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Question Time

At the Ordinary Council meeting on 29 May, Cr Turver asked the questions set out below. A response was held over from the 10 July meeting.

Question: *How many questions has Councillor Gibson asked in this triennium?*

Answer: It is not practicable to provide the information from the commencement of the present triennium as comprehensive records of information requests by Councillors have only been maintained since July 2000. Also, this information does not cover any questions asked at meetings and which were answered at such meetings. Since July 2000, 83 separate requests (some involving several questions) have been recorded.

Question: *What staff time has this involved?*

Answer: The time logged for answering the 83 requests is 128 hours (this excludes requests, which at the time of writing had not been answered)

Question: *What has been the cost of staff time?*

Answer: \$8,828.80 of staff time has been recorded.

Question: *What have been the results in terms of changes in WRC policy if any?*

Answer: As this question relates to matters of opinion, it is considered that it is one on which Councillors should make their own judgement. Many of the questions asked concerned clarification or implementation of policy (i.e. process matters) rather than focussing on change of policy.