

WESTPORT FUTURE PORT RECOMMENDATIONS —  
CONTAINER COMPOUND ANNUAL GROWTH RATES

250. Hon Colin de Grussa to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Ports:

I refer to the projected container compound annual growth rates (CAGR) set out in the Westport Future Port Recommendations – Stage 2 Report, May 2020, and I ask:

- (a) can the Minister please table any forward projections of container-based truck movements for the RAV4 freight route based on the CAGR of 3.25 percent specified in the Report for each of the following individual financial years:
  - (i) 2020–2021;
  - (ii) 2021–2022;
  - (iii) 2022–2023;
  - (iv) 2023–2024;
  - (v) 2024–2025;
  - (vi) 2025–2026;
  - (vii) 2026–2027;
  - (viii) 2027–2028;
  - (ix) 2028–2029; and
  - (x) 2029–2030;
- (b) for container imports into the Port of Fremantle, what is the total number of containers that will be moved by rail, for each of the corresponding periods in (a)(i) to (a)(x); and
- (c) in respect of the Government’s estimates on railed container movements, is the Government’s estimates based on a subsidy arrangement and, if so:
  - (i) what is the quantum of that subsidy per container; and
  - (ii) what is the total estimated subsidy per annum for the periods in (a)(i) to (a)(x)?

**Hon Sue Ellery replied:**

- (a) The Westport Office is currently developing updated long-term container trade forecasts. Following this, further refinement of truck and rail movement assumptions will be undertaken.
- (b) The proportion of container freight transport by rail is currently approximately 20 per cent, as per the Government’s commitment. It is expected that this rate will increase towards 30 per cent.
- (c) The current rail subsidy is \$50 per twenty-foot, as per the Government commitment. Total annual subsidy figures are available in the 2021–22 State Budget papers.