

Councillor Martin - QoN - Parking in the City of Adelaide

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Council

Council Member
Councillor Phillip Martin

Public

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QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Phillip Martin will ask the following Question on Notice:

'Having regard to the statistics provided at this time in 2025, could the Administration advise;

1. The number of on street parking spaces in the City and North Adelaide as at January 1st, 2023
2. The number of on street parking spaces in the City and North Adelaide on the most recent date for which information is available
3. The instances and reasons for any variation in the numbers at 1 and 2 above
4. The amount of parking provided by Council in support of events and activities on Park Lands bordering the CBD
5. The number of off-street parking spaces in the City and North Adelaide as at January 1st, 2023
6. The number of off-street parking spaces in the City and North Adelaide on the most recent date for which information is available
7. The instances and reasons for any variation in the numbers at 5 and 6
8. The number and location of increases to on street and off-street parking in the City and North Adelaide known to be planned in the financial year 26/27
9. The ranking by per capita or per vehicle availability of parking and the cost of parking in the City of Adelaide against other capital cities?

REPLY

1. There were approximately 18,548 on-street parking spaces (excluding bicycle, bus and no-stopping areas, etc) in the City and North Adelaide as of 1 January 2023.
2. There are approximately 18,822 on-street parking spaces (excluding bicycle, bus and no-stopping areas) in the City and North Adelaide as of 10 July 2026.

Control Type	Number of Zones	Number of Spaces
Area Parking	59	2380
Area Ticket	2	39
Disabled	117	185
Loading	594	1064
Motorcycle	185	1125
Parking	1916	8706
Permit	113	520
Residential	88	176
Taxi	29	90
Ticket	307	2647
Unrestricted	281	1887
Visitor	2	3
Totals	3693	18822

Note: Where multiple parking controls apply to a parking space, the tables show the space under only the primary parking control that applies

3. The increase is primarily related to the new City of Adelaide UParks at Sturt Street, Flinders Street and Russell Street, all of which are open lot and are managed as on-street parking zones with ticket machine technology. On-street car parking spaces change for a myriad of other reasons, namely:
 - 3.1. Change in control zones (loading zones etc. to accommodate business needs).
 - 3.2. Construction works causing the temporary removal of parking spaces.
 - 3.3. Increased demand for residential parking permits.
 - 3.4. Changes to parking conditions subject to works associated with street upgrades and greening.
 - 3.5. Changes to driveway locations for new developments.
4. There are approximately 2,300 car parks in the Park Lands which support activities including sports e.g. netball, cricket, soccer, Adelaide Bowling Club and Adelaide Pavillion on a year-round basis many of which have timed parking controls. Apart from providing annual parking for approximately 2,270 vehicles to support the Royal Adelaide Show, further Park Lands parking to support specific events is subject to the number of events that may apply for and be granted associated parking and weather conditions at the time of the event.
5. There were approximately 34,801 commercial off-street car parks within the City and North Adelaide as of 1 January 2023.
6. There are approximately 35,336 commercial off-street car parking spaces within the City and North Adelaide as of 23 July 2026. This includes car parks and car parks associated with development and office buildings. The City of Adelaide owns and operates UPark off-street car parks representing approximately 6,000 plus off-street paid car parking spaces.
7. The change in the number of off-street car parking spaces is based on new development, residential dwellings and changes to land use, generally resulting in additional parking spaces or the existing number of parking spaces being maintained.
8. The following increases are an example of planned increases to on-street and off-street parking in the City and North Adelaide in the financial year 2026/27
 - 8.1. As part of the Central Market Redevelopment 260 off-street car parks have been temporarily relocated and substituted by an open-lot car park, UPark Andrews at the Old Bus Station site. The 260 parking spaces will be reinstated once the market redevelopment is complete.
 - 8.2. An additional 1,300 space car park to service the new Women's and Children's hospital site is currently under construction.
 - 8.3. An increase in temporary non-ancillary car parking to provide public car parking.

- 8.4. On-street parking spaces are subject to increased demand for residential parking permits and changes to parking conditions subject to works associated with street upgrades and greening.
9. Adelaide has a significantly higher availability of parking spaces compared to other Australian capital cities.
- 9.1. Capital City Parking Comparison:
- 9.1.1. Adelaide - 25 Spaces per 100 workers
 - 9.1.2. Perth – 18.3 spaces per 100 workers
 - 9.1.3. Hobart - 20 spaces per 100 workers
 - 9.1.4. Melbourne - 14.2 spaces per 100 workers
 - 9.1.5. Sydney - 12 spaces per 100 workers.
- 9.2. The average cost of on-street parking in Australian capital cities varies. Adelaide, in comparison, has cheaper on-street parking fees (per hour) than Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth and Canberra
- 9.3. The average cost of off-street parking in Australian capital cities varies. Adelaide, in comparison, has cheaper off-street parking fees (per hour) than Sydney, Melbourne, Perth and Brisbane with only Canberra charging similar / lower off-street parking rates.

Capital City	On-Street (per hour)	Off-Street (per hour)
Adelaide CBD	\$3.00 per hour meter rates	\$4.00 to \$5.00 per hour for short stays
Sydney CBD	\$7.00 to \$9.00	15.00 to \$28.00+ per hour (often capped at daily rates around \$77–\$81)
Brisbane CBD	\$3.45 to \$6.85	\$5.00 to \$10.00 per hour , with daily maximums hitting a national high of roughly \$78 to \$83
Melbourne CBD	\$4.00 to \$7.00	\$6.00 to \$15.00 per hour for the first couple of hours.
Perth CBD	\$5.40 to \$7.00	\$6.00 to \$8.00 per hour for casual short-term stays
Canberra (Civic)	\$4.00 meter rates average	\$3.00 to \$5.00

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