

Councillor Davis - QoN - Trade Union Event

Tuesday, 24 June 2025
Council

Council Member
Councillor Henry Davis

Public

Contact Officer:
Michael Sedgman, Chief Executive Officer

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Henry Davis will ask the following Question on Notice:

'What was the total cost to host the trade union event held by the Lord Mayor?'

Please include all associated costs, including in-kind contributions such as staff time, room hire, and any other resources used.

REPLY

1. The civic event took place on 4 June 2025 in the Queen Adelaide Room. The total cost of the event was \$5,860, which includes associated costs, out of an annual civic events budget of \$138,867.
2. The event was agreed to in response to a written request from the SDA (Shop, Distributive & allied Employees' Association) to celebrate the Association's 135th Anniversary.
3. The event was approved in recognition of the important role that retail workers play in the well-being of the city's service economy.
4. Further, this milestone for the SDA also shone a light on the Adelaide Town Hall's own role in supporting the union movement. That association began in 1871 with Mayor Judah Soloman, who chaired the SDA's precursor movement, the Early Closing Association, and former Lord Mayor Lewis Cohen once served as a union trustee. For many years, Adelaide Town Hall has been a place where Mayors have welcomed demonstrations in the name of a fairer, more just society.

Staff time in receiving and preparing this reply	To prepare this reply in response to the question on notice took approximately 4.5 hours.
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