

OAKAJEE PORT MASTER PLAN

585. Hon MATT BENSON-LIDHOLM to the minister representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the recent release of the Geraldton Port Authority's Oakajee port master plan.

- (1) Can the minister confirm that the June 2011 plan replaced a more substantial document that was not released?
- (2) Has the current plan been developed in response to the withdrawal, temporary or otherwise, of Sinosteel from its Weld Range mine development in Western Australia's Mid West?
- (3) What other reasons can the minister advance for the release of such a brief planning document, particularly given its 30-year time frame?
- (4) When does the minister intend expanding on the current plan?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

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

- (1) The Oakajee port master plan was developed as a reference point for reviewing the layout designs produced by Oakajee Port and Rail—OPR—and to ensure that decisions made today do not restrict the optimal future expansion of the Oakajee port.
- (2) No.
- (3) The Oakajee port master plan is an evolving document, and the version released by the Geraldton Port Authority represents a view as agreed between OPR and the government parties on the short and long-term development layout for the Oakajee port site.
- (4) The master plan is an evolving document and will be updated progressively as developments occur.