

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee  
—Budget Estimates Hearing—May 2015**

**Answers to Questions on Notice**

**Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services**

Topic: **Access to carparks**  
Question: **15**  
Hansard Reference **p 48, 57, 58; 25 May 2015**

**Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 10 July 2015**

**Senator GALLAGHER:** Just following on from the chair's line of questioning, do you think it is possible to provide the committee with a breakdown of the pass holders using the car parks?

**Ms Noordeloos:** Absolutely. We can provide that to you on notice.

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**Ms Noordeloos:** Sorry, if I may, earlier I said that the sponsored passholders did not have access. There are some who do, so what I will do is go and provide a list and a breakdown of the exact numbers for the committee.

**CHAIR:** So some sponsored passholders are more equal than others? How is that determined?

**Ms Noordeloos:** I will go and have a look at the numbers provided for you. It says 'sponsored' here on my list.

**CHAIR:** I am interested in the numbers, but I am also interested in why there is a special category of sponsored passholders.

**Ms Noordeloos:** I do not believe it is a special category. I would like to just go and confirm the numbers myself. I have a list here, but I will confirm it.

**CHAIR:** It must be if only some of them have access.

**Ms Noordeloos:** Sorry, that is probably my misspeaking. I have a list here that says sponsored passholders do. I need to go and clarify that for you.

**Senator WONG:** Can we get the numbers, but can we also get the why: what is the parameter which is applied?

**CHAIR:** It might explain why the car parks fill up so early.

**Ms Noordeloos:** Absolutely.

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**CHAIR:** This is people that have specifically been endorsed by members of parliament or senators as having business in the building, which is characterised as lobbyists in the main.

**Ms Noordeloos:** Yes.

**CHAIR:** Some of them, or maybe all of them, have access to parking—

**Ms Noordeloos:** They do indeed.

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**Senator WONG:** Who decides? I am figuring this is all on notice, right?

**CHAIR:** As soon as possible.

**Ms Noordeloos:** The 'who decides' element, I believe, is coming into the pass policy and the review of the policies that we are bringing to bear.

**Senator WONG:** No, I would like to know who has decided to date that a particular subset of sponsored passholders—there is the how many, the rationale or the definition, and also the decision-maker—get car parks.

**CHAIR:** To be fair—and I am not trying to let Ms Noordeloos off the hook—I do understand she is unaware whether it is a subset or it is all the sponsored passholders.

**Ms Noordeloos:** Yes.

**CHAIR:** So that is the clarification.

**Senator WONG:** Then that would be answered, wouldn't it?

**Ms Noordeloos:** Thank you very much, Chair. The other aspect is that some people do not request car park access or have no requirement for that as well. That is one of the reasons why it is a 'some' answer.

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**CHAIR:** Before we conclude, Ms Noordeloos, I will go back to my earlier question. If sponsored pass holders are eligible to access car parking, does that include all the car parks, including the ministerial wing?

**Ms Noordeloos:** I will certainly take that on notice and provide that in my answer to you.

**CHAIR:** Are they eligible to park in the Senate, and where, and so on?

**Ms Noordeloos:** We can give you a complete total breakdown of it.

**CHAIR:** Thank you very much.

**Mr Skill:** I think Senator Gallagher asked for the breakdown of the different categories and whether we kept stats et cetera. I have just been provided with a breakdown of the entrances into the various car parks last week by category. We will get one in colour so it is easier to read and we will provide that to the committee for you. That goes to each of the car parks as well around the precinct. It is quite a useful piece of information.

