

**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: **49**

Written **Senator Wong**

**Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 4 December 2015**

Senate QoN 2092 indicated the total cost associated with the introduction of paid parking was \$590,838. In addition, the same answer indicated annual costs of \$132,000, including \$120,000 for security costs as indicated in BE QoN 18 and in Senate QoN 2092, plus preventative maintenance costs of a total of \$13,200 by the end of year five.

1. Noting the answer to Senate QoN 1992 indicated the revenue collected from 19 December 2014 to 24 March 2015 (a quarter) was \$63,522.90, can this figure be updated?
2. Based on a projected collection of approximately \$240,000 per annum (\$60,000 per quarter), taking into account the projected costs, at what point does the car park become revenue-positive, that is, at what point in time is revenue expected to exceed the installation and ongoing costs?
3. How would the installation costs, particularly the \$318,160 for boom gate supply and contractor costs, compare to the use of a pay and display system such as that employed by the National Capital Authority in the Parliamentary Triangle, noting that page 36 of the Grosvenor Options Paper notes capital costs for pay and display of less than \$10,000.
4. Noting the answer to BE QoN 24 indicates that 85 per cent of users stay for less than two hours, is the Department of Parliamentary Services aware of how many users leave during the free period and immediately re-enter?

**Answer**

1. The total revenue collected between 19 December 2014 and 30 June 2015 was \$161,046.45 (ex GST), with total revenue collected during the first quarter of 2015–16 (1 July 2015 – 30 September 2015) being \$82,151.83 ex GST.
2. Based on the revenue received and costs incurred since paid parking was introduced, DPS is now forecasting annual revenue of approximately \$320,000 per year and operating costs of approximately \$260,000. Incorporating the acquisition costs and excluding any future changes to parking fees and personnel costs, the public car park is expected to become revenue positive in 2023-24. Changes to the revenue or expense bases would potentially result in a different timeframe for becoming revenue positive.
3. DPS is not able to answer this question.
4. No, the parking system is not able to identify this information. DPS does not have the capacity to have officers stationed at the entrance to monitor car registrations to track this manually.