

TRAIN STATIONS — ACROD PARKING

758. Hon STEPHEN DAWSON to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the government's recent backflip on the proposal to charge ACROD permit holders a fee to park at metropolitan train stations.

- (1) How many accessible bays are available at metropolitan train stations, and where are they located?
- (2) Will the minister confirm that an accessible bay was recently removed at Mosman Park train station to enable the Public Transport Authority to install a "Smart Parker" machine in its place?
- (3) How many other accessible bays were removed for the same reason, and where were they located?

Hon JIM CHOWN replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question.

- (1) I table a list of the locations with accessible bays.

[See paper 1756.]

- (2)–(3) One of the basic principles of the paid parking program is that machines are placed at the entrance to the station from the car park. The Public Transport Authority was aware that in some cases the placement of the paid parking machines would cause the loss of parking bays. Accordingly, the PTA undertook a review of all individual stations where this may occur. Accordingly, an ACROD bay was removed at Mosman Park station. Mosman Park station now has 39 standard bays and one ACROD bay. It should be noted that the national standard is to supply one ACROD bay for every 100 standard bays, and the PTA's public transport system continues to lead the country with respect to Disability Discrimination Act compliance.

Hon Stephen Dawson: That's a disgrace! You've taken away ACROD bays!

The PRESIDENT: Order!

Hon JIM CHOWN: Does the member want an answer or not? Seriously!

The PRESIDENT: Order!

Hon JIM CHOWN: Nevertheless, the PTA continues to monitor parking availability, and parking at Mosman Park station has been monitored approximately 10 times in the past four weeks, noting that the now single ACROD bay at this station has not been in use.