

5.18 Deputy T.M. Pitman of the Minister for Transport and Technical Services regarding charges for short-term parking in Patriotic Street car park for out patients at the Hospital:

I know the Minister appreciates it is not a personal criticism as his department only manages this facility. Does the Minister consider that it is appropriate that patients or family members needing to transport patients undergoing day treatment for illnesses, such as cancer or other serious conditions, should be charged for the privilege of short-term parking in Kensington Place car park, particularly as those undertaking such trips help alleviate the burden on patient transport from the health service?

The Connétable of St. Brelade (The Minister for Transport and Technical Services):

I presume when the Deputy refers to Kensington Place he means Patriotic Street car park. The hospital parking in the basement of Patriotic Street car park is administered and policed by my department on behalf of the Health and Social Services Department. The income generated from this parking is returned to Health and Social Services to support the funding of their service, and the decision whether to charge or not would be in the gift of that department.

5.18.1 Deputy T.M. Pitman:

Could I just ask the Minister, and I thank him for his answer, could he just clarify how many spaces this entails and what amount of money that would be lost if this were to be made free for those people, purely for the short-term visits?

The Connétable of St. Brelade:

I am afraid I cannot give that information now because I did not have notice, but I am certainly happy to provide that to the Deputy as soon as I have got it.

The Bailiff:

Very well. That concludes that question. Deputy Le Claire I think has indicated that he is withdrawing question number 19.

Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire:

Yes, but I would like a question without notice of the Minister for Treasury and Resources if you catch my eyes.