

**SENIORS PUBLIC TRANSPORT — PARKING ISSUES**

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**HON SIMON O'BRIEN (South Metropolitan — Minister for Transport)** [10.19 pm]: In the brief time available I will have a crack at satisfying the needs of Hon Ed Dermer's constituents. There are arrangements in place now that recognise the problems that the member has highlighted. The solution that is put in place and indeed is still in a process of evolution as we evaluate its success is that in the mornings at railway stations where parking is provided, spaces are allocated close to the entrance simply for drop-off purposes. After the peak period is over, they then revert to being regular parking spaces, the idea being that there are some spaces reserved and then freed up just for that situation in which perhaps older people, wanting to access their free travel, come along after nine o'clock.

**Hon Ed Dermer:** How many spaces?

**Hon SIMON O'BRIEN:** It varies from place to place, and there will never be enough. There is always a demand in some places for more, but that is the nature of providing parking spaces.

**Hon Ed Dermer:** Obviously more would be better than fewer.

**Hon SIMON O'BRIEN:** The other options, of course, available for people are to use our feeder services, which is something that we want to promote more widely in our community. But it is a good idea that the member has raised, and he will be glad to know that it is already being implemented.