

ESPERANCE PORT — IRON ORE EXPORTS

**336. Hon COLIN de GRUSSA to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Ports:**

I refer to question without notice 281.

- (1) As at 28 February 2022, how many wet tonnes of iron ore have been shipped since the commencement date?
- (2) When does the Southern Ports Authority expect 30 million wet tonnes of iron ore to be shipped?
- (3) Have negotiations commenced for renewal of the agreements set out in l(b) to (i) in the minister's answer?
- (4) In respect of those negotiations —
  - (a) has the Southern Ports Authority undertaken the relevant due diligence processes as set out in the minister's response to question without notice 257; and
  - (b) have those negotiations taken into consideration other potential iron ore exporters through the port of Esperance?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) An amount of 24.071 million tonnes has been exported from the commencement date until 28 February 2022.
- (2) In December 2022.
- (3) Yes.
- (4) Discussions are ongoing with current and potential iron ore exporters through the port of Esperance.