

BROOME PORT — GANGWAY

**367. Hon KEN BASTON to the minister representing the Minister for Transport:**

This question is similar to one that has been asked before. I refer to the article published in *The West Australian* of Wednesday, 9 May 2018 regarding the delayed acquisition of a gangway at the Broome port.

- (1) Can the minister provide a guarantee that this gangway will be available for use at the Broome port before the end of this calendar year?
- (2) If yes to (1), what steps is the minister taking to ensure that this occurs?
- (3) If no to (1), why not?

**Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:**

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

- (1)–(3) A gangway construction tender is closing on 25 May 2018. The new gangway will reach 10 metres above the wharf deck for faster, safer, compliant and more efficient passenger disembarkation and will meet the needs of almost all 2018 cruise vessels. A 26-week lead time is anticipated for construction, not including transport and commissioning on-site.