

SHIPPING CONTAINERS — NORTH WHARF, FREMANTLE

92. Hon SIMON O'BRIEN to the Minister for Ports:

- (1) What is the expected number of shipping containers—twenty-foot equivalent units—expected to pass over North wharf, Fremantle, this year?
- (2) Does the government anticipate any difficulty meeting the container road transport task on Stirling Highway; and, if so, what is being done to overcome those difficulties?

Hon DARREN WEST replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of his question. On behalf of the Minister for Ports, I provide the following answer.

- (1) The expected number of shipping containers is 793 000 twenty-foot equivalent units.
- (2) No. We believe the increased rail subsidy that has taken the number of TEUs on rail up to 18 per cent will help manage the road transport load.