

Legislative Council

Hansard

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The President, Mr Farrell, took the Chair at 11 a.m., acknowledged the Traditional People and read Prayers.

[excerpt...]

Kingston Learning Centre - Parking

Ms WEBB question to MINISTER for EDUCATION, Ms PALMER

[3.00 p.m.]

Is the minister aware there's still significant inadequacy in terms of car parking. While there was one safety issue in many years that might have triggered the closure of the car parks, there now are significant safety issues with elderly people having to park elsewhere and walk to the site across busy roads?

Is the minister aware that many of these U3A and other participants have protested today by having elderly people who have to walk across the road doing so together outside the facility in Kingston to demonstrate the safety risk? Is the minister aware of that safety risk?

ANSWER

Mr President, we want to have these sites first and foremost safe and think that's a very reasonable position to take.

My expectation of Libraries Tasmania is it engages with the community, keeping them up to date about what is happening in that area. As far as I am aware, it is doing that.

I am very aware of the disappointment and the level of frustration for the many users of that area. We are certainly working through what is a good solution, rather than just a band-aid fix on what can we do to have a long-term solution.

In the meantime, my expectation is, and I have no reason to believe it's not happening, that Libraries Tasmania is certainly communicating and trying to keep the communities as up to date as it can.