

Councillor Cabada - QoN - Vehicle Theft in the Adelaide CBD

Tuesday, 24 March 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:

'In light of recent media reporting citing SA Police data that Adelaide recorded the highest number of vehicle theft offences in the State during the 2024–25 financial year, I seek clarification from the CEO on the following matters:

1. Is the City of Adelaide aware of the SAPOL data referenced in recent media reporting indicating that 184 vehicle theft offences occurred within the 5000 postcode during the 2024–25 financial year?
2. Has Council received any recent briefings from SAPOL regarding trends in vehicle theft within the CBD and North Adelaide?
3. Are there specific locations, precincts or public car parks within the City where vehicle theft or attempted theft incidents are more frequently occurring?
4. What preventative measures are currently in place within Council-managed car parks and public spaces to deter vehicle theft, including:
 - a) CCTV coverage
 - b) Lighting improvements
 - c) Security patrols
 - d) Crime prevention through environmental design measures
5. Has Council undertaken any recent assessments of lighting, surveillance or security infrastructure in areas where vehicle theft incidents are occurring?
6. Does Council have any current or planned initiatives, in collaboration with SAPOL, aimed at reducing vehicle theft or improving public safety in the CBD?
7. Has Council considered whether additional lighting, surveillance, security presence or design changes may be required in Council-managed parking areas or public spaces to help deter vehicle theft?'

The Lord Mayor will provide a reply at the meeting, the reply and question will be included in the Minutes of the meeting.

REPLY

1. As Presiding Member, I have determined that, taken in totality with the other questions asked, the question is improper due to the unreasonable length and number of questions asked by the Councillor and the principle that questions must not impede the meeting or unreasonably divert Council resources.
2. The question has been referred to SAPOL and will be responded to as part of their briefing to Council on 9 June 2026.

Staff time in receiving and preparing this reply	To prepare this reply in response to the question on notice took approximately 1.5 hours.
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