

ESPERANCE PORT — IRON ORE EXPORTS

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

I refer to the announcement on 5 July 2023 by the Southern Ports Authority of a three-year contract for the export of iron ore through the port of Esperance.

- (1) Does the new contract involve a subsidy arrangement or any relief from the payment of royalties?
- (2) What is the estimated annual throughput under the contract?
- (3) If yes to (1), please specify the arrangements and the estimated quantum of the financial assistance being provided over the term of the contract?
- (4) Under the new arrangements, does the SPA hold exclusive rights to determine user access to the following —
 - (a) rail infrastructure;
 - (b) rail dumping infrastructure;
 - (c) conveyor systems;
 - (d) storage facilities; and
 - (e) berth 3?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1) No.
- (2) The contract allows for up to 8.1 million tonnes per annum.
- (3) Not applicable.
- (4) (a)–(e) Yes.