



New South Wales

Local Government (General) Amendment (Annual Reports) Regulation 2006

under the

Local Government Act 1993

Her Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has made the following Regulation under the *Local Government Act 1993*.

KERRY HICKEY, M.P.,
Minister for Local Government

Explanatory note

Section 428 of the *Local Government Act 1993* requires every council to prepare an annual report as to its achievements with respect to the objectives and performance targets set out in its management plan. Section 428 lists some of the matters that the annual report must contain and provides for the regulations to require further information.

The object of this Regulation is to require further information to be included in the annual report of a council. That information concerns the total cost of the payment of certain expenses of, and the provision of certain facilities to, mayors and other councillors in relation to their civic functions.

This Regulation also corrects a cross-reference in a provision concerning the election of mayors by councillors.

This Regulation is made under the *Local Government Act 1993*, including section 428 (2) (r) (which provides for the regulations to require further information in an annual report) and section 748 (the general regulation-making power).

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1 Name of Regulation

This Regulation is the *Local Government (General) Amendment (Annual Reports) Regulation 2006*.

2 Amendment of Local Government (General) Regulation 2005

The *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* is amended as set out in Schedule 1.

Schedule 1 Amendments

(Clause 2)

[1] Clause 217 Additional information for inclusion in annual report

Insert after clause 217 (1) (a):

- (a1) details of the total cost during the year of the payment of the expenses of, and the provision of facilities to, councillors in relation to their civic functions (as paid by the council, reimbursed to the councillor or reconciled with the councillor), including separate details on the total cost of each of the following:
 - (i) the provision during the year of dedicated office equipment allocated to councillors on a personal basis, such as laptop computers, mobile telephones and landline telephones and facsimile machines installed in councillors' homes (including equipment and line rental costs and internet access costs but not including call costs),
 - (ii) telephone calls made by councillors, including calls made from mobile telephones provided by the council and from landline telephones and facsimile services installed in councillors' homes,
 - (iii) the attendance of councillors at conferences and seminars,
 - (iv) the training of councillors and the provision of skill development for councillors,
 - (v) interstate visits undertaken during the year by councillors while representing the council, including the cost of transport, the cost of accommodation and other out-of-pocket travelling expenses,
 - (vi) overseas visits undertaken during the year by councillors while representing the council, including the cost of transport, the cost of accommodation and other out-of-pocket travelling expenses,

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- (vii) the expenses of any spouse, partner or other person who accompanied a councillor in the performance of his or her civic functions, being expenses payable in accordance with the *Guidelines for the payment of expenses and the provision of facilities for Mayors and Councillors for Local Councils in NSW* prepared by the Director-General from time to time,
- (viii) expenses involved in the provision of care for a child of, or an immediate family member of, a councillor, to allow the councillor to undertake his or her civic functions,

[2] Clause 217 (2A)

Insert after clause 217 (2):

- (2A) The obligation to include the information specified in subclause (1) (a1) does not apply to the annual report of a council for the year ending 30 June 2006.

[3] Schedule 7 Election of mayor by councillors

Omit “and (5)” from clause 5 (2). Insert instead “and (6)”.

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