



Inquiry into Appropriation Bill 2026–2027 and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2026–2027

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Mrs Deborah Morris

Addressed to: City Renewal Authority

In relation to: Contracts with Dionysus

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Mr Gillman took on notice the following question(s):

MS MORRIS: Thank you, Chair. In response to a question on notice, so QON number 1184, it was advised that the original contract was Dionysus, I hope I pronounced that right, was sitting at around \$4 million. And then has grown to around \$15 million, through a series of extensions and variations. Can you tell me what year was Dionysus first engaged by the CRA?

Mr Gillman: I do not know the year they were first engaged. But I should say that that increase in contract value is the result of a couple of things, including some options that were available in the contract to extend the term of the contract. But also an expansion in our events programming.

The vast bulk of the Dionysus contract is actually passed through expenses for events programming. For example, putting up the stage in Petrie Plaza to host Winter in the City. So those, they are staging contractors, that is what they do, and they get paid. And so the vast majority of Dionysus contract is actually those passed through contracts to pay for Circus Oz, et cetera. But Jen, you might have a little bit more specific.

MRS MORRIS: Yes, if you have that.

Ms Ramsay: So yes, I guess the only other to mention is that the – whilst they are listed as variations, they were options to extend, and they were included in the original procurement that we would plant o extent the contract.

MRS MORRIS: Okay, thank you. And if you could just come back on notice when they were first engaged?

Ms Ramsay: So February 2023, was when they were first engaged with this contract. They have been previously engaged under a different contract.

MRS MORRIS: Yes, that would be good if you could come back with that.

Ms Ramsay: Okay, yes.

MRS MORRIS: And also keen to know how many times that contract has been extended with them?

Ms Ramsay: This one, there has been four extensions.

MRS MORRIS: Four extensions, on the current contract?

Mr Gillman: Options.

Ms Ramsay: Options, yes.

MRS MORRIS: Okay. And on the previous one?

Ms Ramsay: I do not know that one.

MRS MORRIS: If you could take that one on notice, that would be great? Thank you.

Ms Ramsay: Yes.

Mr Gillman: Yes.

MRS MORRIS: After how many extensions does the City Renewal Authority consider it appropriate to retender the contract?

Mr Gillman: They are options that were predefined in the contract. So they will conclude and we will be approaching market in the next year.

Ms Ramsay: Yes. Yes, there is no further extensions there. So we are going back to market.

MRS MORRIS: No further extensions?

Mr Gillman: Yes, so there is no further options to extend. They will expire and we will go to market before that time—

MRS MORRIS: So when does that expire?

Ms Ramsay: I think it is before the end of this year. No, we have to go to market before the end of this year. It is sometime within the next 12 months.

Mr Gillman: But we can put that exact date—

Ms Ramsay: In the same—

MRS MORRIS: Yes, that would be good if you could come back on notice just with an exact date.

Mr Gillman: Yes.

MRS MORRIS: And could you also tell me what is the total value of contract that has been awarded to Dionysus?

Mr Gillman: Over both contracts?

MRS MORRIS: Yes.

Mr Gillman: We would have to take that on notice because we will have to add in the value of the previous one.

Ms Ramsay: Add it all up.

MRS MORRIS: Yes, okay. Great. Thank you, Chair.

Craig Gillman The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

Dionysus was first contracted by City Renewal 21 February 2019, contract number 31032.110. The total value of this contract was \$2,223,219.

City Renewal executed a second contract with Dionysus that commenced 1 July 2022, contract number CRA1087. The total value of this contract is \$14,038,046.90 and it comprises:

- \$4,425,087.97 for Dionysus resourcing over the five-year term of the contract (five years was the original term that was tendered including the options to extend).
- \$9,612,958.93 is a pass-through cost for Dionysus to pay suppliers to deliver the program of activity on behalf of City Renewal. This includes suppliers such as artists, performers, staging contractors and security providers for events including Winter in the City, Dickson Lunar New Year and La Fiesta.

Both contracts were the result of open public tender processes.

Contract 31032.110 was varied six times to execute options within the contract to increase the scale and number of activities delivered, and predefined options to extend the term.

The current contract, CRA1087, has been varied five times to execute options within the contract, to increase the scale and number of activities delivered, and predefined options to extend the term.

Significant variations for both contracts, including executing the predefined options to extend, were presented to the Government Procurement Board.

The term of the current contract CRA1087 expires 30 June 2027.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Craig Gillman', written on a white rectangular background.

Signature:

Date:11/08/2026

By the Chief Executive Officer, Craig Gillman