

## Councillor Siebentritt - QoN - South Australian Motor Sport Board (SAMSB)

Tuesday, 10 March 2026  
Council

**Council Member**  
Councillor Mark Siebentritt

Public

**Contact Officer:**  
Ilia Houridis, Director City Shaping

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

**Councillor Mark Siebentritt will ask the following Question on Notice:**

'Noting the commitment by the South Australian Motor Sport Board (SAMSB) to increase tree canopy cover at Pakapakanthi / Victoria Park (Park 16), can Administration advise:

1. How many trees have been planted to date?
2. What is the estimated canopy cover of those plantings?
3. How many trees are in the forward planting plan and over what period of time?
4. What opportunities exist for the local community to get more involved with the planting program?'

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## REPLY

**How many trees have been planted to date?**

1. Since 2023, more than 300 trees have been planted by the City of Adelaide and volunteers in Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16).
2. 44 trees are scheduled for planting in 2026.

**What is the estimated canopy cover of those plantings?**

3. The Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16) Master Plan (the Master Plan) ([Link 1](#)) establishes a target to increase overall tree canopy cover by 8 per cent, delivering a minimum total canopy cover of 30 per cent across the park.
4. Assuming an average mature canopy spread of 20 metres (equating to approximately 314 m<sup>2</sup> of canopy per tree), 344 trees would generate an estimated 10.8 hectares of canopy cover at maturity.
5. In 2022, canopy cover within Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16) was estimated at approximately 22 per cent (around 15 hectares). Based on current projections, canopy cover is anticipated to increase to 30 per cent (around 20.7 hectares) by ~2040.

**How many trees are in the forward planting plan and over what period of time?**

6. As outlined in a report on the Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16) Master Plan Implementation Projects presented to Kadaltilla on 18 September 2025 ([Link 2](#)), a tree planting plan has been prepared, with approximately 500 trees to be planted between 2026 to 2031.
  - 6.1. Planting is scheduled to occur annually during the seasonal window of April to May, subject to the availability of tree stock and required CoA and / or volunteer resources.

- 6.2. The number of trees planted annually will be guided by the availability of suitable tree stock and the capacity of Administration and volunteers.
7. The planting of an additional 500 trees would increase the overall canopy within Victoria Park by 15.7 hectares achieving an overall canopy of 60 per cent (41.5 hectares) by ~2050.
8. Administration has been working with South Australian Motor Sport Board (SAMSB) to identify suitable planting locations, noting that existing event infrastructure constrains planting opportunities within the northern section of the park. The tree planting plan will need to be reviewed following the State Government's recent announcement regarding the Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix and the proposed track realignment within Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16).
9. It is noted that the current MotoGP proposal and associated works are expected to result in impacts to trees across a number of parks within the Adelaide Park Lands, including:
  - 9.1. Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka (Park 14)
  - 9.2. King Rodney Park / Ityamai-itpina (Park 15)
  - 9.3. Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16).
10. Administration will work with the SAMSB to understand the total impact consistent with the monitoring we are undertaking with tree loss and replanting commitments on the following State Government led projects:
  - 10.1. Adelaide Aquatic Centre
  - 10.2. New Women's and Children's Hospital and,
  - 10.3. North Adelaide Public Golf Course redevelopment.

**What opportunities exist for the local community to get more involved with the planting program?**

11. Administration works closely with the South East City Residents Association (SECRA), which in 2023 initiated the community-led 'Green Pakapakanthi' program to increase tree canopy within Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16).
12. Administration also partners with several schools to plant trees within the Adelaide Park Lands on various tree planting projects.
  - 12.1. In 2023, more than 120 secondary students from 11 Catholic schools planted approximately 1,500 native trees and plants in Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi (Park 16) as part of World Youth Day activities.
13. Administration met with SECRA on 27 February 2026 to discuss the upcoming 2026 planting program which includes four community planting programs:
  - 13.1. Expansion of the existing Miyawaki planting zone on the southern side of the existing planting zone adjacent to the wetlands.
  - 13.2. Establishment of a new threatened species recovery zone (*Austrostipa gibbosa*) and future seed bank.
  - 13.3. Additional tree planting at the eastern end of South Terrace.
  - 13.4. Establishment of a new native verge planting zone on South Terrace at the end of Vincent Street.
14. Information is available on the City of Adelaide website outlining how local community members can participate in tree and biodiversity planting ([Link 3](#)) across the Adelaide Park Lands.

