COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS TO THE MAYOR

The Mayor ruled the question submitted by Councillor Lim out of order.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Report of Strathfield Traffic Committee Meeting held on 20 January 2009

58/09
RESOLVED: (Brett-Bowen/Kwon)

That the minutes of the Traffic Committee meeting of 20 January 2009 be noted and the recommendations (if any) be adopted.

Voting on this item was unanimous.

MOTIONS PURSUANT TO NOTICE

Notices of Motion signed by Councillor Brett-Bowen

1. COMFORT WOMEN

I MOVE:

THAT this Council:

(a) Acknowledges the suffering of the so called “Comfort Women” and the importance of restoring their human rights and dignity in marking International Women’s Day on 8 March 2009;

(b) Joins the Korean community of Ryde and Japanese councillors from City of Takarazuka, City of Kiyose and City of Sapporo in urging the Japanese government to:

   (i) Formally and unequivocally apologise to the victims,
   (ii) Take legal responsibility according to international law,
   (iii) Take historical responsibility by correct teaching of history.

(c) Calls on the Commonwealth Government to promptly pass a motion in parliament to the effect of (a) (i), (ii) and (iii).

RESOLVED: (Brett-Bowen/Kwon)

THAT this Council:

(a) Acknowledges the suffering of the so called "Comfort Women" and the importance of restoring their human rights and dignity in marking International Women's Day on 8 March 2009;

(b) Joins the world community and Japanese councillors from City of Takarazuka, City of Kiyose and City of Sapporo in urging the Japanese government to:
   (i) Formally and unequivocally apologise to the victims,
   (ii) Take legal responsibility according to international law,
   (iii) Take historical responsibility by correct teaching of history.

(c) Calls on the Commonwealth Government to promptly pass a motion in parliament to the effect of (b) (i), (ii) and (iii).

(d) Conveys recognition and support to Australian "Comfort Women" survivor Jan Ruff O'Herne in celebration of International Women's Day 2009.

Voting on this item was unanimous.

Notices of Motion signed by Councillor Barron

1. MOBILE PHONES

   I MOVE:

   THAT mobile phones owned by Councillors and the Public MUST be turned off as not to disturb the meeting.

   Anyone, and that includes Councillors, found using a mobile phone will be told to leave the meeting immediately and for the duration of the said meeting.

RESOLVED: (Barron/Carney)

That the Motion be adopted.

Voting on this item was unanimous.