

Item 15.3 Notice of Motion – Councillor David Brand – Recovery of Small Business

Question from Cr Simic

Do we have the resourcing level of expertise to answer point five of the amendment (below) regarding additional data reporting?

'Requests Officers to enhance reporting to Councillors on local economic conditions in the monthly CEO Report to Council. This should include estimation of changes in Gross Local Product (GLP), local employment levels, business confidence data and tenancy vacancy rates in key shopping areas monthly or as and when key data is updated and becomes available and also be informed through the economic scorecard being developed with other inner metropolitan Councils through IMAP. (Point 5 of the amendment).'

Response

Officers are assessing what meaningful economic activity data at a local level can be reported and at what frequency, including working with IMAP to develop relevant metrics. Where gaps are identified, officers will assess whether these gaps can be addressed within existing resources, or whether they require additional resources and /or procuring expert support from a third party. If additional funding is required, officers will present options to the new Council to consider as part of the quarterly budget review.

**Please note: answers to any questions in Public Question Time which were answered at the meeting are included in the minutes of that meeting.*