

ESPERANCE PORT AUTHORITY — INVOICING PRACTICES

4530. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

I refer to the Esperance Port Authority and ask —

- (1) Do companies that regularly export through the Port have contracts with the Port Authority or are services provided on a fee for service basis?
- (2) How long after a service is provided by the Port is an invoice issued by the Port Authority?
- (3) What are the standard payment terms for companies that use Port Authorities services?
- (4) What actions does the Port Authority take if a debt is overdue?
- (5) Which companies have a current lease for space within the Port?
- (6) Is the Port Authority up to date with the issuing of invoices?
- (7) What is the value of debts that are more than 30 days overdue and how many separate debtors are involved?
- (8) What is the value of debts that are more than 90 days overdue and how many separate debtors are involved?
- (9) What is the value of debts that are more than 6 months overdue and how many separate debtors are involved?
- (10) What is the value of debts that are more than a year overdue and how many separate debtors are involved?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

The Esperance Port Authority advises:

- (1) A combination of both.
- (2) As soon as practicably possible.
- (3) 30 days.
- (4) Appropriate recovery action is initiated.
- (5) Cliffs Natural Resources  
BHP Billiton Nickel West  
Norilsk Nickel
- (6) Yes
- (7) As at 19 August 2011 — \$88 232 — 3 debtors
- (8) As at 19 August 2011 — \$17 172 — 2 debtors
- (9) As at 19 August 2011 — Nil
- (10) As at 19 August 2011 — Nil.