

# Councillor Cabada - QoN - Application of Endorsed Parklet Fee Schedules Across Permit Holders

Tuesday, 24 February 2026  
Council

**Council Member**  
Councillor Alfredo Cabada

Public

**Contact Officer:**  
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## QUESTION ON NOTICE

**Councillor Alfredo Cabada will ask the following Question on Notice:**

1. Provide a list of all parklets in 2023/24 and 2024/25 where the parklet fee included any component described as “loss of carparking revenue” or otherwise calculated by reference to lost parking revenue.
2. For each parklet identified in Question 1, provide the inputs used to calculate the lost parking revenue component:
  - a. number of parking bays displaced
  - b. whether each displaced bay was paid metered or time-limited/free (e.g., 2P)
  - c. the paid operating hours assumed (if any)
  - d. the hourly rate assumed (if any)
  - e. the utilisation/occupancy rate assumed (if any)
  - f. the days per year assumed (if any)
3. Provide the formula/method used to calculate the lost parking revenue component.
4. Confirm whether a lost parking revenue component was ever applied to a parklet where the displaced bay(s) were not paid metered bays during paid operating hours (e.g., 2P time-limited/free, loading zone, permit zone).
5. If yes to Question 4, identify each such parklet and state the basis for applying a revenue loss component.
6. For the parklets in Question 1, detail Every invoice sent to the parklet owner and include the date and amount of the invoice.
  - a. Was any invoice ever amended, corrected or withdrawn in relation to the parklets in Question 1?
  - b. If yes to question 6a, what were those amendments and why were they amended.
7. Confirm whether the same lost-revenue assumptions (rate, utilisation, paid hours, days) were applied consistently across all parklets in Question 1.
8. If no to Question 7, specify what differed and why (by parklet).
9. Confirm whether actual parking revenue/occupancy data was used to set the utilisation rate or revenue assumptions for any parklet in Question 1.
10. If yes to Question 9, identify the data source and period relied upon.

11. Identify the position title(s) authorised to approve any amendment, waiver, or recalculation of the lost parking revenue component.

## REPLY

1. Administration provides the following context:
  - 1.1 The previously endorsed parklet fee model which included a 'loss of paid parking revenue' component has been the subject of numerous Motions on Notice, including:
    - 1.1.1 28 May 2024 – That Council: Resolves the additional fee charged to parklet operators be discontinued commencing the next fiscal year, and this charge is reflected in the Fees & Charges section of the Budget for 2024/25 which will be a reduction to this line item of \$20k. – Motion Lost.
    - 1.1.2 10 December 2024 – That Council: Resolves to immediately remove the component of the Parklet fee structure that charges restaurants for the loss of car parking revenue, acknowledging the financial burden it places on businesses investing in the vibrancy of the city. – Motion Lost.
    - 1.1.3 24 June 2025 – That Council requests the Chief Executive Officer: To waive the liability for the Outdoor Dining & Loss of Carparking Revenue Fees applied to all Parklet holders for the 2023/24 due to inconsistent charges applied. – Motion Lost.
  - 1.2 Noting feedback on the complexity of previously endorsed fee models, parklet fees were reviewed as part of the draft 2025/26 Annual Business Plan & Budget.
  - 1.3 A City Finance and Governance Committee workshop on 15 April 2025 demonstrated the impact of a newly proposed parklet fee model on each individual parklet operator. [\(Public Pack\)Agenda Document for City Finance and Governance Committee, 15/04/2025 19:00.](#)
  - 1.4 The 2025/26 adopted parklet fee simplifies the approach to a single rate of \$165 per square metre per annum and no longer considers the loss of paid parking revenue. The April 2025 Council Report noted the revised parklet fee was not intended to be applied retrospectively.

2 In response to Question 1:

- 2.1 Council's endorsed parklet fee model in 2023/24 and 2024/25 included a component that all parklets impacting paid parking bays were charged 50% of the loss of paid parking revenue for the bays impacted.
- 2.2 Those Parklets located in paid parking bays are listed below.

Parklet in Paid Parking Bays	Parklet Size (m <sup>2</sup> )	Number of Parking Bays Impacted
1	26	2
2	25	1
3	24	3
4	12	1
5	6.7	1
6	30	3

3 In response to Questions 2 & 3:

- 3.1 Paid parking bays are located in the highest demand areas of the city. Parklets located in these bays reduce the availability of convenient on-street parking which impacts visitor and community use of this space. Reductions to paid parking bays also directly decrease revenue for Council, for a single operator's commercial gain.
- 3.2 Lost parking revenue in 2023/24 was calculated based on the number of bays impacted and the historical payment transaction data for the specific street/location. The 2024/25 fee component was

calculated on 2023/24 figures and indexed by 4.3% which was equivalent to the on-street parking fee increase applied from 1 July 2024.

4 In response to Question 4:

4.1 A 'loss of paid parking revenue' component of the endorsed fee model was not charged to parklets operating in unpaid bays.

5 In response to Question 6:

5.1 Invoicing is an operational function conducted by Administration.

5.2 Fees are charged in line with Council's endorsed fee structure. Authorised roles within Administration have delegated authority to vary, reduce, waive or refund whole or part fees for specific operational factors.

6 Responses to Questions 7-10 are provided in Points 3 and 4.

7 In response to Question 11:

7.1 Section 188 (3) (e) & (f) of *the Local Government Act 1999* (SA) provides for:

7.1.1 (e) – the variation of fees or charges according to specific factors

7.1.2 (f) – the reduction, waiver or refund, in whole or in part of fees or charges

7.2 Authorised roles within Administration delegated with these powers is publicly available on the Delegations Register of Council's website: [Delegations](#).

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