

TRANSPORT — SOUTHERN PORTS' ANNUAL REPORT

4241. Mrs L.M. Harvey to the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the Southern Ports' 2018 Annual Report, and I ask:

- (a) will the Minister please provide an explanation of what the Esperance Port borrowed the money for;
- (b) does the Southern Ports recover funding from users through fees and charges to repay the borrowings; and
- (c) if yes to (b), what users are contributing to the repayment of the borrowings through fees and charges?

**Ms R. Saffioti replied:**

- (a)–(c) Assuming the Member's reference to "borrowed the money for" is referring to "interest bearing borrowings", the funds were appropriated to fund the following:

Mineral Concentrate Circuit (Nickel) – No

Iron Ore Upgrades – Yes, From MRL

Navigational Equipment – Yes, From all port users

Sulphur Shed – Reimbursement through a loan mechanism with FQM, a previous port user that is currently in care and maintenance.

All borrowings by the Southern Ports Authority relate to Esperance Port.