

SUPER TRAWLER *MARGIRIS*

565. Hon GIZ WATSON to the minister representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the commonwealth government's plan to permit the Dutch super trawler *Margiris* to fish in waters off the Western Australian coast.

- (1) Is the minister or the department aware of whether the super trawler plans to stop in a Western Australian port?
- (2) Has the minister or the department been approached by the commonwealth government or representatives of the super trawler regarding the use of Western Australian ports by the super trawler?
- (3) If yes to (2), what were the details of the communication and what ports in Western Australia will be used by the super trawler?
- (4) If no to (2), does the minister have any concerns about the use of Western Australian ports by the super trawler?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question, which was given yesterday.

The Department of Transport advises —

- (1)–(2) No.
- (3) Not applicable.
- (4) No.