

PORT AUTHORITIES — STATEMENTS OF CORPORATE INTENT

210. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Minister for Transport:

I ask this question on behalf of Hon Ken Travers, who has been called out of the house on urgent parliamentary business.

- (1) For each port authority other than Broome and Fremantle, on what date was the statement of corporate intent for the 2009–10 financial year sent to the Treasurer for his concurrence?
- (2) Did each port authority submit its 2009–10 statement of corporate intent prior to the cut-off date of 14 December 2008; and, if not, on what date did it submit it?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

I can appreciate the enormous conflict of emotion it must have caused in the breast of Hon Ken Travers having a question about when statements of corporate intent had been lodged and then feeling some compelling need to find other urgent parliamentary business. However, fortunately, Hon Sally Talbot was making a visit to the chamber and just chanced to see a question there, and in Hon Ken Travers' absence thought that she would pick it up and ask it. Serendipitously, I have that question here—the very one. So I thank Hon Sally Talbot and her absent colleague Hon Ken Travers for notice of this question.

Several members interjected.

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN: Clearly, members do not want to hear the answer.

The PRESIDENT: Minister, I am intrigued to hear what the word serendipitously means.

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN: The suspense has become unbearable, obviously, Mr President.

- (1) The minister sought the Treasurer's concurrence in relation to the 2009–10 statement of corporate intent for these port authorities: Albany on 21 April 2009; Bunbury on 7 April 2009; Dampier on 27 July 2009; Esperance on 1 September 2009; Geraldton on 16 February 2009; and Port Hedland on 8 September 2009. But there is more.
- (2) The cut-off date for the submission of 2009–10 statements of corporate intent was changed from 14 December 2008 to 16 January 2009. The minister received the 2009–10 statements of corporate intent for these ports on the following dates: Albany on 16 December 2008; Broome on 16 January 2009; Bunbury on 24 December 2008; Dampier on 16 January 2009; Fremantle on 16 December 2008; Geraldton on 31 December 2008; and Port Hedland on 2 January 2009. For the Esperance Port Authority, the minister received a revised 2009–10 statement of corporate intent on 1 May 2009.