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The metadata reported in the media only proves that one version of the City of Sydney FY 17/18 Annual Report was created and not modified since 2018.

That fact is not in contention.

The examples provided below demonstrate that different versions of the FY 17/18 Annual Report have been publicly available over the last several months on the City of Sydney website. Two of these remain online right now.

The Department of Environment and Energy has confirmed that the City of Sydney website was accessed on 9 September by Minister Taylor's office.

It is clear that the City of Sydney has had multiple versions of this document available online. For instance, the formatting of the word version and PDF version currently found online differ.

One of these documents, that was available on the City of Sydney website, appears to have been a draft that has subsequently been updated. It is this document that was quoted in the Minister's letter to the Lord Mayor.

The examples provided below demonstrate major differences of font, spacing, titles and numbers across the three documents and confirm there are significant version control issues within the City of Sydney for its FY 17/18 Annual Report.

The accusation of forgery, based on font, spacing and number changes is clearly wrong.

The FY 16/17 Annual Report (p.6) also clearly demonstrates that these inaccuracies are not caused by the PDF-making process as those two documents are exactly the same.

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Legislative requirement⁶

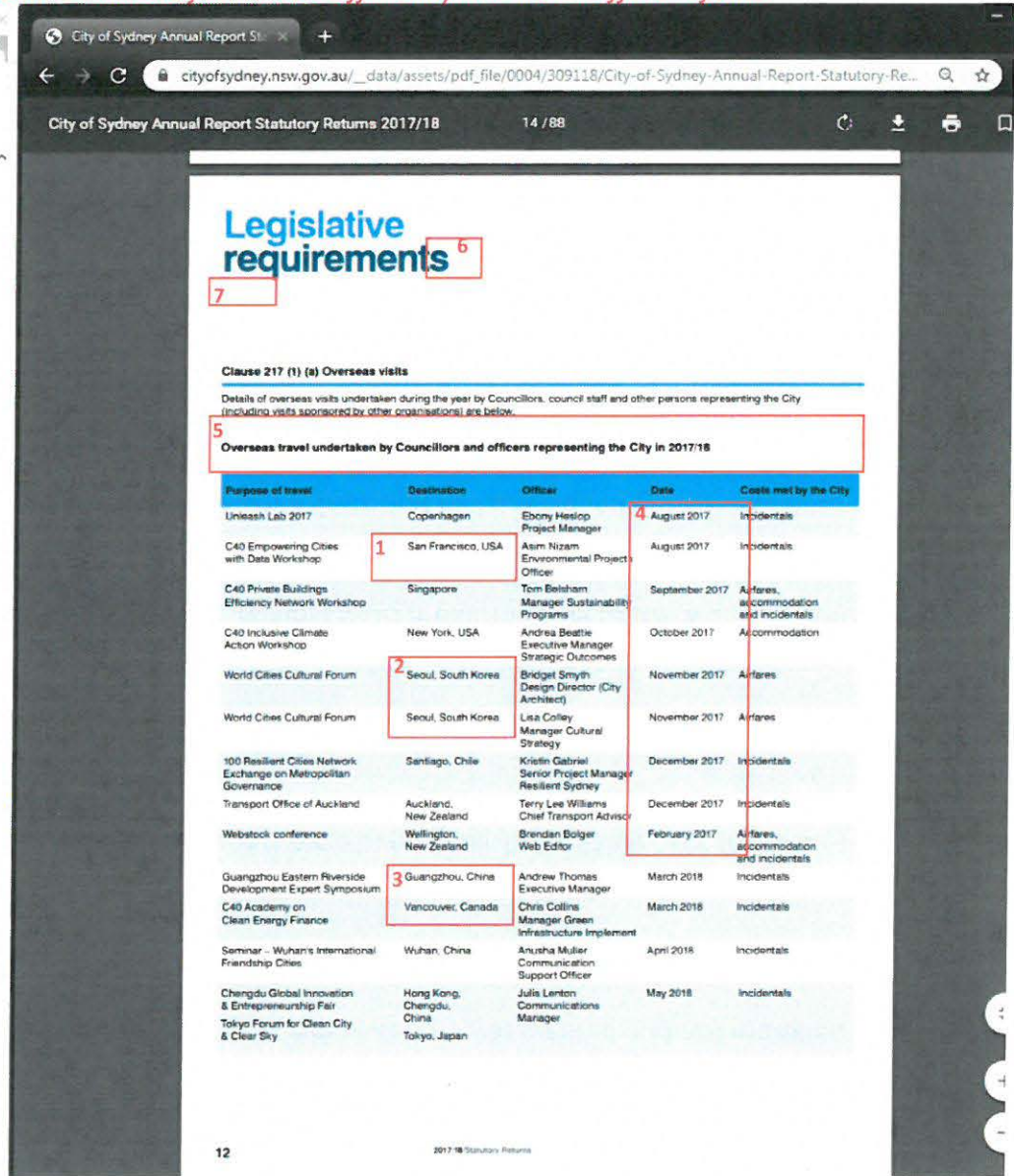
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Clause 217 (1) (a1) Payment of expenses and provision of facilities during the year

The City of Sydney has a Councillors' Expenses and Facilities Policy that governs the expenses paid and facilities provided to the Lord Mayor, Deputy Lord Mayor and Councillors in the discharge of their civic duties.

In 2017/2018, the cost of expenses incurred by and facilities provided to City Councillors was \$3,200,812.59. This includes domestic travel expenses such as accommodation and registration fees for seminars and conferences, as well as office administration such as postage, meals and refreshments. It also includes staff salaries and salary on-costs totalling \$3,200,617.

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In 2017/2018, the total amount paid for Councillors' fees and the Deputy Lord Mayor's fee (excluding the Lord Mayor's fee) was \$405,053.52.

Details of particular categories of expenditure are as follows:

- (i) The cost of the provision of dedicated office equipment allocated to Councillors on a personal basis was \$560.84.
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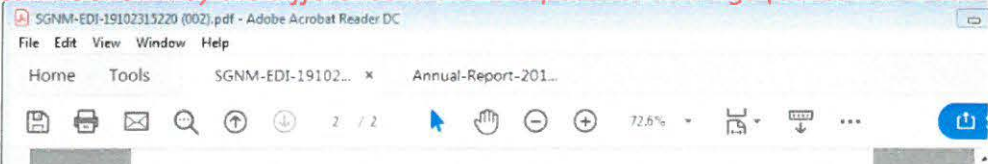
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