

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Lambley to the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics:

State Square Underground Carpark, Darwin CBD

1. What data was used to make the decision to build a \$32m underground carpark in State Square, Darwin?
2. What evidence is there to suggest that an additional 450 car parking spaces is needed in that part of the Darwin CBD, primarily frequented by Public Servants?
3. What modelling has been done to support the need for a \$32m underground carpark in State Square?
4. Who will use the carpark?
5. Based on your modelling, what percentage of users will be NT Public Servants?
6. Based on your modelling, what percentage of users will be Ministerial staff?
7. What business model will be used to pay for the construction and ongoing maintenance and operations of the State Square Underground Carpark?
8. What is the breakdown of the estimated \$32m cost of constructing this carpark?
9. Why is "heat mitigation" a priority for the NT Government?
10. Territorians live in the hottest parts of Australia, how is a \$32m underground carpark in State Square going to impact on the lives of Territorians?
11. What other "heat mitigation" initiatives is the NT Government embarking on in Alice Springs, Katherine, Tenant Creek and Nhulunbuy?
12. Given the site for the car park is approximately 5500 square metres and three stories deep, how long will it take to excavate the soil?
13. Which street will the trucks involved in the excavation of the site, exit the site, Herbert Street or Bennett Street?

14. Is it intended that the excavation will be done on a 24 hour basis?
 15. Given the number of trucks that will be required to remove the soil, will this operation be run at night or during day light hours?
 16. Given the project will take 15 months to complete, how long will it take to re landscape the area?
 17. Is the landscaping work included in the \$33 million? If not included, how much will the job to landscape take and is that budgeted for and where will the money come from?
 18. Given the rear car park is in the Parliamentary precinct, has the speaker approved any use of this area as part of the project?
 19. How long will it take to construct this carpark?
 20. How many trees will be destroyed in order to build this State Square Underground Carpark?
 21. Will people be charged to use the State Square Underground Carpark? If so, how much?
 22. How will this \$32m State Square Underground Carpark bring people back to the Darwin CBD?
 23. What community consultation was done in developing the concept for the State Square Underground Carpark? Please give details of all community consultation undertaken in the planning of this project?
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