

Item 11**Questions on Notice****1. Rodenticide Usage (Second Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticides)**

By Councillor Thompson

Question

1. Can you confirm where either the City, or any contractor employed by the City, is using Second-Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticides (SGARs) and who is responsible for the deployment, monitoring, and adherence to legislation and regulations?
2. Where the City is contracting SGAR deployment services, what information is included or omitted in Council's tender documents?
3. Can you confirm your understanding of the evidenced impacts of SGARs on animal species, particularly native species in the City's Local Government Area, from SGARs?
4. Is the City aware that widespread use of SGARs locally, and more broadly across Sydney, is contributing to the death of vulnerable species, such as the endangered Southern Brown bandicoot, the threatened Powerful Owl, the threatened Barking Owl, the threatened Squirrel Glider, and the protected Peron's Tree Frog?
5. What steps has the City taken to reduce the evidenced impacts of secondary poisoning on animal species, particularly native species in the Local Government Area, from SGARs?
6. What investigations, trials, or work has the City undertaken to eliminate SGARs, and has the City explored wildlife-safe alternatives used successfully by other councils? If so, what?
7. Has there been any Council-recorded incidents of household pets or native animal species being poisoned by SGARs deployed by Council or Council contractors, and is there any monitoring or reporting system in place to track such incidents, including community feedback?
8. Has there been any contractor-reported incidents, or incidents through local wildlife groups, or any other agency, of household pets or native animal species being poisoned by SGARs deployed by Council contractors, and is there any monitoring or reporting system in place to track such incidents, including community feedback?
9. In relation to questions 7 and 8, how many incidents for both native animals and household pets?
10. In which City of Sydney suburbs, at which City locations, and in what contexts do Council or Council contractors currently use SGARs? What considerations, steps and methods are deployed before Council considers using SGARs?

11. What protocols exist for the use of SGARs in areas serving as habitat for native species, including priority species like the Powerful Owl, the endangered Southern Brown bandicoot, the threatened Barking Owl, the threatened Squirrel Glider, and the protected Peron's Tree Frog, as well as possums, magpies, and skinks, and how do these align with the City's Urban Ecology Strategic Action Plan?
12. What procurement policies exist regarding the purchase of SGARs for City facilities and operations, and are there any guidelines or protocols for selecting or prioritising sustainable and non-toxic alternatives?
13. What oversight does the City have over subcontractors engaged by facility management contractors like Ventia for pest control services, and what requirements exist in these contracts regarding the use of SGARs and wildlife protection? What City of Sydney requirements, including oversight and monitoring, are in place for these types of services?

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2. Missed Rubbish Collection Reports

By Councillor Wilson (Arkins)

Question

Can you please advise how many times residents reported a missed rubbish collection to Council and whether an off schedule pickup was dispatched for each. Could you please provide this as:

1. The total across the Council by month since July 2024; and
2. The total number in each collection zone by month since July 2024.

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3. IT Contracts

By Councillor Wilson (Arkins)

Question

Can you please provide a list of all major IT software and service contracts managed by IT that Council is currently entered into, and the total cost and length of term for each.

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4. City of Sydney Average Staff Recruitment Times

By Councillor Wilson (Arkins)

Question

1. Can you please advise the number of permanent full-time positions advertised by the City by month since July 2024; and
2. The average length of time it has taken for recruitment of permanent full-time positions, from the date of advertisement to the start date of the employee, by month since July 2024.

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5. Child Care Centre Casual Staff Arrangements

By Councillor Wilson (Arkins)

Question

1. Can you please advise how many times an agency staff member was engaged at City of Sydney child care centres by month since July 2024; and
2. Can you please provide the casual hourly or daily pay rate of agency contract staff and what an equivalent casual child care worker would earn if they were engaged under the City of Sydney Award.

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6. Aquatic and Leisure Centre Resident Feedback

By Councillor Wilson (Arkins)

Question

1. Can you please advise how many times a resident or customer provided feedback or a complaint to the City regarding any of our 6 aquatic and leisure centres, by month since January 2022.
2. Can you please also provide the following breakdown of these reports:
 - (a) How many reports per centre by month since January 2022; and
 - (b) A summary of the top 5 issues reported to Council for each centre since January 2022.

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