

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Lambley to the Minister for Health:

Car Parking at the Alice Springs Hospital

1. Is car parking currently monitored or policed at the Alice Springs Hospital?

Car parking is monitored by contracted security guards under the direction of the Alice Springs Hospital (ASH) Emergency and Security Manager.

2. If people park in a disabled car park and do not have a Disability Parking permit, what happens?

ASH is taking an educative approach to encourage people to park appropriately.

A letter is placed on the windscreen of the car advising the driver the car park is a designated disability car park.

3. What are the repercussions for people who park illegally within the Alice Springs Hospital precinct?

ASH is taking an educative approach to encourage people to park appropriately. ASH has installed new signage to clearly depict available car parks for both public and staff.

For cars identified to be parked incorrectly, a letter will be placed on the windscreen of advising them of available car parking, along with a flyer outlining car parking options (inclusive of a site map).

4. Is anyone employed by the Alice Springs Hospital to monitor or check car parking, to ensure that people are not parking illegally in the Hospital car park?

See Question 1.

5. How many designated “disabled car parks” are there within the Alice Springs Hospital precinct?

There are 24 disabled car parks located on the ASH campus.

6. Is a map of the current car parking at the Alice Springs Hospital available?

Yes. A map of the car parks has been made available to staff through a site wide email, posters and flyers. The map is available to the public and published in The Advocate (advertisement and inserts) and posters throughout the community.

7. Exactly where are the designated “disabled car parks” located within the Alice Springs Hospital precinct?

The disabled car parks are across the campus including four disabled car parks located in the drop off/pick up zone, two in the Gap Road car park, six in the Traeger car park, one in the Palliative Care Facility car park, three in the Liebig car park, one in the Administration car park, two in the OLSH car park, one in the Paediatric/Mental Health car park, and four short term (temporarily unavailable pending completion of building works).

8. Is there a time limit placed on any car parks within the Alice Springs Hospital precinct? If so, where are these car parks and what is the time limit?

Yes. New 15 minute signage has been installed in the drop off/pick up zone at the front entrance of the hospital.

9. How many reported incidents have there been of people (including staff) being assaulted, harassed or threatened whilst parking at the Alice Springs Hospital over the past 2 years?

Nil recorded in Riskman.

10. What plans does the Alice Springs Hospital have to address the car parking situation from now until the multi-story car park is built?

New car parking arrangements were introduced on 19 August 2019 to ensure safe access to car parking for both the public and staff.

11. When will the multi-story car park be built?

The Northern Territory Government announced a commitment to construct a new car park at ASH commencing in 2020.

12. Are the plans for the multi-story car park publicly available? If so, how can the public access these plans?

The plans for the multi-storey car park are still under development.

13. When will construction of the multi-story car park commence?

Refer to Question 11.

14. What are the traffic management plans on Todd Street for the construction and operation of the multi-story car park at the Alice Springs Hospital?

Refer to Question 11. A traffic management plan will be developed and deployed as part of the project once it is approved.

15. How many car parks will be taken up by the construction of the new multi-story car park within the Alice Springs Hospital precinct?

This will be determined during the design phase for the multi-story car park.

16. How many car parks will be taken up by the construction of the new Ambulatory Care Facility within the Alice Springs Hospital precinct?

The plans for the Ambulatory Care Facility are under consideration.

17. Will the new multi-story car park and the new Ambulatory Care Facility be built at the Alice Springs Hospital at the same time?

The timing for development of the car park and Ambulatory Care Facility are under consideration.

18. Has the Alice Springs Hospital developed a plan for the new Ambulatory Care Facility? If so, is this plan publicly available? How can people access this plan?

Refer to Question 16.

19. How will the Alice Springs Hospital manage the increased pressure on car parking whilst the multi-story car park and the new Ambulatory Care Facility are built?

This will be developed as part of the design process.

20. What plans does the Alice Springs Hospital have to assist the sick, old and disabled with car parking at the Alice Springs Hospital in between now and when the multi-story car park is built?

Refer to Question 3 and Question 5.

21. When will the plans for the multi-story car park be made public?

Once a concept design is completed and submitted to the Development Consent Authority as part of the development application.

22. Given the multi-story car park for the Alice Springs Hospital was announced on 9 July 2019, what work has been done on the development of a plan and tender for this work?

This work would be achieved as a Capital Works Infrastructure initiative which would be project managed by the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics.

23. Will other buildings in the Alice Springs Hospital precinct be removed or demolished to make way for the multi-story car park?

At this stage, the old Public Health Pathology building is scheduled for demolition.

24. When will the old pathology building be demolished?

- Tender Advertisement – August 2019
- Demolition Start – October 2019
- Demolition Finish – December 2019

25. Has the tender to demolish the old pathology building been awarded? If so, please provide all details, including how much this will cost?

Tender not yet awarded – refer to Question 24