



City of **HOBART**

Memorandum: Lord Mayor
Deputy Lord Mayor
Elected Members

Response to Question Without Notice

ELECTED MEMBERS DEPUTISED TO COVER A LORD MAYOR INVITATION OR EVENT

Meeting: Finance and Governance Committee **Meeting date:** 18 February 2020

Raised by: Alderman Behrakis

Question:

Could the General Manager please advise the number and costs associated for Elected Members who were deputised to cover a Lord Mayoral invitation and/or event?

Could the General Manager also please provide details where no claim for transport was made?

Response:

Between November 2018 and October 2019, elected members were given the opportunity to deputise for the Lord Mayor and represent the Council on 113 occasions.

The costs associated with elected member attendance at these events was \$470.57.

It is difficult to accurately identify occasions and quantify costs where deputised elected members may have chosen not to claim transport costs. Whilst elected members are offered taxi vouchers when asked to deputise for predominantly local events, this offer is rarely taken up. In the alternative, elected members choose to seek reimbursement for transportation costs through the elected member reimbursement of expenses process, use their fuel entitlement or they personally absorb the cost.

As signatory to this report, I certify that, pursuant to Section 55(1) of the Local Government Act 1993, I hold no interest, as referred to in Section 49 of the Local Government Act 1993, in matters contained in this report.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Heath', written in a cursive style.

N D Heath
GENERAL MANAGER

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