

EXMOUTH GULF — PORT REZONING

4820. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

With reference to Exmouth Gulf Port Rezoning, I ask —

- (1) Is the Department of Transport seeking to rezone all, or any part of, Exmouth Gulf as a port?
- (2) If yes to (1), will the Minister please provide the boundaries, notional or otherwise, of the rezoning proposed?
- (3) If yes to (1), what is the rationale for seeking any such rezoning of Exmouth Gulf?
- (4) What controls are planned for any zoned port in Exmouth Gulf?
- (5) Will rezoning, or any implemented controls, change the nature of vessel movement, or use, within Exmouth Gulf?
- (6) If yes to (5), will the Minister please describe any such changes?
- (7) Has the Department of Transport provided the opportunity for public consultation on the planned Exmouth Gulf port?
- (8) If no to (7), why not?
- (9) Has the Department of Transport consulted with experts regarding potential impact on environmental biota protected under Western Australia legislation?
- (10) If no to (9), why not?
- (11) If yes to (9), will the Minister please provide details of such opinions?
- (12) Has the Department of Transport consulted with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding the planned port?
- (13) Has the Department of Transport referred planned port rezoning or controls to the EPA?
- (14) If no to (13), why not?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

The Department of Transport advises:

- (1)–(14) The issue is being investigated but no decision has been made. If a decision is taken to proceed consultation at all appropriate level will be conducted.