

Item 11**Questions on Notice****1. Best Practice Guidelines for Sporting Fields**

By Councillor Arkins

Question

1. Have City of Sydney staff undergone any training on the Best Practice Guidelines for Sporting Fields published in January 2025 by the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water?
2. Does the City of Sydney have plans to upgrade our natural turf sporting fields in line with these new Best Practice Guidelines for Sporting Fields?

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2. Closure of Natural Turf Fields for Wet Weather

By Councillor Arkins

Question

1. How many City of Sydney natural turf fields have slit drainage systems?
2. How many City of Sydney natural turf fields use new turf cultivars that can increase usage at ovals?
3. How many City of Sydney natural turf ovals have had proper soil improvement in order to increase drainage and usage hours?

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3. End of Life

By Councillor Arkins

Question

1. What is the end-of-life plan for current City of Sydney synthetic fields?
2. Is the shock pad, plastic grass and underlay fully recyclable?
3. If they are repurposed or recycled, at what facility is this undertaken?

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4. Urban Heat Island Effect

By Councillor Arkins

Question

Have any synthetic fields had to be closed for sport or recreational use due to heat concerns in the City of Sydney?

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5. Usage Considerations

By Councillor Arkins

Question

1. What impact do synthetic fields have on general recreational usage?
2. Can cricket be played on synthetic fields? If so, what fields are used for soccer in winter and cricket in summer?
3. Can dog walking occur on synthetic fields?

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6. Replacement Costs of Synthetic Turf

By Councillor Arkins

Question

1. How often do synthetic turf fields need to be replaced?
2. What is the average cost of replacing synthetic fields?

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7. Battery Fires

By Councillor Arkins

Question

Has the City's waste collection contractor or our in house teams reported any incidents of battery fires in the trucks used to collect waste in the City?

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8. Water Aerobics at Cook and Phillip Park Pool

By Councillor Arkins

Question

Has there been any changes to the water aerobics schedule at Cook and Phillip Park Pool in the last 6 months? If so, what were they?

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9. Federal Assistance Grants to the City of Sydney

By Councillor Arkins

Question

1. How much did the City of Sydney receive in the Federal Assistance Grant in 2024-25?
2. What projects or services was the grant used for by the City?

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10. Sydney Civil

By Councillor Arkins

Question

What was the total amount awarded in contracts to Sydney Civil by the City in 2024-25?

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11. Management of Affordable Housing Levies Held by the City of Sydney

By Councillor Ellsmore

Question

1. How does the City of Sydney hold and manage the funds obtained through its affordable housing contribution scheme?
2. What policies or procedures guide how the City manages and dispenses cash affordable housing contributions?
3. When the City of Sydney receives cash contributions, what is the average length of time it holds those contributions before passing them on to housing providers?

4. Approximately how much interest has been accumulated by Council in relation to cash affordable housing contributions:
 - (a) Last year?
 - (b) In total over the last five years?

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12. Enforcement of the Busking and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Practice Policy

By Councillor Weldon

Question

1. Are City Rangers enforcing the one-hour time limit for High Impact Acts, particularly those involving amplification?
2. What kind of briefing, training, or updated guidance will Rangers receive to ensure consistent enforcement of the revised policy?
3. Have all City Rangers completed the City's new Aboriginal cultural awareness training?

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13. Update on Oxford Street Cultural and Creative Precinct

By Councillor Weldon

Question

1. The Oxford Street Cultural and Creative Precinct was established in 2021. Since its introduction, how many eligible landowners have submitted development applications seeking to access the planning incentives available under the precinct controls, and how many have been approved? Please provide a list of applications and determinations.
2. The Oxford & Foley development was originally scheduled for completion in early 2023. Has the City been advised of the current expected completion date?

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14. Climate Pollution from the City's Waste Services

By Councillor Weldon

Question

1. As part of their general waste collection contract with the City, Cleanaway are required to report monthly on emissions produced by waste collection and any associated offsets.
 - (a) What were the emissions over each of the last 5 years? Please provide a table and the breakdown of the emissions produced.
 - (b) What associated offsets were there for each of the last 5 years? Please include details such as method and location of offsets.
2. Cleanaway are also required to provide an annual inventory of emissions for all services provided to the City. What was the total emissions for each of the last 5 years? Please provide a table and a breakdown of the emissions produced.
3. What is the current annual volume of general waste (red-lid bins) collected across the City? How has this volume changed over the last 5 years?
4. How many households are currently registered for the City's food scraps recycling service?
5. What is the current annual volume of food scraps waste collected? How has this volume changed over the last 5 years?
6. Does the City have specific data on the emissions produced by the collection of food scraps waste? If so, please provide this for the last 5 years.
7. The City has contracts with Veolia and Goterra for the processing of food scraps waste processing. Does the City have information on the emissions produced by the processing of food scraps waste?
8. What is the forecast annual volume of food scraps waste to be collected and processed with the extension of food scraps recycling service to all residents in the City?

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