

PORTS REVIEW

1004. Hon KEN TRAVERS to the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the ports review currently being undertaken.

- (1) Can the minister advise which key stakeholders in port authorities, other than government agencies, have been notified about this review, and when were they notified?
- (2) Why did the government not make any public announcement that this review had commenced?
- (3) Will the minister guarantee that no port authority will be privatised or any of its functions contracted out or outsourced?
- (4) Will the minister guarantee that the local control and the local autonomy of port authorities will not be reduced?
- (5) Who is conducting the review?
- (6) Is the minister aware that Anketell and Oakajee ports are outside the scope of the review?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

I have already demonstrated today that this member does not have any understanding of the matters that he is talking about. What is more, he approaches it from the point of view of malicious intent.

Hon Adele Farina interjected.

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN: No, the joke is on the member for having press releases that she did not put out herself!

Hon Ken Travers: Just answer the question.

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN: I do not know how many parts there were to that question. If the honourable member wants a briefing on this—I have never refused him one—he might find out what the purpose is, what the terms of reference are, who is involved and the scope of it. I have already been —

Hon Ken Travers: What! You don't know?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN: Yes, I do know.

Hon Ken Travers: Well, tell us.

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN: Yes, I do know!

Hon Ken Travers: You do not!

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN: If the member does not want me to answer the question, I will sit down!

The PRESIDENT: Hon Matt Benson-Lidholm.

Hon Simon O'Brien: Hang on!

Mr President, I am at your disposal. Does the member want me to answer the question or not?

Hon Ken Travers: Yes.

Hon Simon O'Brien: Well, shut up and listen then!

The PRESIDENT: Order!

Hon Simon O'Brien: I mean, what is it with him? He asks a question and he doesn't want to listen!

The PRESIDENT: Order! I assumed the minister had finished as he had resumed his seat. Whatever answer the minister wanted to give, he gave, and that was the end of it, so then I moved on to the next question.