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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

- a) In recent times, new traffic arrangements have been put in place in front of the CPO in Phillip Street, Sydney, including a new bus lane. Have any arrangements been made in relation to COMCAR collection and drop off points?
- b) Have any traffic infringements been incurred by COMCAR drivers for use of the bus lane through waiting for pickup of clients? If so, what arrangements have been made for payment of such infringement notices.
- c) Has consideration been given to organising alternative collection and drop off points in neighbouring streets to facilitate matters and avoid usage of the bus lane.

Answer:

- a) Yes. See answer to part c) regarding alternative collection and drop off points.
- b) COMCAR is not aware of any traffic infringements having been issued to COMCAR drivers for waiting in the bus lane.
- c) Yes. Alternative collection and drop points have been indentified. Outside the hours of 1000 and 1500, when the bus lanes are in force, drivers have been advised to drop passengers in the driveway of the CPO or in Phillip Lane close to the CPO main entrance. Drivers collecting passengers from the CPO advise the National Reservation Centre when they are in the vicinity of the CPO. When clients are ready to depart the drivers are advised and clients are collected from the driveway or Phillip Lane.

Active consideration is also currently being given to enabling COMCAR to access the underground car park at the Sydney CPO.