**Senator GALLAGHER:** Thank you very much.

## Answer

### Categories of passes with access to the razor blade car parks only

Category	Number of passes
Commonwealth Officer (Non-photographic)	1128
Commonwealth Officer (Photo)	1805
Sponsored	1497
<b>Total</b>	<b>4430</b>

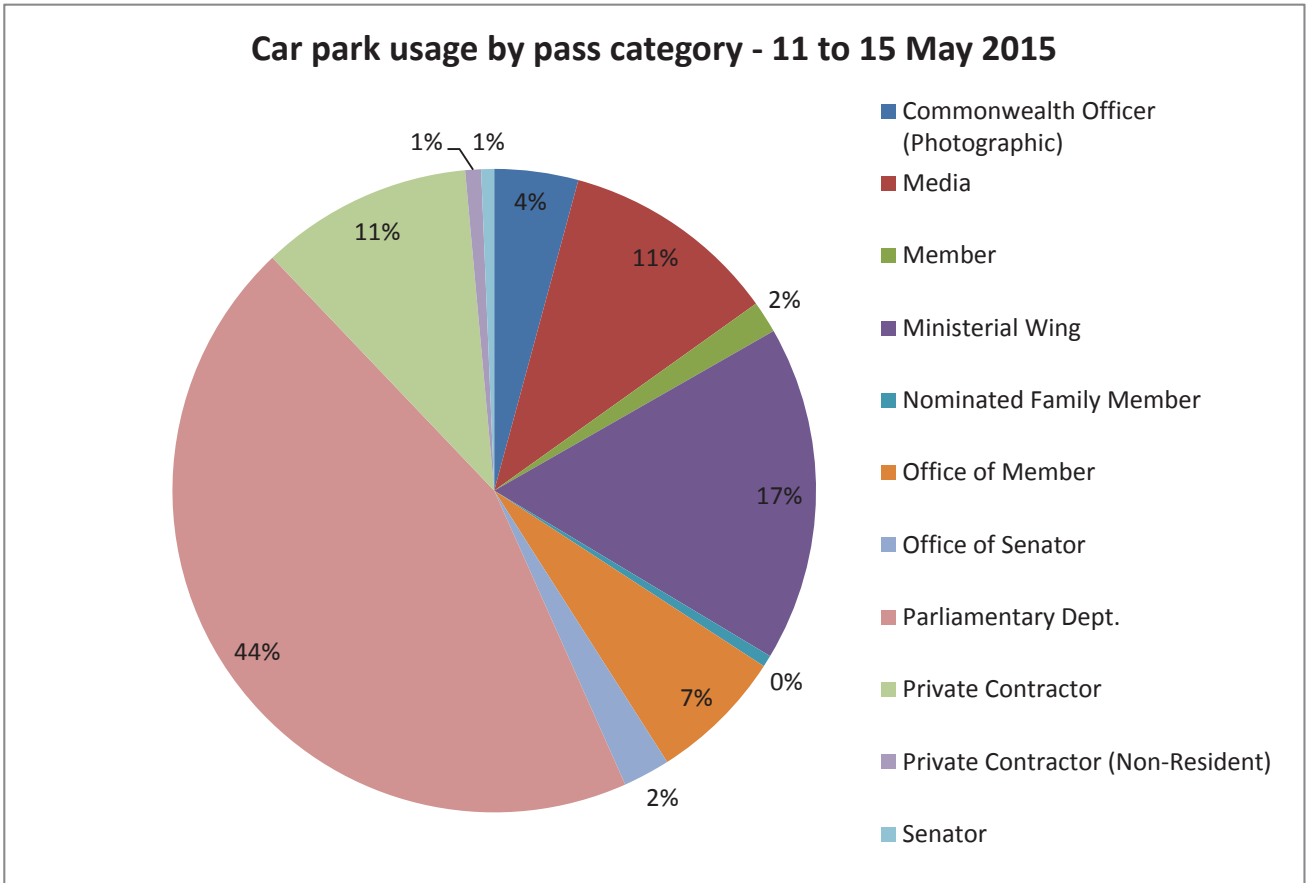
Note: As advised in response to question 14, one sponsored pass holder (the Chaplain) has access to the private car parks, as authorised by the Presiding Officers.

