



STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

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**Inquiry into referred 2019–20 Annual and Financial Reports and Budget Estimates 2020-21**  
**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Asked by **MR CAIN** on 10 March 2021:

Ref: OLA Annual Report 2019-20, Members Car Parking

In relation to:

1. Is the new arrangement working effectively?
  - a. What emergency arrangements do you have for after-hours access in the event of a pass not working or other contingency?
2. Is the OLA charged for parking by the building owners?
  - a. If so, what is the cost?
  - b. To whom is it paid?
  - c. Was the contract based on a commercial rate of parking, comparative to other CBD parking?
3. What costs are involved in providing other car spaces in the new area?
4. Is it intended that arrangements will be made for charging outlets for MLA owned electric vehicles?
5. If so, who will be liable for the cost of the electricity?

**MADAM SPEAKER:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

1. Yes. The Office is unaware of any significant issues or concerns.
  - a.
    - In the event that a members' registration plate is not recognised on entry/exit, members have been issued with a swipe/access card that should release the boom gate.
    - Should that not release the boom gate, there is an intercom connected to the building services staff for that building who can assist.
    - Just outside and also within the members' car park enclosure – and within the members' car park lift lobby – there are press buttons that connect via intercom to the concierge/security staff in the main foyer if the roller shutter should not raise or if there are any other security or access concerns. These staff are currently on site on a 24 hour/7 day a week basis.
    - There is also a duress button in the members' car park that alerts the concierge security team.
    - If none of those issues resolve issues, members would contact the relevant OLA after hours facilities/security contact.

2. Yes – however the Office has not yet been invoiced for the cost nor notified of what that cost will be.
  - a. See previous response.
  - b. The Office understands it will be invoiced by the ACT Property Group.
  - c. The Office is not responsible for, and has no knowledge of, the contractual arrangements entered into by the Territory for car parking in the basement of the new City Office Block. The question may need to be directed to the Chief Minister whose agency includes the Government Accommodation Team.
3. There are no other costs the Office is aware of.
4. The new parking facility for members is situated in a privately owned building that is leased to the Territory – and the commercial leasing arrangement is coordinated by the Government Accommodation Team. Accordingly, any questions about the facilities available under the leasing arrangements – including about any intentions to install charging outlets for electric vehicles – would need to be directed to the Chief Minister whose agency includes the Government Accommodation Team.
5. See response to 4 above.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts

Signature:



By Joy Burch MLA, Speaker

Date:

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