

13 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Cr Langtree Coppin has given notice of the following questions:

1. Why was there no report on Plant, Town and Roadworks in the last Information Bulletin?
2. How much did the Komatsu Grader sell for?
3. How much and what brand was the new grader purchased for, without going through Council or the Plant Committee?
4. How many Light Vehicles sold and bought in the last 12 months and what was paid and sold for?

Response from Chief Executive Officer

1. *Why was there no report on Plant, Town and Roadworks in the last Information Bulletin?*

The infrastructure Services report was omitted from last month's Information Bulletin owing to relevant staff members being unwell and on sick leave. Details of the activities of November have been consolidated within this month's report in the Information Bulletin, which has been circulated to Councillors.

2. *How much did the Komatsu Grader sell for?*

\$141,000.

3. *How much and what brand was the new grader purchased for, without going through Council or the Plant Committee?*

A new CAT 140 Motor Grader was approved for purchase under delegated authority for \$440,900.86 (ex GST). The grader represented the best value for money with better delivery time, manufacturer's warranty and post sales service. The procurement was lawfully authorised by the Chief Executive Officer, and fell within his financial delegation set by Council at \$499,999 (ex GST). There was not a procedural requirement to seek the additional approval of Council or the Plant Committee. Large plant purchases will be referred to the Plant Committee going forward, with internal measures in place to ensure this occurs.

4. *How many Light Vehicles were sold and bought in the last 12 months and what was paid and sold for?*

Over the last 12 months, two light vehicles have been delivered, whilst 35 remain on order with delivery pipelines of between two months and two years for those on order. As a result of the lengthy timeframe for delivery, no light vehicles have been sold to date. It is anticipated that all light vehicles ordered in 2022/23 will be delivered this financial year.