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4.7 Deputy J.A. Martin of the Minister for Treasury and Resources regarding the potential provision of 40 private parking spaces for the Police in the area adjacent to the new Police Headquarters:

Will the Minister confirm whether 40 private parking spaces for the police have been secured in the area adjacent to the new police headquarters, given that this was one of the conditions for the build at Green Street, and, if so, can he confirm where those spaces are to be situated?

Senator A.J.H. Maclean (The Minister for Treasury and Resources):

I am going to ask my Assistant Minister, who is the responsible Minister for this, to deal with it.

Deputy E.J. Noel (Assistant Minister for Treasury and Resources - rapporteur):

Deputy Martin's question requires some clarification. For the sake of clarity, no conditions exist on the police headquarters building relating to the provision of private parking spaces. As identified in a written answer to this Assembly in November 2012, a private land owner in the area wrote to the Chief of Police with the offer of secure off-road private parking which could be used for staff. This offer was subsequently followed up by officers but the proposed arrangement was not thought to be suitable and the land owner decided to pursue alternative uses for his site.

4.7.1 Deputy J.A. Martin:

The Minister says it is not a condition of the police. It was a promise by the Minister that there would be 40 secure places for the police to park in the area as to not impinge on the very, very shortage of parking for the public already there. So the Minister has gone back on this condition, or promise if it was not a condition. Is that what he is saying?

Deputy E.J. Noel:

It certainly was not a promise. It was indicated at the time that these spaces may be available.

4.7.2 Deputy L.M.C. Doublet of St. Saviour:

Can the Minister also confirm that there are no public parking spaces, save for some disabled parking spaces, so that members of the public cannot in an emergency park outside the police station and go in to report a crime?

Deputy E.J. Noel:

That is not the case. From my recollection of the detailed plans, that there is disabled parking directly outside the front of the police station.

Deputy L.M.C. Doublet:

Sorry, my question was aside from the disabled parking, so just a member of the public.

Deputy E.J. Noel:

Dedicated parking for members of the public visiting the police station will be allocated within the Green Street car park.

4.7.3 Deputy J.A.N. Le Fondré of St. Lawrence:

Could the Assistant Minister confirm then if there is no longer to be a provision of 40 dedicated spaces for the police to use where they will be parking or is it likely they will be going into Green Street?

Deputy E.J. Noel:

The response to the Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel report, S.R.19/2012 committed to work with the States of Jersey Police in terms of travel planning, including staff parking. This is

included within the Police Migration Plan for the new building alongside continual development of the existing workplace travel plan. As part of the project we have committed to provide 56 motorbike and 62 cycle spaces, which will serve the building. The planning conditions to the extent of Green Street car park was to create 64 spaces and the extension of an additional deck. That extension will be completed by May of this year, well in advance of the completion of the police headquarters.

4.7.4 Deputy J.A. Martin:

I thank the Minister for stating that 64 spaces that are being created will be taken up by the 40 police spaces that we were promised so we have only increased by 22 spaces. On that, I would like to ask the Minister to confirm that because they have only used the guidance for the police station on the blast concrete, that no public vehicles other than the police vehicles will be able to park under the police station and this will make the parking around the police station even more difficult, also for Honorary Police?

Deputy E.J. Noel:

I need to correct my good colleague there, the Deputy. No promise was made. We gave the undertaking to explore the possibility of acquiring these 40 spaces. In terms of public parking in the basement of the police station, that was never an option. We have had this debate many times. Public parking will not be allowed in the basement of the police station but provision for Honorary Police has been allocated.