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# Councillor Maher - QoN - Greening and Parking

Tuesday, 10 March 2026  
Council

**Council Member**  
Councillor Patrick Maher

Public

**Contact Officer:**  
Tom McCready, Director City Infrastructure

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

**Councillor Patrick Maher will ask the following Question on Notice:**

‘Noting that Councillors were provided with the following information regarding ‘the loss of [on-street] parks over the duration of the greening program’:

‘To date, (across the 2024/25 and 2025/26 financial years) there has been a loss of four on-street car parks. The loss of car parks has been a result of the rationalisation of car parking zones where no line marking was in place. This occurred in the following streets: Gawler Place, Ifould Street, Bewes Street and Logan Street. In these cases, trees have been incorporated into the parking zone with car spaces now line marked as per Australian Standards.’

Can the Administration please respond to the following questions:

1. As the zones were not individually marked to standard, it may have been possible to park, for example, 3 average cars in the zone, 4 small cars in the zone, or even 1 large truck in the same zone. If the zone was not rationalised, how did Administration determine how many parking spaces existed in the zone prior to rationalisation?
2. Would the rationalisation of these zones to mark individual spaces per Australian Standards have resulted in the same ‘loss’ of parking spaces regardless of the addition of any trees?’

## REPLY

1. To understand the impact of new street trees on car parking in unmarked car parking zones, an assessment was conducted on that zone by calculating how many minimum sized car parks, that complied with the Australian Standard, would fit without trees and then with trees.
2. For example, in Gawler Place where trees were integrated into an existing parking zone, the number of minimum car spaces was six without any trees being planted. With trees planted, the number of minimum sized car parks was reduced to five.
3. Using the example of Gawler Place and assuming no street trees were planted within the street, the formalisation of minimum sized car parks by introducing line marking to delineate individual car park spaces would not have resulted in a reduction of car parking in the street.

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## Councillor Davis - QoN - City of Adelaide Greening Strategy

Tuesday, 10 March 2026

**Council**

**Council Member**

Councillor Henry Davis

Public

**Contact Officer:**

Tom McCreedy, Director City Infrastructure

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

**Councillor Henry Davis will ask the following Question on Notice:**

1. What is the cost to deliver the proposed Greening Strategy per year?
2. Has this project been included in the Council's Long Term Financial Plan?
3. What is the council's current prudential borrowing limit for each year over the next 10 years
4. When will the council reach 95% of its prudential borrowing limit?

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## REPLY

1. On 17 February 2026 the 'Public Realm Greening Program – 5 Year Tree Planting Overview' was presented to the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee. The following information was outlined in the report:
  - 1.1. To date, the City of Adelaide has committed \$8,084,582 for the Program with \$3,297,582 spent in the 2024/25 financial year and \$4,787,000 allocated in the 2025/26 financial year.
  - 1.2. It is anticipated that an annual figure of approximately \$4,000,000 is required for the program to deliver 200 trees per year beyond the 2025/26 financial year.
2. The actual cost going forward will depend on various factors including intended scope, irrigation requirements, latent conditions and third-party services implications. The Administration believes that an average cost of around \$20,000 is possible when there is a mix of trees being planted with minimal works, such as in central medians without underground cells, and trees planted in locations requiring more significant work, such as in roads with underground cells.
3. It is more expensive to plant trees in roads with underground cells so these costs will need to be managed closely as more trees are planted only in roads with underground cells. Designs are being refined to provide a variety of options when trees are being planted in roads.
4. The resolution of Council on 24 February 2026, requested Administration prepare a revised 5-Year Green Infrastructure Plan which will involve the preparation of a detailed cost estimate to 2035 including water sensitive urban design (WSUD) interventions and operational costs/savings associated with ongoing maintenance.
5. This cost estimate will be presented to Council at the May 2026 meeting of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee.

