

Public Forum Question and Response

Question from: Mr Vincent De Luca

Meeting Date: 14 March 2006

Subject: Breach of Council's Procurement Guidelines

Question:

Expenditure by staff of Customer and Community Services contrary to Council procurement guidelines and the management of projects in and around John Fisher Park
I refer to my previous questions relating to these serious issues:

Could Council please advise the outcome of the investigation into these matters undertaken by the Internal Ombudsman John Warburton?

Response:

The General Manager advised that he had received a full report from the Internal Ombudsman who had made a number of findings and recommendations that would be undertaken.

The Administrator advised that he had also read the Internal Ombudsman's report and was satisfied that there had not been corrupt behaviour, staff involved had acted in ignorance of procurement guidelines and that actions were in place to address procurement issues including the secondment of a highly experienced Procurement Manager from the State Government.