

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Noon - QoN - City Parking Supply and Utilisation

**Tuesday, 13 October 2026
Council**

Council Member
Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor
Carmel Noon

Public

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QUESTION ON NOTICE

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Carmel Noon will ask the following Question on Notice:

- ‘1. Of the approximately 56,000 car parking spaces commonly referenced as being available across the City of Adelaide, what is the source of that figure and approximately how many are available for general public use, as distinct from private, residential, employee, government, permit, loading or other restricted parking?’
2. How many parking spaces are currently provided through Council’s UPark facilities and, based on existing utilisation data, are there particular periods, facilities or areas where material spare capacity regularly exists?
3. Since 2023, what changes have been made to the operating hours of Council-controlled paid on-street parking, including the extension of evening paid parking hours?
4. What existing parking incentives, concessions or products are currently available to encourage visitation to the city, and does Council currently use periods of lower parking demand or spare UPark capacity to support city visitation or economic activity?’

REPLY

1. The basis for the approximately 56,000 car parking spaces cited within the City of Adelaide is Council's GIS data for on-street parking numbers and council's property data for commercial off-street car parking numbers.
 - 1.1. Broadly the composition is as follows:
 - 1.1.1. There are approximately 35,336 commercial off-street car parking spaces within the City and North Adelaide as of 23 July 2026.
 - 1.1.2. This includes car parks associated with development and office buildings.
 - 1.1.3. The City of Adelaide owns and operates UPark off-street car parks representing over 6,000 off-street paid car parking spaces.
 - 1.1.4. There are approximately 22,000 spaces provided by other car parking operators.
 - 1.1.5. An additional 1,300 car park spaces to service the new Women’s and Children's hospital site which is currently under construction.

- 1.1.6. On-street car parking equates to 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

2. UPark currently operates 14 Uparks, those being nine multi deck car parks and five open air car parks within the Central Business District. This constitutes over 6,000 parking spaces.
 - 2.1. Parking demand varies considerably between individual car parks depending on location and surrounding land use.
 - 2.2. Overall occupancy is lower on evenings and weekends, but this varies between car parks, with car parks such as Gawler Place and Central Market experiencing high weekend and evening parking demand.
 - 2.3. There are no facilities with material spare capacity at times where demand remains unmet.
3. The City of Adelaide has parking sensors installed throughout the city to help better understand how parking spaces are used. The data collected supports reviews of existing paid parking controls and informs changes where necessary to improve access in high-demand areas.
 - 3.1. Decisions to extend paid parking hours into the evening or on weekends are guided by this data and are consistent with the City of Adelaide's On-Street Parking Policy, which aims to balance access by encouraging vehicle turnover and the fair sharing of available on-street parking.
 - 3.2. To date, the only area where paid parking has been extended into the evening is the Central Market precinct, where data identified consistently high occupancy levels and limited vehicle turnover. Most data-driven parking changes have instead related to weekend parking controls, where a discounted flat rate applies.
4. UPark has a range of innovative products, including the UPark App and its UPark Plus card.
 - 4.1. UPark regularly reviews pricing and products at each car park using analysis of demand, occupancy and product mix.
 - 4.2. Prices are adjusted across sales channels to maintain availability during peak periods and encourage use when occupancy is lower.
 - 4.3. On-street parking controls are applied according to parking demand. During periods of higher demand, more restrictive controls, including paid parking, are implemented to manage availability. During periods of lower demand, restrictions may be reduced or removed, with no payment required. On weekends, a discounted flat rate applies.
 - 4.4. UPark provides Accessibility Passes to National Disability Parking Permit holders on application, allowing two hours of free parking at any UPark facility. When displaying a valid permit, holders may park for longer than the time shown on signs and are not required to pay for on-street paid parking areas. These concessions exceed national requirements.

Staff time in receiving and preparing this reply	To prepare this reply in response to the question on notice took approximately 6.5 hours.
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