6. There is an allocation of \$3.932 million in 2025/26 for the Greening Program within Council’s adopted 2025/26 to 2034/25 Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP).
7. Within the LTFP, there is an assumed forward commitment for New and Upgrade Projects of \$23.178 million, which is subject to a Business Case approved by Council.
8. The following table represents Council’s prudential borrowing limit as per the adopted LTFP:

\$'m	25-26	26-27	27-28	28-29	29-30	30-31	31-32	32-33	33-34	34-35
	152.9	186.2	190.9	195.6	200.5	205.5	210.7	215.9	221.3	226.9

9. At a CEO briefing held on 21 February 2026, a list of potential new capital projects was presented to Council Members which allocated the assumed forward commitment across 2026/27 to 2029/30 financial years. This scenario resulted in Council forecasting to reach 95% of its prudential borrowing limit in 2032/33. This was on the assumption that all other parameters within the adopted LTFP remain unchanged.
10. The current adopted LTFP forecasts borrowings to reach 80% of the prudential borrowing limit in 2032/33.

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## Councillor Davis – QoN - Light Square Master Plan

Tuesday, 10 March 2026  
Council

Council Member  
Councillor Davis

Public

**Contact Officer:**  
Ilia Houridis, Director City  
Shaping

## MOTION ON NOTICE

### Councillor Davis will ask the following Question on Notice:

1. 'When did the council begin considering the light square master plan?
2. How much money has been spent on the master plan to date?
3. As a high level cost estimate, I have been told it could cost in the range of 30Mil to deliver Master Plan Option 1, is that accurate or can the administration provide a better estimate?
4. Is the Master Plan progressing or has progressed halted? If it is progressing when will the masterplan be finalised?
5. Has any funding been allocated in the council's LTFP for the master plan for this project?'

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## REPLY

### When did the council begin considering the Light Square master plan?

1. Council approved \$75,000 for the development of a Master Plan for Light Square / Wauwi as part of the 2023/24 Annual Business Plan and Budget.
2. The first workshop on the draft Light Square / Wauwi Master Plan (draft Master Plan) was held at the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee on 2 April 2024, following presentation to the Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority on 28 March 2024.

### How much money has been spent on the master plan to date?

3. \$284,714 has been spent on the draft Master Plan. This investment has included Phase 1 and Phase 2 consultation activities, supporting assessments such as traffic assessments and this expenditure has occurred across 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26.
4. This expenditure was supported by a Council approval for \$250,000 in the 2024/25 City of Adelaide Annual Business Plan and Budget.

### As a high level cost estimate, I have been told it could cost in the range of 30Mil to deliver Master Plan Option 1, is that accurate or can the administration provide a better estimate?

5. As outlined in paragraph 10 below, Council's most recent decision on this proposal has a key check point, namely the assessment of the proposal's feasibility through consideration of a traffic impact assessment, with options related to total cost and approaches to stage delivery to be provided following the finalisation of the traffic impact assessments.
6. The outcomes of the traffic assessment and preliminary cost estimates will be brought to Council in Q4 of 2025/26. This report will include preliminary cost estimates, noting these would also be refined further subject to prioritisation of Council and progress through detailed and final design.
7. Options available to Council, consistent with any other capital proposals could include, not progressing further, progressing in stages, implementing specific elements only in line with future renewals, seeking grant

funding, progressing subject to successful grant funding or fully funding elements Council resolves to prioritise.

