

## **Public Forum Question and Response**

**Question from: Mr Vincent De Luca OAM**

**Meeting Date: 24 April 2007**

**Subject: Federal Government's Tough on Drugs Policy – education about Drug ICE**

### **Question:**

Asked the following three questions to the meeting.

1. Is Council aware of the Prime Minister, the Hon John Howard's comments on Sunday that a concerted effort by all governments and the community is required to combat Drug ICE?

### **Response:**

The Acting Director Community and Customer Services advised that Council is aware of the statement.

### **Question: 2.**

Is Council aware of the Prime Minister's announcement on Sunday of a new \$150 million drugs package to tackle Australia's ice epidemic and that the package includes a major boost to the Government's law enforcement efforts, further support for non-government rehabilitation services and money for drug education?

### **Response:**

The Acting Director Community and Customer Services advised that Council is aware of the Federal Government's "Tough on Drugs" three-pronged strategy for rehabilitation services, school and parent education programs and drug crime prevention. While there is not a local government role in this program, Council will offer assistance to community groups in accessing funds for education programs.