

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND RESOURCES

**TOPIC:** Disability standards access code – disability parking requirements

**REFERENCE:** Question on Notice (Hansard 28/05/07, Page E5)

**QUESTION No. B1 – 94**

**Senator CARR**—As I understand it, the present disability parking requirements were set in 1986 and require one per cent of spaces to be set aside for disability parking. Is that the case?

**Mr Donaldson**—I would have to confirm that.

**ANSWER:**

The Building Code of Australia (BCA) contains provisions that specify the number of accessible car parking spaces to be provided for different types of buildings and references the 1993 edition of Australian Standard AS 2890.1 for the specifications for these spaces.

The number of accessible car parking spaces required by the BCA varies depending on the use of the building that the car parking spaces are associated with. The ratio varies from 1 accessible car parking space per 50 car parking spaces provided (for example, in hospital outpatient areas and shopping centres), to 1 accessible car parking space per 100 car parking spaces provided (for example, in office buildings), with a reducing rate for some buildings where more than 1000 car parking spaces are provided.