

Councillor Couros - QoN - Legal Fees

Tuesday, 14 November 2023
Council

Council Member
Councillor Mary Couros

Public

Contact Officer:
Michael Sedgman - Chief
Operating Officer

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Mary Couros will ask the following Question on Notice:

Can administration please advise the total cost the City of Adelaide has spent on legal fees for all matters from the 1st November 2022 to 31st October 2023?

REPLY

1. The legal fees incurred for the period from 1 November 2022 to 31 October 2023 total \$1.554m. This includes all expenses invoiced to date.
2. The \$1.554m represents Legal Fees expenditure across two financial years.
 - 2.1 November 2022 to June 2023 - \$970k
 - 2.2 July to October 2023 - \$584k.
3. The total expenditure needs to be considered in the context of the total Legal expenses (\$1.587m) recorded in the 2022/23 Annual Financial Statements.

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Councillor Couros - QoN - Governance Department

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Council Member Councillor Mary Couros

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Contact Officer: Michael Sedgman - Chief Operating Officer

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Mary Couros will ask the following Question on Notice:

- 1. Can the Chief Executive Officer advise how many staff members are employed in the Governance Department?

- 1. There are currently 10.5 FTEs in the Governance Program.
2. The Program includes the Manager (1.0 FTE), Corporate Governance (Risk, Insurance, Audit, FOI, Delegations, Emergency Management (4.2 FTEs), Council Governance (Secretariat 4.3 FTEs) and Legal Governance Advisor (1.0 FTE).

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Councillor Couros - QoN - Lord Mayor Office Staffing

Tuesday, 28 November 2023
Council

Council Member
Corporate Services

Public

Contact Officer:
Michael Sedgman - Chief
Operating Officer

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Couros will ask the following Question on Notice:

1. The total number of staff members in the Lord Mayor's office and their positions?
2. How many staff members have been in these positions since the beginning of term?
3. Total amount of temporary staff and labour hire staff since the beginning of term in the Lord Mayor's office?
4. If any staff member including security staff are asked to drive the Lord Mayor?

REPLY

1. There are currently seven staff members in the Lord Mayor's Office filling the following positions:
 - 1.1. Office Manager
 - 1.2. Executive Assistant
 - 1.3. Civic Event Coordinator
 - 1.4. Council Liaison and Administrative Support
 - 1.5. Senior Advisor
 - 1.6. Executive Advisor
 - 1.7. PR & Communications Advisor.
2. One current staff member (Executive Advisor) has been in their position since the beginning of this Council term.
3. A total of eight temporary and labour hire staff have worked in the Lord Mayor's Office since the beginning of this Council term.
4. Staff members may be asked to drive the Lord Mayor, as provided for in the Council Member Allowances and Benefits Policy.

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Councillor Couros - QoN - Civic Recognition Working Group

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Council

Council Member
Councillor Mary Couros

Public

Contact Officer:
Michael Sedgman - Chief
Operating Officer

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Mary Couros will ask the following Question on Notice:

1. Can administration advise that the Civic Recognition Working Group can override a decision of council without that decision being rescinded or amended by the council?

REPLY

1. The Civic Recognition Working Group (CRWG) Terms of Reference establish it as an advisory group to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO).
2. The CEO cannot make a decision that is contrary to a decision of the Council.

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Councillor Couros - QoN - Civic Recognition Working Group

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Council

Council Member
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Contact Officer:
Michael Sedgman - Chief
Operating Officer

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Mary Couros will ask the following Question on Notice:

1. Can the administration advise if they believe the decisions of the Civic Recognition Working Group align with the council decision of 10 March 2020(?) to hang six women in the council chamber?

REPLY

1. The Council resolution of the 10 March 2020 was

11. Item 12.5 – Honouring Female Leaders in the City of Adelaide [2009/00789] Presented to Committee 3/3/2020 [C]

Moved by Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Hyde),
Moved by Councillor Couros,

That Council:

1. Approves the development of an ongoing Civic Collection curation program in the Council Chamber, that facilitates the recognition and celebration of female leaders with historical significance to the State and City of Adelaide.
2. Approves the commissioning of a female local artist to produce a framed portrait painting of Adelaide's first female Lord Mayor, Wendy Chapman AM.
3. Approves the commissioning of a female local artist to produce framed portrait paintings of the following five female leaders (or for Administration to enter into long-term loan agreements for suitable existing portrait paintings)
 - 3.1 Dame Roma Mitchell AC, DBE, CVO, QC
 - 3.2 Auntie Shirley Peisley AM
 - 3.3 Mary Lee
 - 3.4 Catherine Helen Spence
 - 3.5 Ivarrityi
4. Notes that the commissioning costs will be funded from the Public Art capital budget and that re-curation costs of up to \$15,000 over two years will be considered in the FY2020/21 and FY2021/22 budgets.

Discussion ensued

The motion was then put and carried

2. On 19 September 2023 the Civic Recognition Working Group (CRWG) received an update on the project and approved the following:

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- 2.1. Selection of framing for the commissioned portraits of Mary Lee and Catherine Helen Spence.
- 2.2. A date for the unveiling ceremony of the portraits of Mary Lee and Catherine Helen Spence is confirmed for Friday 8 March 2024 to coincide with International Women’s Day. All Councillors will be invited to attend this event.
- 2.3. A re-curation of the portraits in the Council Chamber which will result in:
 - 2.3.1. the portrait of Aunty Shirley Peisley AM being installed in the Chamber – this follows its unveiling in March 2023
 - 2.3.2. the portrait of Catherine Helen Spence being installed above the public gallery - upon its unveiling in March 2024
 - 2.3.3. the portrait of Wendy Chapman AM being installed in a place of prominence in the Lord Mayor’s Walk.
3. The CRWG in the coming months will consider the preferred approach to realise the final portrait in this project, of Kurna Elder Iparityi.
4. It is noted that the Civic Areas are regularly re-curated in consultation with the CRWG Group (consistent with Sections 283 and 285 of the City of Adelaide Standing Orders).

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