**Categories of passes with access to the private car parks and razor blade car parks (except the Ministerial Underground car park)**

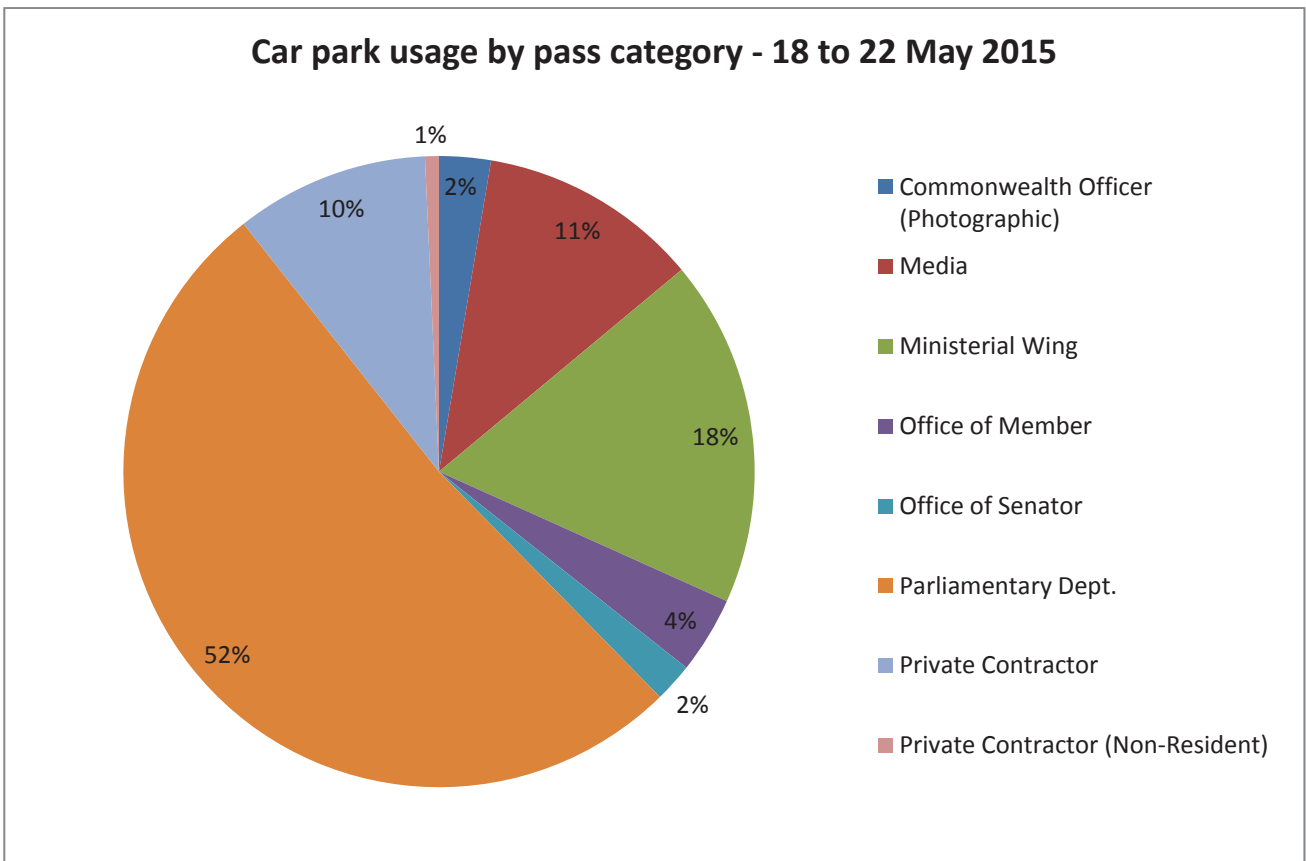
<b>Category of pass holder</b>	<b>Number of passes</b>
Commonwealth Officer (Non-photographic) <i>[Comcar only]</i>	79
Contractor (Resident)	555
Contractor (Non-Resident)	138
Diplomatic Corps	154
Media	457
Member	112
Ministerial Wing Staff	1023
Nominated Family Member	243
Office of Member	755
Office of Senator	401
Parliamentary Departments	1297
Political Party Secretariats	79
Senator	51
Sponsored	1
Temporary access	39
Volunteer (Senator or Member Office)	49
<b>Total</b>	<b>5433</b>

Note: Access to the Ministerial Wing Underground car park is controlled by the Special Minister of State

**Car park usage by category – 11 to 15 May 2015**



**Car park usage by category – 18 to 22 May 2015**



### Car park usage by category – 25 to 29 May 2015

