

Public Forum Question and Response

Subject: Determination of number of Councillors to constitute next Council

Question From: Mr Vincent De Luca OAM

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Question:

1) Amount of Councillors on next Council

a) Has Council accorded with section 224(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993* and determined the number of Councillors for the following term in office? If so, on what date what was that determination?

b) Does Council now have the power to determine that the amount of Councillors be increased to either 12 (the same number before a part of 'A' ward went to Pittwater) or 15 Councillors (the same number in the early 1980s)?

Response:

Answer:

The Administrator advised that a referendum had occurred in 2004 and that Councils are to determine the number of Councillors not less than 12 months before the next ordinary election. Warringah Council formally determined the number of Councillors for the term of office commencing September 2008 on 25 September 2007. The Department of Local Government have been advised of the numbers determined at that meeting namely 10 Councillors including a Mayor directly elected by all voters and 9 ward Councillors. This is consistent with the number of Councillors approved through a constitutional Referendum held on 27 March 2004.