

Councillor Davis - QoN - Council Member Allowances, Gifts and Benefits

Tuesday, 23 July 2024
Council

Council Member
Councillor Henry Davis

Public

Contact Officer:
Anthony Spartalis, Acting Chief
Operating Officer

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Henry Davis will ask the following Question on Notice:

'Could Administration advise

1. List the total value in respect of each Elected Member including the Lord Mayor of the following items for the period covering 1 July 2023 to 9 July 2024:
 - a. Their annual allowance/salary/income;
 - b. Payments to chair council committees;
 - c. Payments in connection with any council function or duty ie attendance at a subcommittee or other board which is in connection with the City;
 - d. The value of all gifts received - excluding gifts received on behalf of the City where the City retains possession of the gift;
 - e. The value of all events attended where the EM attended in their capacity as a Councillor which was paid for by the City or given free by the event organiser or otherwise;
 - f. All travel expenses claimed by the EM or paid for by the City;
 - g. All donations received and declared by the elected member in connection with their duties as an EM; Excluding benefits that were received by the Lord Mayor for her social media accounts or work performed by staff which supported her in her role as Lord Mayor?

REPLY

1. The annual allowances for Council Members are set out by the Remuneration Tribunal under section 76 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA)(the Act).
2. The information provided in this reply is for F/Y 2023/24. Some information for the new financial year (period 1 July 2024 to 9 July 2024) has not yet been processed and has therefore not been provided.
3. A summary of the Annual Allowance payments to Council Member for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 is below:

Council Member	Position	Amount
Dr Jane Lomax-Smith	Lord Mayor	\$203,201.26

Cr Snape	Deputy Lord Mayor 2024	\$37,365.21
Cr Abrahamzadeh		\$29,768.91
Cr Couros		\$29,768.91
Cr Davis		\$29,768.91
Cr Elliott		\$29,768.91
Cr Giles		\$29,768.91
Cr Hou		\$29,768.91
Cr Li		\$26,510.66*
Cr Martin	Deputy Lord Mayor 2023	\$37,059.64
Cr Noon		\$29,768.91
Cr Siebentritt		\$29,768.91

*An administrative error resulted in an overpayment during 2022/23, adjusted in 2023/24.

4. A summary of payments to Council Members elected as Committee Chairs for the period of 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 is below. These amounts factor in periods of leave taken.

Council Member	Committee	Dates of Payment	Amount
Cr Couros	IPW	01-07-23 – 30-01-2024	\$4,277.13
Cr Elliott	IPW	01-04-24 – Present	\$3,165.10
Cr Giles	CCSC	01-07-23 – Present	\$7,442.23
Cr Noon	CPDBA	01-07-23 – Present	\$7,442.23
Cr Siebentritt	CFG	01-07-23 – Present	\$10,720.21*

*An administrative error resulted in an underpayment during 2022/23, adjusted in 2023/24.

5. A summary of payments made to Council Members for representing Council on boards in connection with the City of Adelaide for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 is below:

Council Member	Board	Amount
LM Dr Jane Lomax-Smith	AEDA Board Sitting Fees	\$8,550.00
LM Dr Jane Lomax-Smith	Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority Sitting Fees	\$4,548.72
Cr Carmel Noon	ACMA Board Sitting Fees	\$15,450.00
DLM Cr Snape	Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority Board Sitting Fees	\$5,616.72
DLM Cr Snape	Council Assessment Panel Sitting Fees	\$4,400.00
Cr Davis	Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority Board Sitting Fees (proxy)	\$342.06

6. Under section 72A(2) of the Act, Council Members are required to declare any gifts or benefits received in their capacity as a Council Member, including hospitality, if the value is \$50 or more.
7. Under section 72A(4) of the Act, the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) must maintain a register of gifts and benefits. The register is published quarterly and is available on the City of Adelaide website.
8. A summary of the value of any gifts (excluding events) declared by Council Members for the period of 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 is below:

Council Member	Amount
LM Dr Jane Lomax-Smith	\$2,578.90
DLM Cr Snape	\$115.00
Cr Abrahamzadeh	\$115.00
Cr Couros	\$115.00

Cr Davis	\$115.00
Cr Elliott	\$115.00
Cr Giles	\$115.00
Cr Hou	\$115.00
Cr Li	\$115.00
Cr Martin (DLM 2023)	\$115.00
Cr Noon	\$115.00
Cr Siebentritt	\$160.00
All Councillors	\$0.00

9. A summary of the value of any events attended by Council Members in their capacity as a Council Member, be that funded in whole or part by the City of Adelaide and its subsidiaries or where tickets to an event have been gifted by external parties, for the period of 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 is below:

Council Member	Amount
LM Dr Jane Lomax-Smith	\$20,272.75
DLM Cr Snape	\$9,293.42
Cr Abrahamzadeh	\$8,728.00
Cr Couros	\$15,639.42
Cr Davis	\$2,621.00
Cr Elliott	\$2,494.00
Cr Giles	\$5,003.42
Cr Hou	\$0.00
Cr Li	\$1,505.36
Cr Martin (DLM 2023)	\$14,620.12
Cr Noon	\$8,436.00
Cr Siebentritt	\$1,710.00

10. A summary of the value of any local travel expenses incurred by Council Members, including reimbursements and cab charges allowable under the Council Member Allowances and Benefits Policy for the period of 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 is below:

Council Member	Amount
LM Dr Jane Lomax-Smith	\$5,469.16
DLM Cr Snape	\$0.00
Cr Abrahamzadeh	\$13.55
Cr Couros	\$0.00
Cr Davis	\$0.00
Cr Elliott	\$42.90
Cr Giles	\$29.82
Cr Hou	\$0.00
Cr Li	\$90.98
Cr Martin (DLM 2023)	\$177.63
Cr Noon	\$235.86
Cr Siebentritt	\$0.00

11. A summary of any interstate or international travel expenses incurred by Council Members for the period of 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 is below:

Council Member	Reason	Amount
LM Dr Jane Lomax-Smith	Airfares CCCLM Meeting	\$808.70
LM Dr Jane Lomax-Smith	Accommodation CCCLM Meeting	\$380.64
LM Dr Jane Lomax-Smith	Asia Pacific Summit and Mayors Forum	\$1,560.00
Cr Giles	Flights - ALGA National Conference	\$623.48
Cr Giles	Registration ALGA National Conference	\$1,140.77

12. No donations have been declared by Council Members for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.

Staff time in receiving and preparing this reply	To prepare this reply in response to the question on notice took approximately 5.5 hours.
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