

9.1 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE RECEIVED FROM CR ADAM MEYER**Document #:** 18/42150**Department:** Executive Services

The following questions on notice were received from Councillor Adam Meyer and have been included in the Agenda minus the preamble which has been excluded. The questions will be addressed at the Council meeting.

Please note the report has been included as a late item as the Agenda process was completed prior to receiving them.

Questions

1. Will the CEO restore the ability of Elected Members to view what activities and engagements, the CEO is performing on behalf of rate payers and assist Elected Members in monitoring his performance?
2. Can the CEO please advise rate payers what his current (or most recent non confidential) remuneration package is?
3. Has any YPC staff accessed the emails of any Elected Members, without the knowledge or permission of the Elected Members?

If so, is there a register of this access?

Is there an audit process to ensure that any access of Elected Members emails is authorised and lawful?

4. Why did the CEO introduce the Policy (PO 163), Elected Member Access to Information.

<https://yorke.sa.gov.au/content/uploads/PO163-Elected-Member-Access-to-Information-Policy.pdf>

Why do Elected Member's have to justify to the CEO, why access to the documents is required and/or cause a restriction of such access, when Section 61 of the Local Government Act, doesn't impose such restrictions or requirements?

How much did it cost (Staff salaries and any Legal fees) to produce this policy?

How does introducing a policy to restrict access of Council Documents to Elected Members, improve the ability for Elected Members to represent their community?

5. Can Staff please advise which roads will have their grading schedule reduced, to facilitate this change [in scheduled grading of North Coast Road] and how staff has informed these affected residents and road users?
6. Can the CEO please advise when the Mayor will answer the question, as accepted on notice, by the Mayor [April 2018 Council Meeting] at the time and by the Elected Body in the subsequently approved minutes?

Can the CEO confirm if the Mayor has received any advice from Council's legal representatives or had advice paid for on his behalf, in relation to how he performs his duties or his conduct towards staff or Elected Members?

7. How much does Yorke Peninsula Council pay for membership with the Local Government Association per year?

How much money or equivalent value donations, has YPC contributed to the LGA campaign in relation to opposing rate capping?

8. Can the CEO explain why he proposed a new procedure for handling Elected Member complaints, that didn't fit the template recommended by the LGA?
9. What benefits if any, does the Yorke Peninsula Council receive from membership of the LGA?
10. How much in Legal Fees (Advice/Policy) was authorised by the CEO during this elected term?

As a member of the LGA, could the YPC save money seeking legal advice from legal firms, by utilising the industry expertise of the LGA for advice?

11. Can the CEO please advise the financial cost to rate payers of the Black Point land revocation project, including but not limited to staff salaries, consultants and legal fees?

Has a copy of the result of the 270 Review been supplied to the applicant?

If not, does this meet the Council Policy and Local Government Act in relation to the Section 270 review process?

Has an internal review been conducted into why the staff project didn't proceed?

12. How much has been spent of the Corporate Credit Card for the CEO and the Mayor during this current Elected Member term?

Have all the expenses been for YPC work purposes?

13. Can the CEO please advise the total Fringe Benefits Tax paid by Council during this current Elected Member term?

14. Can the CEO please advise the savings (Fuel, services, km's, depreciation, changeover costs and FBT) that could be made, by requiring all staff with a Council supplied vehicle, to be based at the YPC Council office/building (Maitland/Minlaton/Yorketown/Warooka), closest to their residential address?

15. Has an independent investigation/Audit occurred into how the fraud [involving the theft of over \$200,000 by former staff member Karen Schulz] could occur undetected for around 4 years?

Have any policies been implemented to ensure this behaviour couldn't happen again?

16. Did the CEO conduct an investigation into the overspend of \$132,627, on a total budget of \$197,865 [for the Sturt Bay Road project]?

What caused the 40% variance from the initial budget and what protections have been put in place to reduce a repetition of the error?

17. Can the CEO please confirm if the bitumen contractors, [for the Clinton Road project] advised against sealing the affected section at the time [works were undertaken]?

As the project required grant funding, did YPC staff contact the relevant grant body, to request an extension of time, to complete the works in more favourable weather conditions?

What is the expected cost to fix the bitumen surface on this new road?

Who will be expected to pay for the remedial work required?