**Is the Master Plan progressing or has progressed halted? If it is progressing when will the masterplan be finalised?**

8. On 9 July 2024 Council requested Administration provide advice on how the Master Plan could be delivered through a staged approach prior to approving its release for public consultation.
9. Council endorsed the draft Master Plan for public consultation on 13 August 2024. Staging details were included in the draft Master Plan (refer pages 6 and 7) that progressed for a second phase of public consultation ([Link 1](#)). Phase 2 consultation findings were presented to Council on 11 February 2025.
10. On 25 February 2025, Council resolved the following:
  1. *Reiterates that the City of Adelaide's 2024/25 Annual Business Plan and Budget includes funding to complete the detailed design and cost estimates for priority elements in the draft Light Square/Wauwi Master Plan. These priority elements include a traffic impact assessment and a safety audit, to test the feasibility of the draft Master Plan options, before the next steps are determined.*
  2. *Notes the assessment will examine the impacts of the traffic proposals in Option 1 and Option 2 of the Master Plan, and the need for viable alternative transport solutions.*
  3. *Notes that future stages will be subject to community consultation to ensure that this important priority is fully addressed as the project progresses.*
11. In accordance with part 1 of the Council decision on 25 February 2025, the outcomes of the traffic and safety assessment will inform Council's determination of the next steps for the project. The outcomes of the traffic and safety assessment are scheduled to be presented to Council in Q4 of 2025/26.

**Has any funding been allocated in the council's LTFP for the master plan for this project?**

12. No funding has been allocated in the Lon Term Financial Plan for new and upgrade capital.
13. Any decision to invest in the implementation of any element of the current Master Plan would only occur once Council determines its priorities for the project. At that point, consistent with the recent approaches applied to Main Streets and other new and upgrade capital projects, allocations would be agreed and forecast into the budget and Long Term Financial Plan subject to the prioritisation and decision of Council.

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**Contact Officer:**  
Michael Sedgman, Chief Executive  
Officer

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

**Councillor Henry Davis will ask the following Question on Notice:**

- ‘1. How much money has been promised to the Hutt Street Main Street project by the State or Federal Governments?
2. Were there any deadlines associated with that money?
3. What steps is the administration taking in response to this?
4. When is the expected delivery date for the Hutt Street Main Street?
5. Since November 2022, what have been the expected completion dates adopted by council?
6. Why have those expected completion dates been delayed or extended?’

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## REPLY

1. These questions will be answered through advice to be included in the CEO Briefing of Council Members on the Main Streets Staging to be held on 12 March 2026.

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## Councillor Davis - QoN - Hindley Street MainStreet

Tuesday, 10 March 2026  
Council

**Council Member**  
Councillor Henry Davis

Public

**Contact Officer:**  
Michael Sedgman, Chief Executive Officer

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## QUESTION ON NOTICE

**Councillor Henry Davis will ask the following Question on Notice:**

1. What is the current status of the Hindley Street Upgrade?
2. What was the adopted delivery timeframe for Hindley Street?
3. If the project has been delayed, please explain why?

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## REPLY

1. These questions will be answered through advice to be included in the CEO Briefing of Council Members on the Main Streets Staging to be held on 12 March 2026.

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## Councillor Davis - QoN - Renewals Program

Tuesday, 10 March 2026  
Council

**Council Member**  
Councillor Henry Davis

Public

**Contact Officer:**  
Tom McCready, Director City  
Infrastructure

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

**Councillor Henry Davis will ask the following Question on Notice:**

These questions are in reference to slide 14 of the Capital Budget Workshop held on 21 February.

1. The Adopted budget put renewal cost at 74,918mil and the Revised AMPS are now valued at 72,717. Has council approved the variation to these AMPs?
2. What is the reason for the reduced spend across each category in the proposed Draft budget namely:
  - a. Buildings increasing from 10,680 to 13,541
  - b. Parklands and Open Space reducing from 2,934 to 1,578
  - c. Transport reducing from 29,670 to 23,569
  - d. Urban Elements reducing from 5,437 to 4,435
  - e. Water Infrastructure reducing from 10,587 to 7,653
3. If the council was to fund each underfunded category for renewals at 100% what would be the additional spend required to fulfil the Adopted AMP vs its current draft spend? I calculate it would require an additional
  - a. 74,000 for Lighting and Electrical
  - b. 1,356,000 for Parklands and Open Space
  - c. 6,011,000 for Transport
  - d. 1,002,000 for Urban Elements
  - e. 2,934,000 for Water InfrastructureBeing a total of 11,377,000 million or an increase in the total proposed Draft budget of 16.5%?
- 4) On what basis was the new proposed Draft Budget calculated?
- 5) Were staff asked to find savings in renewals to enable the council to fund its proposed LTFP?
- 6) In what year will Council reach 95% of its prudential borrowing limit according to its currently adopted LTFP?
- 7) If each category of renewals was funded at 100% of the adopted AMPs now and into the future when would council reach 95% of its prudential borrowing limit?
- 8) Why is the proposed Draft Budget different to the Revised AMPs?

