

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

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Car Parking**

Question: **46**

Written **Senator Wong**

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1. Please confirm the evidence given in answer to Senator Gallagher's BE QoN 15, that this means that all 1497 sponsored pass holders have access to the Ministerial Razor Blade car parks?
2. How many car parks are available in the Razor Blades?
3. The answer to BE QoN 15 states there are 1023 Ministerial Wing pass holders. Please confirm this excludes Ministerial Wing pass holders with access to the Ministerial Wing underground car park?
4. How Ministerial Wing pass holders with access to the Ministerial Wing underground car park are there?
5. For sponsored pass holders who have accessed the Ministerial Razor Blade Car Parks, please advise:
 - a. On average, how many have accessed the car park per sitting day, for the last six months?
 - b. On average, how many have accessed the car park per non-sitting day, for the last six months?

Answer

1. Yes the evidence provided is correct; all sponsored pass holders have access to the Ministerial Razor Blade car parks.
2. There are 212 car spaces in the Razor Blade car parks.
3. No. It is possible that a Ministerial pass holder could have access to both car parks if the relevant Minister nominates them for this access in line with the space allocation administered by the Department of Finance on behalf of the Special Minister of State.
4. 336 Ministerial Wing pass holders have access to the Ministerial Underground Car Park, this number includes the Australian Federal Police for access to their office accommodation and operational security. Access to the Ministerial Underground Car Park is managed by the Department of Finance on behalf of the Special Minister of State.
5. It is not possible to establish an average number of sponsored pass holders who accessed the car park each sitting day as this would involve assessing how many sponsored pass holders accessed the car park each day, however;
 - a. During the period May 2015 to October 2015, when there were 43 sitting days, 93 sponsored pass holders accessed the Razor Blade car parks.
 - b. During the period May 2015 to October 2015, when there were 141 non-sitting days, 30 sponsored pass holders accessed the Razor Blade car parks.