



City of **HOBART**

Memorandum: Lord Mayor
Deputy Lord Mayor
Elected Members

Response to Question Without Notice

CODE OF CONDUCT COSTS

Meeting: Finance and Governance Committee **Meeting date:** 20 July 2021

Raised by: Councillor Dutta

Question:

Could the Director please advise how much it has cost the Council and rate payers in code of conduct expenses, itemised per elected member, since 2019?

Response:

Since the start of 2019 the following code of conduct complaints against City of Hobart elected members have been completed:

Isla MacGregor and Bronwyn Williams v Cr Ewin
Ald Briscoe and Tanya Denison v Cr Ewin
Brian Corr v Ald Behrakis and Ald Zucco
Brian Corr v Ald Zucco
Amanda Sue Markham v Cr Ewin
Jo Pinkiewicz and Jennie Herrera v Cr Ewin
Paul Daniels v Cr Ewin
Brian Corr v Ald Behrakis
Tanya Denison v Lord Mayor Cr Reynolds
Louise Elliot v Cr Ewin
Lord Mayor Cr Reynolds v Ald Behrakis
Louise Bloomfield v Cr Harvey

Of these, the following reimbursements for legal expenses have been provided in accordance with the Council's Elected Member Development and Support Policy:

Lord Mayor Cr Reynolds	\$9,307	
Ald Zucco	\$30,500	(noting that of this \$20,968.33 was reimbursed to Council by its insurer)
Cr Harvey	\$5,000	(noting that this represents the deductible paid on the Council's insurance policy and the final costs may be less than this amount)
Ald Behrakis	\$7,220	

In addition to the reimbursement of legal fees, the Council has incurred the following costs of the Code of Conduct Panel's determination of the various complaints:

Isla MacGregor and Bronwyn Williams v Cr Ewin	\$ 4042.42
Ald Briscoe and Tanya Denison v Cr Ewin	\$ 4,897.29
Brian Corr v Ald Behrakis and Ald Zucco	\$ 2,555.85
Brian Corr v Ald Zucco	\$10,282.25
Amanda Sue Markham v Cr Ewin	\$ 2,200.00
Paul Daniels v Cr Ewin	\$ 4,422.00
Brian Corr v Ald Behrakis	\$ 5,024.25
Tanya Denison v Lord Mayor Cr Reynolds	\$ 4,794.35
Louise Elliot v Cr Ewin	\$ 388.30

It should be noted that some of the complaints in the relevant period either incurred no cost or no invoice has yet been received at the time of writing.

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.



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**MANAGER LEGAL AND
GOVERNANCE**

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