

Councillor Noon - QoN - City-wide Safety Audit

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Council

Council Member
Councillor Carmel Noon

Public

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QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Carmel Noon will ask the following Question on Notice:

1. Has the City of Adelaide undertaken a city-wide safety and security audit in partnership with SAPOL?
2. If so:
 - a. When was this audit undertaken?
 - b. What were the key findings and outcomes at the time?
 - c. Were any recommendations implemented, and if so, what progress has been made?
3. If no city-wide audit has been undertaken, have precinct-specific audits occurred instead? If so, which precincts and why?
4. If no such audit has been undertaken, what planning or discussions have occurred with SAPOL about a future city-wide audit, including:
 - a. Public lighting (including adequacy, coverage, and maintenance schedules).
 - b. CCTV coverage and monitoring across the city and parklands.
 - c. Coordination with transport hubs, late-night trading areas, and high foot-traffic precincts.
5. Are there any Council-owned cameras in place for deterrence purposes that are not actively monitored or recorded, and if so:
 - a. What is the Council's position on notifying the public when they are being recorded and/or monitored.

REPLY

1. The City of Adelaide, with the support of SAPOL undertake precinct-specific audits and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) assessments in areas identified as having safety-related issues occurring on an ongoing basis.
2. These areas are identified in consultation with SAPOL in response to feedback from the community, businesses and other stakeholders, as well as the Administration in the performance of its regular functions such as via the customer centre, community safety officers, placemaking, and maintenance and operations teams.
3. These areas tend to be in locations near transport, late-night trading areas and high-foot traffic precincts.
4. Regular West End Late Night Safety Audits (Hindley Street and surrounding laneways) have been conducted since 2006.
 - 4.1. These audits provide a longitudinal comparison of the precinct and monitor late-night safety (midnight to 4 am) as the city's primary location for late night-time economy.

- 4.2. The audits are undertaken with SAPOL and other stakeholders including Consumer and Business Services which has responsibility for the State's liquor licensing functions.
5. Other safety assessments (CPTED) undertaken since 2023 include:
 - 5.1. Whitmore Square / Iparrityi
 - 5.2. Austin Place, Adelaide
 - 5.3. East End - Rundle Street – safety walk through with SAPOL and local stakeholders
 - 5.4. Pembroke School rowing club assessment with SAPOL and Pembroke School
 - 5.5. Hutt Street Library, Adelaide
 - 5.6. Bus Station – Grote Street laneway
 - 5.7. Cosmopolitan Arcade, Adelaide.
6. Adelaide Park Lands night-time safety audits were undertaken between February and August in 2019 and focussed on the Adelaide Park Lands Trail and areas that had the potential to be active at night. Additional assessments occurred in a supplementary 2021 Adelaide Park Lands Safety Audit.
7. In 2023/24, Project Night Light was delivered as a pilot project and gendered approach to safety in city venues. This project influenced reforms by the Government of South Australian to introduce mandatory training to protect and empower hospitality employees.
8. Administration meets with various community and other representatives to discuss matters of community safety including neighbourhood meetings and specific engagements such as the O'Connell Street Driver Behaviour Consultation in 2025 ([Link 1](#)).
9. A city-wide safety and security audit has not been undertaken in partnership with SAPOL, and a future city-wide audit is not in planning.
10. The City of Adelaide's city realm public lighting consists of both Council owned streetlights (approximately 70%) and SA Power Networks-owned streetlights (approximately 30%) infrastructure. The City of Adelaide's Trades and Facilities Services Team undertakes regular night inspections of the Public Lighting Infrastructure.
11. The City of Adelaide is currently transitioning to LED streetlights. In areas where low lighting levels are present, the assets are renewed with new LED lighting to comply with the current Australian lighting standards to align with the location's level of service/usage.
12. The City Safe CCTV network (CSN) is a partnership between the City of Adelaide and SAPOL. SAPOL funds, operates and monitors the CCTV system. The City of Adelaide manages and funds the ongoing maintenance, replacement and upgrading of the cameras and associated infrastructure.
13. The CSN's primary function is safety and the prevention of crimes against people; however, it is available to SAPOL to assist in other law enforcement, traffic management, and public realm activities.
14. The City of Adelaide does not have any CCTV cameras installed specifically for deterrent purposes that are not monitored or recorded.
15. Areas with CSN CCTV coverage are highlighted on the City of Adelaide website and on wayfinding signage without identifying the specific camera locations ([Link 2](#)).

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