

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND TECHNICAL SERVICES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 4th MARCH 2014**

Question

Could the Minister give the following information to the last known month end in relation to the trial that began on 12th November 2012 for a new parking charge system in Sand Street Car Park -

- a) What has been the difference in monthly income for parking excluding fines?
- b) How many vehicles have exceeded the 3 hour nominal limit broken down to up to 4 hours, up to 6 hours and longer than 6 hours?
- c) How much was the 'fine' income for Sand Street car park for the 12 month period (broken down into months) prior to the commencement of the trial?
- d) How much income has been received from 'fines' during the period of the trial, if any?
- e) Is the Minister considering charging those with 'blue badges' from outside Jersey for parking?

Answer

- a) Prior to the introduction of the ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) system in Sand Street the accepted method for estimating the income from paycard or season ticket sales per parking site was periodic occupancy surveys, made at set times of the day. The ANPR now provides much more accurate income information for parking at Sand St. Adjusting for inflation, using original occupancy surveys, average monthly income for the 12 month period prior to the commencement of the trial was £ 41,735. Following the introduction of the new system, the average monthly income from parking is £50,310.
- b) Since the introduction of the new system 49,405 vehicles have stayed for between 3 and 4 hours, 31,334 vehicles have stayed for between 4 and 6 hours and 32,597 vehicles have stayed for longer than 6 hours. Included in the last figure will be vehicles that park overnight and on non-chargeable days so many of the vehicles staying longer than 6 hours will have done so in non-chargeable periods.
- c) The fine income for Sand Street Car Park for the 12 month period prior to the trial is:

Month	Fine Income
November 2011	£7,195
December 2011	£5,340
January 2012	£7,220
February 2012	£7,470
March 2012	£6,675
April 2012	£6,195
May 2012	£7,545
June 2012	£7,515
July 2012	£4,850
August 2012	£6,515
September 2012	£4,860
October 2012	£7,290
TOTAL	£78,670

- d) Since the introduction of the trial £22,575.00 has been collected through payment of fines, this includes a period of light touch policing during the early part of the trial while the public familiarised itself with the ANPR system.
- e) The guiding assumption behind the European Blue Badge disabled parking permit is that Blue Badges issued in one EU country are given equal recognition in others. This reciprocal agreement also applies to non-EU countries or jurisdictions such as Jersey, Guernsey, Iceland, Isle of Man, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland who also have agreed to participate in the scheme.

This agreement means that Jersey Blue Badge holders visiting another signatory country, for instance the UK or France, have the same rights and access to disabled parking facilities as granted to residents of that country. Conversely, a visiting Blue Badge holder from those countries can use Jersey's parking facilities in the same way as a disabled islander.

While I have no intention of departing from the underlying principles of the Blue Badge scheme, I will be undertaking a review of its application during 2014.