



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2009-2010

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Dear Minister

The Committee noted comments in *The Canberra Times* on Saturday 30 May 2009 relating to the planning process for the proposed car park at the Canberra Hospital, and the media release 'Canberra Hospital car park development applications called in for Ministerial decision' released by the Planning Minister on Friday 29 May 2009.

As you would be aware the Committee was very interested in the development of the car park and this was discussed with you, at length, at the public hearing on 19 May 2009. At no stage during evidence given by yourself or the Minister for Planning was the issue of a call-in raised. The Committee is particularly concerned that the timing of the announcement coincided with the conclusion of the Estimates period, and the resulting inability of the Committee to fully scrutinise the decision.

As a result of the additional information the Committee believe it is right to recall you for a further Estimates public hearing on a date to be determined, to discuss this process and provide the opportunity for you to answer the questions of the Committee.

If you require any further information please contact the Committee Secretary, Ms Grace Concannon on 62050129

Yours sincerely

Zed Seselja
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