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Review of Auditor-General's Report No. 3 of 2013:  
*ACT Government Parking Operations*

Responses to questions asked by the Committee from the Minister for Planning (September 2014)





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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**  
**19 August 2014**



Asked by MS BERRY:

In relation to:


**Park and Ride car parks in the ACT**

- a) How many park and ride spaces are there in the Territory (update to the figures cited in the audit report)?
- b) Details on number of park and ride permits issued (update to the figures cited in the audit report)?

MR GENTLEMAN: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

- a) There are 600 Park and Ride permit-enforced spaces in the Territory and approximately a further 500 spaces which are signposted as Park and Ride facilities but freely available to all users.
- b) There are 685 Valid Park and Ride Permits issued as at 21/08/2014.

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Asked by MS PORTER:

In relation to:

**Disabled car parks in the ACT**

What is the percentage of disability permits compared to the number of disabled parking spaces in the Territory?

MR GENTLEMAN: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The 2012 major centres parking survey examined the supply of parking in the city centre, town centres and other major employment centres including Deakin, Kingston, and the Parliamentary Triangle. This survey also contains broad assessments of private leases, although not all of these were accessible to the survey team. This survey counted 1229 disabled parking spaces on and off street across all sites. The survey excluded private residential developments, many of which will have significant numbers of disabled parking spaces.

Data provided by the Justice and Community Safety Directorate (JACS) recorded 16,822 mobility parking permits at the end of June 2014.

The ratio of mobility parking permits to disabled parking spaces at non-residential premises surveyed in the 2012 major centres parking survey is 13.69 permits per space.

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Asked by Mr Brendan Smyth MLA: Details of the previous case where Territory had made a revenue-related arrangement following a land sale (like Woden Tradies)? Was this Westfield?

In relation to:

Detail/clarification as to whether there have been any other (aside from Tradies and Westfield) revenue sharing arrangements following sale of land entered into by Parking Operations

Minister Gentleman: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

There was a similar agreement with Westfield Belconnen in 2009-10 financial year. The agreement was for the period July 2009 to April 2010.

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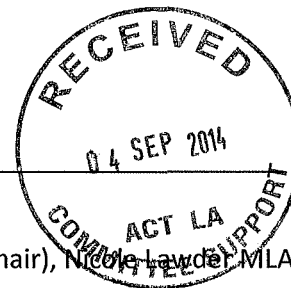




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Asked by Mr Brendan Smyth MLA:

- why were arrangements based on 'estimated revenue and car park use' and not 'actual revenue and car park use'?
- how much revenue was missed/forgone to the Territory because of the arrangements?
- why was the decision taken to enter into the arrangement with the Club?; and
- has any attempt been made to recover lost revenue?

In relation to:

Sections 4.32 – 4.34 of the AG's report (p65), why was the revenue foregone from Woden Tradies car park calculated in the way it was.

[Minister Gentleman]: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

- The arrangement was made based on historical data that indicated 100% occupancy at this car park. While the cash payments could be linked to the car park use, the prepaid tickets are in relation to zones, not individual car parks. A subsequent survey of the car park showed a high level of prepaid tickets being used.
- The Auditor General's report indicates a loss of revenue of approximately \$66,500; however it notes that the calculation did not include revenue from prepaid parking tickets. A subsequent survey of the car park showed a high level of prepaid tickets being used.
- The agreement was reached following discussions between officers from a number of directorates and the Woden Tradies Club. The Territory entered into the agreement because it sold a portion of an existing car park and, the infrastructure (for example, entry/exit and the parking machines) for the car park was not evenly distributed between the land sold and the land retained.
- The money paid to the Woden Tradies Club was in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract.

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Asked by Mr Brendan Smyth MLA:

In relation to:

A Legislative Assembly staff member being issued a parking Infringement Notice in the Legislative Assembly permit area resulting in suspension of the staff member's Driver Licence.

Mr Gentleman: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

I am advised that a Legislative Assembly staff member parked in the Legislative Assembly permit carpark on 28 February 2014.

A parking inspector patrolling the carpark was not able to see a Legislative Assembly parking permit attached to or in the vehicle. An Infringement notice was issued. Photos taken of the vehicle do not show evidence of a permit being in or on the vehicle.

On 21 March 2014 the motorist wrote to Parking Review seeking withdrawal of the Infringement. The Parking Review Office reviewed the matter and determined not to withdraw the Infringement Notice on the basis the motorist did not present any evidence to support that a temporary permit had been issued for or displayed on the vehicle. The motorist was advised of the decision in writing and explained their further review rights which stated that if they provided additional information, the matter may be further reviewed. The Parking Review Office received no further information from the motorist and as a result a reminder notice was issued on 19 May 2014. A courtesy letter was sent to the motorist on 3 July 2014 advising that their Driver Licence would be sanctioned on 30 July 2014. No correspondence was received by the motorist in this period. The motorist's Driver Licence was sanctioned on 31 July 2014 and a letter confirming that sanction was sent to the motorist on that date.

Mrs Dunne wrote to the Parking Review Office on 30 July 2014 providing some evidence that a temporary parking permit had been issued to the motorist in the form of a copy of part of the temporary permit register – indicating that a temporary permit was issued on 28 February 2014. Mrs Dunne's letter was received by Parking Review on 1 August 2014.

As a result of this correspondence, the matter was again reviewed. The Infringement Notice was withdrawn on 7 August 2014 and the suspension of the Driver Licence was lifted on the same date. A letter to that effect was sent to the motorist on the same day.

The Office of Regulatory Services, Parking Review responded to Mrs Dunne on 20 August 2014 thanking her for the information that she had been able to provide and that the matter had again been reviewed and the infringement notice withdrawn.

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