

**2.8 Senator B.E. Shenton of the Minister for Transport and Technical Services regarding control over parking and public parking charges on the Waterfront:**

Would the Minister confirm whether his department will have control over the provision of parking and public parking charges on the Waterfront and if not, can he explain how this fits in with the Integrated Travel and Transport Strategy?

**Deputy G.W.J. de Faye (The Minister for Transport and Technical Services):**

Yes, Sir, the Transport and Technical Services Department through its car park trading account will have control over those parking facilities within the Waterfront development that the department either owns or leases. It is envisaged that the current Esplanade car park, which from memory holds some 500 cars, will be replaced, but it has not yet been decided whether there will be any additional public car parking in that area.

**2.8.1 Senator B.E. Shenton:**

When the Minister says that the car parking will be replaced, is he therefore saying that this government will be investing in new parking on the Waterfront? My main concern is that the privatised parking will double the parking charges for the public on the Island and is this the road he is going down?

**Deputy G.W.J. de Faye:**

Essentially, given some sight of the early plans for the Waterfront development, there will be a large 2- storey underground car park replacing the current Esplanade site with a potential for capacity of at least, on current figures, 1,400 vehicles and possibly more. It is of course potentially open to the Transport and Technical Services Department to use its car park trading account to buy up additional spaces, but obviously there will be a demand from the development itself and its users for private car parking spaces. That particular balance has yet to be determined and at this stage I have no direct say so on private companies who operate their own car parking spaces and are essentially free to charge whatever amount they see fit.