

GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN

1096. Hon COLIN de GRUSSA to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the shipping delays and congestion currently being experienced across global supply chains.

- (1) What action is the state government undertaking, in collaboration with the transport industry, to minimise the economic impacts of global supply chain constraints on the state?
- (2) Having regard to the global supply chain issues, does the government acknowledge that it is critical that any further industrial action at the port of Fremantle be avoided?
- (3) If yes to (2), what is the state government doing to minimise the impacts of any further industrial action by the Maritime Union of Australia beyond its current moratorium of 10 December 2021?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1) The state government is making a significant investment in freight and supply chain improvements, including increasing truck driver training opportunities, replacing the Fremantle Traffic Bridge, facilitating the development of intermodal terminals, continuing the container freight rail subsidy and progressing Westport.
- (2)–(3) There is no current industrial action in the port of Fremantle. The state government encourages employers, employees and their representatives to negotiate in good faith to reach agreements and avoid further disruptions.

[Interruption.]

Hon Tjorn Sibma: Geez, I broke something!

The PRESIDENT: Hon Tjorn Sibma. You were seeking the call, were you not, honourable member?