

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2015-16

Finance Portfolio
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Department/Agency: Department of Finance
Outcome/Program: General
Topic: Parking – ballots for reserved car parking spaces

Senator: Gallagher
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Question:

In reference to reports in The Canberra Times that “Reserved car spaces for public servants in Canberra's Parliamentary Triangle are so precious they are being raffled.”

<http://www.canberratimes.com.au/national/public-service/car-parks-free-for-industry-department-public-servants-20150621-ghs9ws>

1. Can the Department confirm whether or not ballots for reserved car spaces have taken place, or are planned to take place?
2. How do the ballots work?
3. Are all employees eligible? If not what level of employee is deemed eligible?
4. What about part time workers; are they eligible and is there a discount for their shorter hours?
5. How often will the ballots take place?
6. What plans are being put in place to get feedback from staff on transitional issues arising from the new arrangements?

Answer:

1. The Department of Finance does not reserve car spaces for staff within the Parliamentary Triangle.
2. – 5. Not applicable.
6. The approach to making car parking available in the new building at One Canberra Avenue is currently under consideration. The department will consult staff in developing these arrangements.