

STATES OF JERSEY



STATES' MEMBERS PARKING: WITHDRAWAL OF PROVISION (P.152/2004) – COMMENTS

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COMMENTS

The Privileges and Procedures Committee has considered the proposition of Senator E.P. Vibert which effectively asks the States to agree that the present provision of free parking for States members should cease.

The provision of free parking for members is not a recent innovation. Historically members were able to park in Royal Court Road and it is likely that such parking was available from the time members first obtained motor cars after their introduction in Jersey. The current area used for parking provided a convenient alternative when the decision was taken to close Royal Court Road some years ago.

Although free parking has always been available for members the PPC accepts that, with the abolition of means testing and the provision of an expense allowance to all members, it is no longer necessary to subsidise members in this way and, for that reason, the Committee believes that members should now pay for parking. Nevertheless the Committee believes very strongly that it is essential that a dedicated and secure parking area should be made available to members for parking to enable members to be able to be guaranteed a space when on official States' business. In addition the Committee believes that steps should be taken in parallel with the removal of free parking for members to review the provision of free parking for States employees who benefit from this perk at many workplaces in the Island.

When the PPC initially considered this issue it undertook research on the provision of parking in other jurisdictions and a summary of that research, based on information received from the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, is attached at the Appendix. Members will note that free parking is provided for parliamentarians in many other Commonwealth jurisdictions and members may find this research of interest.

As requested by Senator Syvret, this issue has been referred to the States Members' Remuneration Review Body for its consideration. Although the matter of parking for members is outside the Terms of Reference of that Body the Committee is hopeful that the Body will take account of the monetary value of the present provision when making its recommendations.

CAR PARKING FOR STATES' MEMBERS – COMPARISON WITH OTHER COMMONWEALTH JURISDICTIONS

The information in this report is taken from a Commonwealth Parliamentary Association survey of facilities and services available to Commonwealth Parliamentarians.

Commonwealth of Australia

Car parking is provided under Parliament House as well as some parking above ground adjacent to Parliament House. There are almost 2,000 car parking spaces with some allocated to members and Senators for their exclusive use. There is no cost to the members.

Australian Capital Territory

Each member has an allocated parking bay adjacent to the members' entrance of the Assembly building. There is no cost to the members.

New South Wales (Australia)

There is dedicated parking at the Parliament building and members are accorded priority over all other users. Members pay AU\$750 per year for permanent parking or AU\$11 per day for casual parking.

Northern Territory (Australia)

Members are assigned permanent parking spaces at the Parliament and there is no cost to the member.

Queensland (Australia)

Members are assigned permanent parking spaces at the Parliament and there is no cost to the members.

Tasmania

Members are assigned permanent parking spaces at the Parliament and there is no cost to the members.

Western Australia

Members are not assigned permanent parking spaces but a members' car park is available. There is no cost to the members.

Bangladesh

Members are not assigned permanent spaces but near the Parliament building there is enough space for parking. There are no costs to the members.

Belize

There are no parking facilities for members.

Canada

Members are issued one permit in a reserved parking area and the permit is valid for the entire life of a parliament.

Alberta (Canada)

Members are provided with a reserved parking place at no charge in one of the car parks at the Legislature.

British Columbia (Canada)

Members are assigned a permanent parking space at the Parliament and there is no cost to the members.

Manitoba (Canada)

Members are assigned a permanent parking space at the Parliament at a cost of CA\$40 per month.

Newfoundland (Canada)

Members are assigned a permanent parking space and there is no charge to the members.

Ontario (Canada)

Members are assigned a permanent parking space and there is no charge to the members.

Prince Edward Island (Canada)

Members are assigned a permanent parking space and there is no charge to the members.

Quebec (Canada)

Members are assigned a permanent parking space at the Parliament at a cost of CA\$345 per year for each parking space.

Yukon (Canada)

Members are assigned a permanent parking space at the Parliament and there is no cost to the members.

Cyprus

Members are assigned a permanent parking space at the Parliament and there is no cost to the members.

Dominica

Members are assigned a permanent parking space at the Parliament and there is no cost to the members.

Falkland Islands

Members are able to park near the Assembly building and there is no cost to the members.

Fiji

Members are assigned a permanent parking space at the Parliament and there is no cost to the members.

Guernsey

Members are able to park near the States and there is no cost to the members.

Guyana

Members are assigned a permanent parking space at the Parliament and there is no cost to the members.

India

Parking space is available for members in the Parliament House complex and there is no cost to the members.

Isle of Man

Members are assigned permanent parking spaces near Tynwald and there is no cost to the members.

Kenya

Members are not assigned any parking spaces at the Parliament.

Malawi

Parking is available for members and there is no cost.

Montserrat

There is no parking for members at the Parliament.

New Zealand

Parking is available but not allocated on an individual basis. There is no cost to the members.

Saint Lucia

Members are assigned parking at the Parliament and there is no cost to the members.

Samoa

Members are assigned parking at the Parliament.

Singapore

Members are provided with parking and there is no cost to the members.

Zanzibar

Members are not allocated parking at the Parliament.

Trinidad and Tobago

Members are assigned parking spaces at the Parliament and there is no cost to the members.

Turks and Caicos Islands

Members are assigned parking spaces at the Parliament and there is no cost to the members.

United Kingdom

Parking spaces are available for members in the precincts of Parliament and there is no cost to the members.

Northern Ireland

Members are not assigned individual spaces but parking is available to them beside the Assembly Building. There is no cost to the members.

Scotland

Members are not assigned individual spaces and there is a cost for parking.

Wales

Each Assembly member has one reserved car parking space at the Assembly Building and there is no cost to the members.