# REPLY

1. At its meeting on 25 November 2025 Council resolved to adopt the 2025/26 to 2034/35 Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) which included the following recommendation:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. *Adopts the 2025 updates to the Asset Management Plans in Attachment A to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 18 November 2025.*
2. The variance between the proposed budget and the adopted Asset Management Plans (AMP) is due to:
  - 2.1. The revised AMP, endorsed by Council, provides commentary on the movements between the adopted AMP and the revised AMP.
  - 2.2. The revised AMP was adopted by Council through the 2025/26 - 2034/35 Long Term Financial Plan at a percentage of 94.5% of the Asset Renewal Funding Ratio for the 2026/27 Financial Year.
  - 2.3. The proposed renewal budgets consider the proposed retiming of the Main Streets Capital New and Upgrade funding, as the delivery of the two are linked.
  - 2.4. The AMPs and associated Renewal Program are reviewed on an annual basis based on current condition audit, risk and the delivery of upgrades to existing assets.
  - 2.5. There is a proposed increase in the building's renewal budget due to retiming of significant renewals such as the Adelaide Central Market Roof Renewal, retiming of the renewal contribution to the two Community Sports Building renewals in Golden Wattle Park /Mirnu Wirra (Park 21W) and Mary Lee Park (Park 27B), priority rehabilitation works required for Rundle and Gawler UPark. Additionally, the building's draft budget has been increased to make up for the shortfall in the other asset portfolios to balance out renewal expenditure across the life of the AMPs to smooth out delivery and funding requirements.
3. If 100% of its adopted AMP were funded in 2026/27, the Renewal Program would increase by \$6.093 million (or 8.1%), from the proposed draft renewal program of \$68.825 million to \$74.918 million.
4. The draft budget has been developed in line with the Asset Management Plans, addressing renewal priorities and re-timings of renewal funding aligned with Capital New and Upgrade projects.
5. No.
6. Per Council's adopted LTFP, borrowings are forecast to reach 80% of its prudential borrowing limit in 2032/33.
7. One of the financial principles adopted by Council within its LTFP is the use of borrowings to fund new and upgrade projects (including major projects) and *not* to fund operations, expenses or renewal projects. If Council resolves to fund 100% of its AMP from the 2026/27 financial year, it will need to consider increasing rates revenue, other revenue sources, or reduce operating expenditure.
8. The proposed Draft Budget varies from the revised AMP due to:
  - 8.1. The revised AMP was adopted by Council through the 2025/26 - 2034/35 Long Term Financial Plan at a percentage of 94.5% of the Asset Renewal Funding Ratio for the 2026/27 Financial Year.
  - 8.2. The proposed renewal budgets consider the proposed timing of the Main Streets Capital New and Upgrade funding as the delivery of the two are linked.
  - 8.3. The AMPs and associated Renewal Program are reviewed on an annual basis based on current condition audit, risk and the delivery of upgrades to existing assets.
  - 8.4. There is a proposed increase in the building's renewal budget due to retiming of significant renewals such as the Adelaide Central Market Roof Renewal, retiming of the renewal contribution to the two Community Sports building renewals in Golden Wattle Park /Mirnu Wirra (Park 21W) and Mary Lee Park (Park 27B), and priority rehabilitation works required for Rundle and Gawler UParks. Additionally, the buildings draft budget has been increased to make up for the shortfall in the other asset portfolios to balance out renewal expenditure across the life of the AMPs to smooth out delivery and funding requirements.

