

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee —Additional Estimates Hearing—February 2016

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Car park incidents**

Question: **184**

Written **Senator Bernardi**

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 1 April 2016

The 3 Dec 2015 answer to Question on Notice 23 (from the October 2015 Supplementary Estimates) stated that since January 2015 there were four instances of tailgating in car parks: three in the Senate private car park and one in the House of Representatives private car park.

1. Please provide the dates that each of these four incidents occurred.
2. Please provide a description of each incident.
3. Please provide an account of the action undertaken by PSS officers, the AFP or other DPS staff in response to each incident.
4. Please provide the dates on which DPS security management (Assistant Secretary Security Operations, Director of Security Operations) were informed of each of these incidents.

The same answer to Question on Notice 23 states that “In the same timeframe, we also recorded two incidents in the Senate car park where AFP responded to concerns about vehicles.”

5. Please provide the dates on which these two incidents occurred.
6. Please provide a description of each incident.
7. Please provide an account of the action undertaken by the AFP, PSS officers or other DPS staff in response to each incident.
8. Please provide the dates on which DPS security management (Assistant Secretary Security Operations, Director of Security Operations) were informed of each of these incidents.
9. Since 3 December 2015, have there been any security incidents relating to any Parliament House car parks? If so, please provide details (dates, incident descriptions).

Answer

1. A corrected statement of facts provided to the committee secretary has identified five tailgating related incidents following a review of all available information by current staff. The dates of the incidents are: 25 March 2015, 5 May 2015, 28 July 2015, 30 September 2015 and 16 October 2015.
2. Each of the incidents involving tailgating into private parking areas of the building were detected and dealt with appropriately by the PSS. No further details about the circumstances of each incident will be provided as it may compromise security operations.
3. The AFP and PSS conducted preliminary investigations and assessments of each incident to determine the facts and undertook appropriate measures to resolve. DPS Security Management briefed DPS senior management of the incidents (verbal/email/sms). AFP brief representatives from the offices of the SAA and UBR either as a time critical security notification for significant incidents (verbal/email) or as part of standard weekly security briefing of incidents. Management of the private car parks is the responsibility of DPS and some incidents that occur within the parliamentary precincts are of a minor nature and are not necessarily reported to the SAA and UBR.
4. DPS Security Management were advised on the date of each incident of their occurrence.
5. 10 February 2015 and 10 June 2015.

6. The incidents involved one occasion of an unattended item and one occasion of a power cord that was draped across the central driveway which was being used to charge a hybrid vehicle.
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8. DPS Security Management were advised on the date of each incident of their occurrence.
9. For the period 3 December 2015 to 31 January 2016, there has been one incident of an unattended vehicle that was left with the engine running in the public carpark.