

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee —Additional Budget Estimates Hearing—February 2011

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary Portfolio, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: Car parking pressures at APH

Question: 12

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Senator FAULKNER—Do you know what this has meant in terms of the revenue raised by the ACT parking authorities?

Mr Thompson—It was well signposted but my understanding is that there was initial blip. Because most people understand that it is being enforced, it has settled down and it is now very modest. There is now an understanding that if you park there beyond three hours you will be booked.

Senator FAULKNER—Can you tell us what the initial blip was, or do you need to take that on notice?

Mr Thompson—No, we would have to take that on notice.

Senator FAULKNER—I would appreciate that, and I would appreciate having the current figures if you can provide them to us.

Answer

1 During the first week of the new arrangements in the Forecourt public car park, ACT Government Parking Operations staff placed warning notices on cars rather than infringement notices. Temporary signs were also placed at the entrance to the car park to inform people of the changed arrangements. Once it was evident that regular users of the car park were aware of the new arrangements, the temporary signs were removed.

2 All revenue arising from parking infringement notices issued in the Forecourt public car park are collected by and retained by the ACT Government. DPS does not receive information from the ACT Government regarding how many infringement notices are issued as a result of enforcement activities in the Forecourt public car park.