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## Councillor Couros - QoN - Freedom of Information – SAPOL Communications

Tuesday, 10 March 2026  
**Council**

**Council Member**  
Councillor Mary Couros

Public

**Contact Officer:**  
Anthony Spartalis, Chief Operating Officer

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

**Councillor Mary Couros will ask the following Question on Notice:**

'In light of recent public reporting that the City of Adelaide declined a Freedom of Information (FOI) request relating to communications between Council Administration and SA Police concerning an elected member, I seek clarification on the following matters:

1. Under which specific provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 1991 (SA) was access refused, and was the refusal full or partial?
  2. Was the exemption relied upon mandatory or discretionary?
  3. Was the determination made under delegation, and if so, by whom?
  4. Was legal advice obtained in relation to this determination? If so, on what date was that advice obtained and at what cost?
  5. Was a public interest test required under the exemption relied upon, and if so, what public interest factors were identified and how were they assessed?
  6. Can Administration confirm whether the correspondence from SA Police is related to matters arising in connection with the elected member's official capacity?
  7. What protocol or policy governs communications between Council Administration and SA Police where those communications concern elected members?
  8. Was the elected member advised that Council Administration had received correspondence from SA Police? If so:
    - a. On what date was notification provided?
    - b. In what form was the notification made (e.g. written correspondence or verbal briefing)?
  9. Was the elected member provided access to, or an opportunity to review, the relevant correspondence received from SA Police?
  10. Has the City of Adelaide ever received similar correspondence from law enforcement agencies concerning elected members in the past five years and if so how were those matters managed?
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# REPLY

1. Two applications for access were made by the same applicant.  
Access was refused in respect of both applications, in full, as the documents sought were exempt documents in accordance clause 6(2) of Schedule 1 to the *Freedom of Information Act 1991*.  
The first application was the subject of external review by the Ombudsman. The Ombudsman upheld the Council's decision, in full.  
The applicant for the second application remains entitled to an external review by the Ombudsman.
2. In accordance with Section 20(1)(a) of the *Freedom of Information Act 1991*, Council may refuse access to a document if it is an exempt document.
3. Section 14(1) of the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* requires applications for access to be dealt with on behalf of Council by an accredited FOI officer. The determination was made by Council's Chief Executive Officer, who is an accredited FOI officer for the purposes of the Act.
4. No.
5. No.
6. The Lord Mayor has determined that this question not be answered on the basis that it is improper in accordance with Regulation 9(6) of the *Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations 2013*.
7. No formal protocol or policy governs communications between Council Administration and SA Police.
8. The Lord Mayor has determined this question not be answered on the basis that it is improper in accordance with Regulation 9(6) of the *Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations 2013*.
9. The Lord Mayor has determined this question not be answered on the basis that it is improper in accordance with Regulation 9(6) of the *Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations 2013*.
10. The Lord Mayor has determined this question not be answered on the basis that it is vague in accordance with Regulation 9(6) of the *Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations 2013*.

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# Councillor Couros - QoN - Reporting of Freedom of Information requests

Tuesday, 10 March 2026  
Council

**Council Member**  
Councillor Mary Couros

Public

**Contact Officer:**  
Anthony Spartalis, Chief Operating Officer

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

**Councillor Mary Couros will ask the following Question on Notice:**

- ‘1. Are Elected Members provided with regular reporting of Freedom of Information requests received by the City of Adelaide?
2. If so, when was the last report sent to Elected Members and how frequently is this reporting provided? What level of detail is included ie number of requests, subject matter, categories, determinations, refusals etc
3. If Elected Members do not receive such reporting, what is the rationale for not providing governance-level oversight of FOI activity?’

## REPLY

1. Elected Members receive Freedom of Information reports through existing governance processes. Freedom of Information reporting is provided to the Strategic Risk and Internal Audit Committee and subsequently to the Audit and Risk Committee (ARC) in confidence. Confidential ARC reports are then made available to Council each month
2. See answer to question 1 above.
3. See answer to question 1 above.

