 2022?
 - (b) In 2023?
 - (c) In 2024?
4. What is the enforcement mechanism, if any, for breaches of the City's sponsorship policy?
5. Has the City of Sydney directed QMS to remove advertising relating to gambling:
 - (a) In 2022?
 - (b) In 2023?
 - (c) In 2024?

If yes, please provide details.

6. Does the City of Sydney impose any penalty or sanction for breaches of its policies or contractual arrangements, in relation to promoting gambling advertising on City advertising screens? Please provide details.

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2. Public Liability Insurance for Community Groups participating in Sydney Streets

By Councillor Ellsmore

Public liability insurance has been identified by Council as a barrier preventing local community groups from using council spaces. Last term, Council updated its policies to extend free coverage of Council's public liability insurance to local community groups and not for profit groups wishing to hire Council's community spaces.

Council has also identified barriers for local community groups and residents wanting to close local streets to hold community events, and has committed to assist with removing barriers.

Question

1. What are the requirements for local not for profit community groups to participate in the City of Sydney's Sydney Streets events?
2. Are local not for profit groups required to have public liability insurance to have a stall at Sydney Streets?
3. Does the City of Sydney's public liability insurance for Sydney Streets allow for coverage of local not for profit groups holding stalls?
4. Does the City of Sydney's public liability insurance for Sydney Streets allow for coverage of other non-profit community groups' activities?
5. What are the practical and financial implications of extending the City of Sydney's public liability insurance for Sydney Streets (and other similar events) to local non-profit community groups?

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3. City of Sydney Investments

By Councillor Ellsmore

Question

Item 6 (Investments Held as at 30 September 2024) of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee for 21 October 2024, stated that the City's total Investment and Cash position as of 30 September 2024 was \$838.3 million.

1. Of the \$838.3 million how much in total was:
 - (a) Restricted?
 - (b) Unrestricted?

2. Has the City of Sydney had a larger total Investment and Cash position in the past? If yes, please provide details.

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4. City of Sydney Surplus for 2023/24

By Councillor Ellsmore

Item 4 (Presentation of the 2023/34 Financial Statements and Audit Reports to Council) of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee for 21 October 2024, advised that the City of Sydney has a favourable result against budget, including a larger than budgeted surplus.

Question

1. What was the City of Sydney's budgeted surplus for the 2023/24 financial year?
2. What is the City of Sydney's actual surplus for the 2023/24 financial year?
3. What are the main reasons for the higher than budgeted surplus in the 2023/24 financial year?
4. Of the City of Sydney's budgeted surplus for the 2023/24 financial year what amount was specifically allocated to Council projects (including infrastructure upgrades or major projects)?

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