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### **Three-hour parking zones in the visitor underground car park**

1 Car parks at Parliament House are designated as either public (visitor) or restricted access. The public underground car park is intended for use by visitors to Parliament House. Passholders have access to the two restricted underground car parks near the Senate and House of Representatives and most of the spaces in the restricted car parks near the Ministerial Wing. Access to the underground car park near the Ministerial wing is limited to a smaller number of passholders.

2 It is common practice for the visitor car park (which has no access restrictions) to be used by passholders and possibly other people working in the Parliamentary triangle. Increasingly, members of the public are experiencing difficulties in accessing the Parliament as they are unable to obtain a car space in the visitor car park.

3 In addition to the frustration this causes for tourist and business visitors, it can lead to an unsafe situation where vehicles are parked outside of the designated bays, such as on kerbs and walkways.

4 Currently, the spaces available for general visitor parking have a three-hour limit. To date, this limit has not been enforced.

5 In order to ensure the visitor car park is used as originally intended, and to improve the overall safety of the car park, the three-hour zones will now be enforced by ACT Parking Operations.

6 Enforcement operations will commence from 1 December 2010. From this date, vehicles overstaying their three-hour limit between the hours of 8:00am and 4:00pm, Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays, may be issued with an infringement notice. The three-hour limit does not apply outside those times. The fines resulting from infringement notices will be collected and retained by the ACT Government.

7 DPS will continue to work in conjunction with the Departments of the Senate and House of Representatives to monitor and review arrangements in both the visitor and restricted car parks to ensure that these areas are being used in a safe manner and as intended.

8 General enquiries regarding the car parks at Parliament House should be directed to Murray Thompson, Acting Director Security, on 6277 4700 or [murray.thompson@aph.gov.au](mailto:murray.thompson@aph.gov.au).

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