

Item 11**Questions on Notice****1. Metrics Around Waste Management**

By Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Maxwell

Question

1. Could a table be provided that shows the number of complaints the City of Sydney received each month or quarter involving waste management by suburb for the last 10 years?
2. Could a table be provided of the average time to resolve a complaint involving waste management by suburb by month or quarter for the last 10 years?
3. Could a table be provided showing which provider/contractor/City of Sydney staff collected the different types of rubbish by month or quarter for each suburb for the last 10 years?

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2. Conservation of the City's Priority Species

By Councillor Thompson

Question

1. What environmental targets relating to the protection and support of threatened species and their habitats, outlined in the Urban Ecology Strategic Action Plan and the Greening Sydney Strategy, have been met and which have not been?
2. What is the status and timeline of actions for priority fauna species and other species as set out in Table 10 of the Urban Ecology Strategic Action Plan:
 - (a) Green and Golden Bell Frog and other frogs;
 - (b) Grey-headed Flying-fox;
 - (c) Powerful Owl;
 - (d) Long-nosed Bandicoot;
 - (e) Small Birds;
3. What actions have been taken since 2013 to implement biodiversity corridors and to support pre-existing habitats?
4. What were the findings of the 'Hop to it' biodiversity health check survey and what recommendations were provided by the Urban Ecology Coordinator?

5. What is the current conservation status of all species classified as 'priority fauna' within the Urban Ecology Strategic Action Plan?
6. What population fluctuations have been observed in the Green and Golden Bell Frog species since 2013?

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3. City of Sydney Staff Resources for Biodiversity

By Councillor Thompson

Question

1. How many City staff have responsibility for biodiversity within their job description or functions? Of these, how many are:
 - (a) permanent full-time
 - (b) permanent part-time
 - (c) casual
 - (d) fixed term contract
2. Where can members of the public access the City's organisational chart?
3. If this is not answered in question 2, please advise in which teams the staff mentioned in question 1 are located in the City's organisational structure.
4. Which department or staff members are responsible for implementing the Urban Ecology Strategic Action Plan?
5. When was the Urban Ecology Strategic Action Plan last reviewed, and where can the review findings or any related reports be accessed?
6. When is the Urban Ecology Strategic Action Plan due for review?
7. Are any aspects of the City's biodiversity work outsourced, if so, please advise what is outsourced and the length and value of those contracts?

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4. Mobile Planter Display Program

By Councillor Ellsmore

Question

At the March 2025 Council meeting, council will consider a budget and tender for the future of the 'Mobile Planter Display Program' (i.e. the planter box program).

1. What is the total budget for the planter box program:
 - (a) For 2022/23;
 - (b) For 2023/4; and
 - (c) For 2024/5?
2. Where in the Council's current budget and operational documents can details of the budget relating to the planter box program be found?

Please include details of which line items the budget for the planter boxes is included in, and where this can be accessed by the public.
3. In relation to the current contract to manage the planter boxes:
 - (a) What company has the current contract to manage the planter box program?
 - (b) What was the total value of the current contract for the planter box program:
 - (i) Per annum; and
 - (ii) In total?
 - (c) What is the length of the current contract for the planter box program?
 - (d) How much is charged per plant? Please include for natives, herbs and perennials. Alternatively, if this is included in a schedule of costs please provide the schedule.
 - (e) What are the employment arrangements for staff responsible for installation, maintenance and disposal of the planter boxes?
 - (f) How much per hour are staff paid? If this is included in a schedule of costs please provide the schedule.
 - (g) Where can a copy or details of the current contract be found?
4. What is the estimated cost to the Council in preparing the tender which will be considered at the March 2025 Council meeting (T-2024-1314 - Mobile Planter Display Program)?
5. How has the mobile planter display program grown or changed over its life since 2000?
6. What is the usual practice regarding the disposal of plants after they are removed from the planter displays?

7. Has Council received any complaints regarding the disposal of plants after they are removed from the planter displays? If yes, please provide details.
8. What are the criteria for identifying spaces for the planter boxes?
9. Has Council investigated longer-term, semi-permanent or permanent options to encourage biodiversity in the locations where planter boxes are being used?
 - (a) If yes, what options were considered?
 - (b) If no, why not?

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5. Enhancing Biodiversity in Johnstons Creek

By Councillor Thompson

Question

1. The Glebe Society and Blue Wrens have identified 38 Casuarinas located at Johnston Creek which may be detrimental to the overall biodiversity of the creek. What actions has Council taken to investigate these trees?
2. Is it the intention of the City staff to remove these trees? If the intention is to keep the trees, why?
3. Is there a date residents can expect the trees removed?
4. What actions are being taken by the City to enable native plants to thrive and prevent monocultures from being established in the Johnstons Creek bed?

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6. Food Organics (FO) Service Rollout

By Councillor Thompson

Question

1. How many households are on the waitlist to join the existing FO service? Why hasn't the service been expanded to meet demand?
2. Has Council investigated expanding the trial immediately, concurrent with the undertaking of the insect processing trial? Are there specific barriers that would prevent us from expanding the trial now while we investigate insect processing? If so, what are they?
3. How many households have requested to join the service but been told they can't join the trial (i.e. not even to join the waitlist) – and what was the reason for this?

4. What's the contamination rate in the trial? (according to NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure, average contamination of FOGO by weight is 2.6%)
5. The next project stage "build the plan" will take 2025-2027; why will it take so long?
6. Given that landfill space is predicted to run out by 2030 unless we take urgent action, as well as the clear environmental benefits of a food waste recycling service, has Council investigated expediting the process of rolling out a food organics collection service sooner than 2030?
7. What are the take up rates for the trial in new apartments that didn't initially opt-in?
8. What educational programs is the Council undertaking as part of the trial?

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7. King Cross Police Station – On-Street Parking

By Councillor Gannon

Question

How many on-street parking spaces are allocated to the NSW Police in the Potts Point area?

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8. Aquatic and Leisure Centres Capital Works

By Councillor Wilson (Arkins)

Question

1. Can you please provide a list of capital works or refurbishments that the City has completed at each of our Aquatic and Leisure Centres since January 2018?
2. In this list can you please provide the centre name, the scope of works, the total final cost, the name of contractor, and the number of days the centre was closed for (if at all) for each?
3. Can you please provide a list of the forward capital works plan for each of the City's aquatic and leisure centres including the scope of works, and associated budget in the 10-year financial plan over the next ten years. Please include an estimation of the number of days each centre may have to be closed for as a result of these planned works?

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9. Aquatic and Leisure Centre Pay Rates

By Councillor Wilson (Arkins)

Question

Can you please provide a list of staff positions employed by Belgravia at the City's Aquatic and Leisure Centres including the name of the position, the annual salary or casual hourly pay rates for each, how many of each position are employed at each centre and what the equivalent position would earn if employed under the City of Sydney Award.

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10. City Greening and Parks Staff

By Councillor Wilson (Arkins)

Question

1. Can you please advise the number of staff employed by the City directly under the City of Sydney Award that are responsible for the upkeep of our parks and gardens?
2. Can you please advise the pay rates of all the staff employed by the City's contractor for the Mobile Planter Display Program and what the equivalent position would be paid under the City of Sydney Award?

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