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## Councillor Couros - QoN - 218-232 Flinders Street Acquisition Release of Documents

Tuesday, 10 March 2026

**Council**

**Council Member**

Councillor Mary Couros

Public

**Contact Officer:**

Anthony Spartalis, Chief Operating  
Officer

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

**Councillor Mary Couros will ask the following Question on Notice:**

1. Have all associated reports and minutes of decision been released from confidence, including the vote?

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## REPLY

1. All items released from confidence from 2018 onwards, either in full, or in part, are available for viewing on the City of Adelaide Website.
2. Not all documents, either in part or in full, with respect to the acquisition of 218-232 Flinders Street, Adelaide have been released from confidence.
3. Documents associated with the acquisition of 218-232 Flinders Street which are publicly available, are listed below:
  - 3.1. Partial release: Minutes – Council Meeting held 8 August 2023:
    - 3.1.1. Minute Item 32 – Item 19.1 – Strategic Property Matter [s90(3)(b),(d)] ([Link 1](#)), released on 21 September 2023.

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## Councillor Martin - QoN - State Government Trees

Tuesday, 10 March 2026  
Council

**Council Member**  
Councillor Martin

Public

**Contact Officer:**  
Iliia Houridis, Director City Shaping

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

**Councillor Martin will ask the following Question on Notice:**

Could the Administration advise;

1. The total number of trees lost or proposed to be lost from the City of Adelaide's tree canopy by State Government's removal of trees from the site of the new Women's and Children's Hospital, trees regarded as likely to be removed associated with the new Women's and Children's Hospital development, the proposed loss of trees from the redevelopment of the North Adelaide Golf Course and the proposed loss of trees from construction of the MotoGP track and any other known tree removals, and
2. How the total number of trees removed or proposed to be removed by the State Government compares with the number of trees planted and proposed to be planted in this term of Council through City of Adelaide programs to increase tree canopy cover?

## REPLY

1. In response to question 1 the following advice is provided:
  - 1.1. Administration is tracking the number of tree removals resulting from State Government projects in the Adelaide Park Lands.
  - 1.2. Based on information available to Administration, the total number of trees lost or proposed to be lost from the City of Adelaide's tree canopy as a result of the below State Government projects within the Adelaide Park Lands is currently estimated at 998 trees.
  - 1.3. A breakdown of tree removals as announced by the State Government and removals that Administration is aware of to date is provided in the table below.

Project	Announced	Removed to date
new Women's and Children's Hospital	365	357
North Adelaide Golf Course	585	0
MotoGP track	48	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>998</b>	<b>357</b>

2. It should be noted that the MotoGP numbers are preliminary and Administration anticipates that this number will increase once the final detailed planning and design has been undertaken.

3. The redevelopment of the Adelaide Aquatic Centre resulted in the removal of 325 trees, including 7 classified as significant and 15 as regulated.
  - 3.1. As part of the project, the State Government has planted 355 replacement trees, comprising a 3:1 replacement ratio for significant trees (21), a 2:1 ratio for regulated trees (30), and a 1:1 ratio for unregulated trees (303).
  - 3.2. The City of Adelaide is scheduled to plant a further 43 trees during the 2025/26 planting season (April to June), which are included in the total referenced in paragraph 3.1 below.
4. In response to question 2 the following advice is provided:
  - 4.1. The number of trees planted and proposed to be planted (street and Adelaide Park Lands trees) by the City of Adelaide in this term of Council through City of Adelaide programs is 2,542 trees.
    - 4.1.1. 1,703 trees in the Adelaide Park Lands and City Squares
    - 4.1.2. 839 trees in the urban realm
  - 4.2. A breakdown of trees planted and proposed per year is provided below.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Street Trees Proposed / Planted</b>	<b>Adelaide Park Lands Trees Proposed / Planted</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>2023/24</b>	34 planted	706 planted	740
<b>2024/25</b>	273 planted	809 planted	1,082
<b>2025/26</b>	243*	188 proposed**	431
<b>2026/27</b>	289 proposed**	TBC	289
<b>Total</b>	<b>839</b>	<b>1,703</b>	<b>2,542</b>

\* Subject to final designs and alignment with existing budget.

\*\* Additional tree planting was proposed in Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi but on hold pending further details of MotoGP track re-alignment.

\*\*\* Subject to final design and future budget.

Staff time in receiving and preparing this reply	To prepare this reply in response to the question on notice took approximately 6.5 hours.
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