

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr. Higgins to the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics

Underground Car Park- Operating Model

- 1. What is the operating model for the underground car park in the State Square precinct?**

The operating model will be finished prior to the car park construction becoming completed.

- 2. If there is no operating model at the current time, why not?**

See response to Question 1.

- 3. Was a cost benefit analysis done for the underground car park investment? If not, why not?**

This decision to construct the State Square was made based on research and evidence about heat generation and how it carries through the CBD.

The University of New South Wales (UNSW) heat study identified that the car parks located at the Supreme Court and around State Square contribute significantly to the urban heat island effect in Darwin CBD.

A detailed mitigation scenario was developed by the report authors for the zone around State Square which involved the removal of the Chan building, the replacement of all car parks in State Square by urban greenery and replacement of existing asphalt and concrete pavements in State Square green area by cool pavements.

- 4. When will an operational model be made public? If not, why not?**

See response to Question 1.

- 5. Will the contract to manage the car park be put out to tender? If not, why not?**

See response to Question 1.

- 6. If the answer to question 5 is yes, will that tender be open, closed, or select?**

Not applicable.

- 7. What is the anticipated return on investment on the underground car park in year one, year ten and over its lifecycle?**

This will be determined as part of the operating model.

- 8. Was any financial modelling done on the underground car park project? If not why not?**

See response to Question 3.

- 9. How many public employees will be allocated free parking?**

It is intended that the car park will be a mixed use of private and public parking, noting that the underground car park is replacing a number of existing allocated car parks including the jurors' car park at the Supreme Court and the Parliament House staff car park. Once an operating model is established, agencies will be consulted with regard to their parking arrangements and any associated costs.

- 10. How many parking bays will be allocated for the public and what will be the cost to park?**

See answer to Question 9.

- 11. When will the car park be completed?**

Construction of the underground carpark is programmed for completion in October 2019.