

Councillor Couros - QoN - Percentage Increase and CPI comparison

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Council

Council Member
Councillor Mary Couros

Public

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QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Mary Couros will ask the following Question on Notice:

'Can the administration please advise:

1. What has been the percentage increase in council rates each year for the past three financial years, including the current business plan and budget out for consultation?
2. What is the cumulative percentage increase over the three years?
3. How does the council's rate increase compare to the CPI over the same period?'

REPLY

1. The percentage increase in Council rates for the past three financial yeas is shown in the table below.

Period	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Rate revenue increase (excluding growth)	1.9%	7.5%	5.9%
Growth from new properties	1.1%	1.0%	1.0%
Total	3.0%	8.5%	6.9%

1. As per the above table, 15.3% (not compounded) rate revenue increase, excluding growth.
2. The comparison in Council's rate increase compared to CPI is shown in the table below.

Period	2022-23 June 2023	2023-24 June 2024	2024-25 March 2025	TOTAL
CPI*	6.9%	4.5%	2.2%	13.6%
Council's rate	1.9%	7.5%	5.9%	15.3%

*Source: ABS

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