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RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**Questions on Notice Paper No 6****Friday, 9 May 2025****Question No. 382****MR EMERSON:** To ask the Minister for City and Government Services —

In relation to many constituents expressing safety concerns around the lack of parking at Downer Shops, which has led to increased traffic issues, and that the Downer Oval car park (from Melba Street) was recently gated due to misuse of the area, will the Government commit to permanently reopening the car park for public use, given the increasing safety risk caused by the large amounts of cars circling in search of parking spots around the shops.

Ms Tara Cheyne MLA – The answer to the Member's questions are as follows:

The unsealed carpark adjacent to Downer Playing Fields, off Melba Steet, has a section that remains open and accessible for public parking.

Approximately half of the carpark is gated and now has restricted access. The gate was recently closed due to ongoing illegal dumping near the sportsground hopper located within the carpark. The gated area is now reserved to ensure parking availability for sporting events at the Downer Playing Fields.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.**Tara Cheyne MLA****Minister for City and Government Services**

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