

FREMANTLE INNER PORT

508. Hon KEN TRAVERS to the minister representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the Minister for Transport's announcement on 22 June 2011 that Fremantle port's inner harbour would be retained as an operating container and general cargo working port for the long-term future.

- (1) Can the minister confirm that the Liberal Party has completely abandoned its "A Vision for the Port of Fremantle" document launched on 18 December 2007?
- (2) If yes to (1), why has the government changed its views on the port of Fremantle?
- (3) How is the current government's approach to the proponents of the private James Point port providing container operations different from the approach of the previous government?
- (4) Will the minister please table a copy of the new strategy for providing port facilities at Fremantle?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question. The response from my colleague is in his normal fulsome manner.

- (1)–(4) The government has committed to retaining the Fremantle inner harbour as a working port, with expected growth to peak at between one million and 1.4 million twenty-foot equivalent units per annum. The government has also committed to a detailed planning assessment to assist in the development of an outer harbour container facility. There endeth the lesson.