

# Councillor Davis - QoN - Questions on Notice in relation to agenda Item 20.1 of the 27<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Tuesday, 24 February 2026  
Council

**Council Member**  
Councillor Henry Davis

Public

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## QUESTION ON NOTICE

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

Lord Mayor social media output and use of Council resources

1. Since commencement of the current Council term, how many posts (including reels, videos and stories) have been published on the Lord Mayor's official Instagram account and on any other official social media accounts operated in her capacity as Lord Mayor.
2. For the posts identified in Question 1, please advise:
  - a. how many posts were video
  - b. how many videos were filmed within Adelaide Town Hall, including the Council Chamber, Colonel Light Room, Members' Room, offices, corridors, foyers, or other Council controlled areas
  - c. how many videos were filmed specifically in the Council Chamber
3. For the videos identified in Question 2, please advise for each category of location:
  - a. whether any Council employee assisted in filming, editing, captioning, uploading, or promoting the content
  - b. which positions or teams provided that assistance
  - c. the estimated total staff hours expended on those activities
  - d. whether any Council equipment was used, including phones, cameras, microphones, lighting, tripods, editing software, or Council IT systems
4. Please provide the total expenditure incurred by Council since commencement of the current term in relation to the Lord Mayor's social media content, including:
  - a. external contractors or consultants
  - b. subscriptions or software
  - c. advertising or boosted posts

Statements of "personal view" versus Council position

5. Since commencement of the current Council term, how many times has the Lord Mayor published content on social media expressing an opinion on a matter that was not, at the time of publication, the subject of a Council resolution.
6. For the instances identified in Question 5, how many times did the Lord Mayor expressly state words to the effect of:  
"this is my personal view" or "this is not the view of Council" and on which occasions has she said that in her instagram videos?

7. Since commencement of the current Council term, how many media appearances has the Lord Mayor made in her capacity as Lord Mayor, including radio, television, podcasts, print interviews, and online news interviews.
8. For the media appearances identified in Question 7, please advise:
  - a. how many involved the Lord Mayor expressing an opinion on a matter that was not, at the time of the appearance, the subject of a Council resolution
  - b. in how many of those instances did she expressly state words to the effect of “this is my personal view” or “this is not the view of Council”

#### Committee chair allowances and Deputy Lord Mayor allowance

9. Please provide a list of all Council Member committee chair positions established under the current committee structure and the annual allowance payable for each chair position.
10. For each Councillor who has held a committee chair position during the current Council term, please advise:
  - a. the committee chaired
  - b. the dates they held the chair position
  - c. the total allowance paid to date for that chair position
  - d. the projected total allowance payable to the end of the current term, assuming the Councillor remains in that chair position until the end of the term
11. For the Deputy Lord Mayor position during the current Council term, please advise:
  - a. the name of each Councillor who has held the position and the dates held
  - b. the additional allowance payable for the Deputy Lord Mayor role
  - c. the total additional allowance paid to date
  - d. the projected total additional allowance payable to the end of the term, assuming the Deputy Lord Mayor remains in the role until the end of the term

#### Interests, allowances, and participation in Item 20.1

12. For Agenda Item 20.1, please provide the names of Council Members who:
  - a. voted in favour
  - b. voted against
  - c. were absent
  - d. did not vote.
13. For each Council Member who voted in favour of Agenda Item 20.1, please state whether, as at the date of the vote, they held any of the following paid roles:
  - a. committee chair
  - b. Deputy Lord Mayor
  - c. any other position carrying an additional allowance.
14. For each Council Member identified in Question 13, please provide:
  - a. the role title
  - b. the committee or position
  - c. the annual allowance payable for that role
  - d. the total amount paid to that Council Member to date during the current term for that role
  - e. the projected total payable to the end of the term, assuming they remain in the role.
15. Please confirm whether any Council Member who voted on Agenda Item 20.1 declared:
  - a. a material conflict of interest
  - b. a perceived conflict of interestin relation to the decision.

16. Would it be true to characterise the video produced as being critical of payments made to the Chair or Chairs of the Council's Committees?
17. Please set out verbatim, without commentary, section 75 of the Local Government Act.
18. Please set out, without commentary, pursuant to section 74 when a perceived conflict of interest may arise in relation to a matter to be discussed at a meeting of council.

Timeframes

19. Was a report sent to Cr Davis on 26th September 2025 by the Lord Mayor's barrister?
20. What date is 7 business days from the 26th of September 2025?
21. When did Cr Davis submit a response to the email from the Lord Mayor's barrister?
22. When did the Lord Mayor become aware of Cr Davis's intention to run for the upper house of the state election?
23. Did the Lord Mayor receive the final report on or before 8th October 2025?
24. How many days are there between 8th October 2025 and the 27th of January 2026?
25. How much as this matter cost ratepayers to date?

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## REPLY

The Lord Mayor, as presiding member, has determined that the questions are, in their totality, improper and they are not to be answered in accordance with Regulation 9(6) of the *Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations 2013*.

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