

Response to question on notice

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Question No. 860

Ms Fiona Carrick MLA: To ask the Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development

In relation to the executive lease for the public carpark on Furneaux Street, Forrest (section 24, block 6),

- Does the Government receive revenue from parking in this car park; if not, who does; if so, what is the average revenue generated from this carpark over the last three financial years;
- What discussions has the Government had with the lessee of the Furneaux Street carpark about the use of the facility by guests of the new hotel under construction on Franklin Street, Griffith, given that the lessee of this block is understood to be the same or a related entity to the lessee of the new hotel, and the lessee of the hotel has indicated that the parking requirements for the hotel will be met using the Furneaux Street carpark; and
- Has any agreement been made between the Government and the lessee of the Furneaux Street carpark about the use of the facility by these hotel guests.

Chris Steel MLA - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

- The carpark located at Block 6 Section 24 Forrest is currently leased to the Territory for the purpose of a structured carpark and an art facility. There are five pay parking machines in situ in the Furneaux Street multi deck carpark. The revenue received from these pay parking machines goes into consolidated revenue. The average revenue generated from the pay parking machines, over the last three financial years, is outlined below:

Financial Year	\$ Total	Transactions
2023/2024	\$228,380.61	6,084,857
2024/2025	\$237,391.95	6,106,370
2025/2026 Current	\$141,873.43	3,493,835

- The subject carpark is leased to the Territory and is open to the public. As such, there is no separate lessee for the Government to have discussions with.

To meet the parking requirements for a development proposal, it is not uncommon for a development application (DA) to nominate parking spaces on the subject site, as well as identify

public parking capacity in the surrounding area. The DAs for the hotel currently under construction at Section 96 Griffith (DA-201833731 and DA-202038142) included supporting documentation relating to traffic and parking. The development relied upon a combination of 40 proposed on-site parking spaces, pick up and drop off spaces immediately to the front of the block, on-street parking and parking within surrounding developments, as well as further long stay spaces available in the existing multi-storey carpark (Block 6 Section 24).

The assessment of the DA, including consideration of advice from the then Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate, deemed that adequate parking for the development existed on the site and as public parking within the surrounding area.

- c) As the subject carpark is leased to the Territory and is open to the public, no agreement between the Government and the carpark lessee was required.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.



Chris Steel MLA
Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development

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