



City of **HOBART**

**Memorandum:** Lord Mayor  
Deputy Lord Mayor  
Elected Members

## **Response to Question Without Notice**

### **RATES EXPENDITURE - SUBURB**

**Meeting:** Finance and Governance Committee

**Meeting date:** 19 January  
2021

**Raised by:** Alderman Sexton

#### **Question:**

Can the Council begin collecting rates generated per suburb comparable to Council expenditure per suburb?

#### **Response:**

While the City does have data on the quantum of rates levied on properties in each suburb, the Council does not have data on its expenditure in each suburb.

Attributing the value of the City's expenditure on individual programs, services and general works to a particular suburb, when most would have broad community benefit and couldn't be recorded as benefiting a particular location in the municipal area, would be resource intensive, time consuming and expensive for the City to undertake, particularly as the City's finance system doesn't record expenditure, including overheads, by location.

An exception to the above may be capital works conducted in a particular location.

*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. D. Heath', written in a cursive style.

N D Heath  
**GENERAL MANAGER**

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