

10.4. Provision of Expenses and Facilities to Councillors

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| ATTACHMENTS | 1. Councillor Expenses January to June 2023 [10.4.1 - 2 pages] |
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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to advise Council on the expenses and facilities provided to Councillors, in accordance with the Councillors Expenses and Facilities Policy.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- In the adopted Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy, there is a provision for a report to Council regarding expenses and facilities to councillors to be publicly tabled at a Council meeting every six months and published in full on Council's website.
- This is the first report being provided in accordance with that provision.
- The expenses and facilities provided to Councillors for the period 1 January to 30 June 2023 are summarised in the attached table.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT, in accordance with clause 16.2 of the Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy, the report be received.

Background

In the adopted Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy, there is a provision for a report to Council regarding expenses and facilities to councillors to be publicly tabled at a Council meeting every six months and published in full on Council's website. These reports will include expenditure and will be summarised by individual councillors and as a total for all councillors.

This is the first report being provided in accordance with the provision in the Policy.

Report

The expenses and facilities provided to Councillors for the period 1 January to 30 June 2023 are summarised in the attached table.

Consultation requirements

Community engagement is not required in respect of this report, however in adopting the revised Policy, consultation was undertaken in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Policy.

Financial/Resource Implications

The total expenses and facilities for all councillors in the January to June 2023 period was \$32,027.39

Legislation

Clause 16.2 of the Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy states that:

Detailed reports on the provision of expenses and facilities to councillors will be publicly tabled at a Council meeting every six months and published in full on Council's website. These reports will include expenditure summarised by individual councillor and as a total for all councillors.

The Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy is based on a template provided by the Office of Local Government, adopted in November 2022.

Councillor Expenses January to June 2023

| Expense or facility | Baker | Beregi | Bourke | Gibson | Lamb |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| General travel expenses | - | - | - | - | \$512.11 |
| Interstate, overseas and long distance intrastate travel expenses | - | - | - | - | - |
| Accommodation and meals | \$929.24 | \$1202.78 | \$1202.78 | \$788.66 | \$1202.78 |
| Professional development | \$6160 | - | - | - | \$175 |
| Conferences and seminars | \$1,070 | \$1,070 | \$1,070 | \$1,070 | \$2,608 |
| TOTAL | \$8,159.24 | \$2,272.78 | \$2,272.78 | \$1858.66 | \$4,497.89 |

| Expense or facility | Lepouris (elected Jan 2023) | Mutton | Santer | Spenceley | Welch |
|---|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|--------------|
| General travel expenses | \$21.30 | - | - | - | \$698.72 |
| Interstate, overseas and long distance intrastate travel expenses | - | - | - | - | - |
| Accommodation and meals | \$727.76 | - | \$1202.78 | - | \$1202.78 |
| Professional development | \$4424 | - | - | - | \$175.00 |
| Conferences and seminars | \$1,070 | - | \$1,070 | - | \$2,608 |
| TOTAL | \$6008.76 | | \$2,272.78 | | \$4,684.50 |