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**Topic:** SES car parking  
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**Mr Bowen:** If I could just try to be helpful, the employment contracts for the senior executive, and I think for myself, are silent on that matter of car parks. When I was initially appointed and was charged with setting up the PBO, I did have discussions with the relevant department – I think it would have been the Senate at that time – about obtaining car parks, one for me and one for each of the SES in the PBO. That happened back in 2012. I seem to recall that the parking policy that the presiding officers signed off on last year endorsed that position, but for details I would have to check.

**Senator LUDWIG:** I am happy for you to take it on notice, because car parks do have a value attached. I am surprised that it is not in the employment contract that there are no separate arrangements in writing. I presume it is not in writing and it is just an agreement to provide the car parks.

**Mr Bowen:** As far as I recall, yes, that is right.

**Senator LUDWIG:** Perhaps we could examine that and check to see whether those arrangements have now been formalised in any way by writing to establish that the seven SES have car parks available to them.

**Mr Bowen:** We will be happy to give you the background to it and the current position.

### Answer

The employment contracts of the Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) senior executives are silent in regard to car parks.

The President of the Senate formalised the reserved spaces for the Parliamentary Budget Office on 25 June 2015, specifying that the Parliamentary Budget Officer has an allocated space in the Senators Only car park and that there are six reserved spaces in the general Senate car park for the PBO. These six spaces are allocated by the Parliamentary Budget Officer to the PBO senior executive staff.