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Dear Ms Johnston Kristie

Thank you for your constituent question from Don relating to the car park closure at Macquarie Point and alternative options for shift workers. The question was directed to the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, however was referred to me as Minister for Macquarie Point Urban Renewal.

Public parking on site at Macquarie Point was always intended to be temporary while the site was remediated and prepared for development. It was never intended to be a permanent car parking solution.

In relation to alternative options for Health workers and other shift workers in Hobart, there are two major public car parks immediately adjacent to the Royal Hobart Hospital. Marketplace Car Park, directly opposite the Collins Street entrance, which operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and Argyle Street Car Park, which is directly connected to the RHH via an airbridge, currently operates from 7:00 am to 10:00 pm, as raised by your constituent. I understand the Royal Hobart Hospital has been engaging with Hobart City Council regarding the potential for 24/7 operation of the Argyle Street Car Park.

The Health Minister's office has further advised of the following arrangements:

- After-hours parking is provided for on-call services and staff who are required to attend the hospital under formal on-call arrangements. These arrangements are facilitated through the Marketplace Car Park.
- Some staff are provided with parking in accordance with relevant award provisions, employment conditions or entitlements.
- To support staff safety after hours, Wilson Security can provide an escort to nearby car parks or staff vehicles parked within a one-block radius of the RHH, outside usual business hours, on request.

Thank you for raising these matters in Parliament, I trust this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely

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