

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT — HILLARYS BOAT HARBOUR

1114. Hon MARTIN PRITCHARD to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the Department of Transport's responsibility for Hillarys Boat Harbour.

- (1) There is signage prohibiting people from jumping off the footbridge but no clear signage prohibiting jumping off the jetty. What is the Department of Transport's policy on visitors jumping off the jetty? If it is prohibited, will more signage be put in place to reflect this?
- (2) What is the status of the Department of Transport's review of emergency management procedures at Hillarys Boat Harbour following the drowning death of a young man on 3 April 2016?
- (3) Has the Department of Transport undertaken to provide —
 - (a) public rescue equipment;
 - (b) better training to security staff to deal with water rescues and drowning accidents; and
 - (c) better public access to first-aid equipment, including defibrillators?

Hon JIM CHOWN replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The Department of Transport advises —

- (1) The Sorrento Quay boardwalk footbridge is not intended for the public to use to jump into the water. Diving off the east side of the jetty is not prohibited.
- (2) The Department of Transport is currently reviewing its emergency management procedures.
- (3)
 - (a) The Department of Transport is purchasing lifebuoys and lifebuoy stands and increasing the number of ladders on the east side of the jetty.
 - (b) All security guards hold senior first-aid certificates.
 - (c) The Department of Transport is purchasing additional automated external defibrillators to install in accessible locations at the harbour.