

PORT GEOGRAPHE CANAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT

5602. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

I refer to the Port Geographe canal estate development, and I ask —

- (1) What responsibility does the State Government accept in relation to the seaweed and coastal erosion problems affecting the development?
- (2) Has the State Government been approached to fund the removal of the seaweed that continues to accumulate and emit a disagreeable odour?
- (3) If yes to (2), has the State Government agreed to pay any money for this purpose?
- (4) If yes to (3) — how much money has the Government agreed to pay;
 - (a) how much money has been paid so far and when; and
 - (b) how much money is still to be paid and when will this happen?
- (5) Which government body is responsible for managing the ongoing seaweed accumulation and odour emission problem?
- (6) Is it a state or local government issue?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

The Department of Transport advises:

- (1) None.
- (2)–(3) Yes
- (4) (a) The costs of this year's works program will depend on the volume of sediment and seagrass wrack to be bypassed. \$1.5m has been allocated in the 2012–13 State Budget.
 - (b)–(c) Nil
- (5)–(6) In the absence of a responsible private developer, the Department of Transport has committed to working with the City of Busselton to manage the seaweed and odour emission.