

GERALDTON PORT AUTHORITY—MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT —
LEAD SHIPMENTS CORRESPONDENCE

4531. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

I refer to question on notice No. 3959 and ask —

- (1) Can the Minister explain why he believes this information ‘would be more appropriately sought through a Freedom of Information (FOI) request’?
- (2) Is the Minister aware that prior to the last election, the Premier promised that a Liberal Government would be open and accountable?
- (3) Is the Minister aware that Part 1, section 3 of the *Freedom of Information Act 1992* states, ‘Nothing in this Act is intended to prevent or discourage the publication of information, or the giving of access to documents’?
- (4) Will the Minister now table the information requested?
- (5) If no to (4), why not?

Hon SIMON O’BRIEN replied:

- (1)–(5) The Freedom of Information (FOI) process ensures proper consultation giving regards to any third parties or impacts. The FOI process is part of this government's accountability processes and documentation is released in accordance with the Act.