

BUNBURY PORT — EXPANSION FUNDING

5011. Hon Adele Farina to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

I refer to the Minister's answer to question on notice No. 4026, and ask —

- (1) What funding has been allocated to implement the Bunbury Port's development plan?
- (2) What funding has been allocated by the Government to divert the Preston River?
- (3) What funding has been allocated by the Government to double the rail freight lines into the Bunbury Port?
- (4) What funding has been allocated by the Government to provide additional berths at the Bunbury Port?
- (5) What funding has the Government allocated to the Bunbury Port since November 2008 for major infrastructure improvements at the port (detail the project and the funding allocation)?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

The Department of Transport advises as at 9 November 2011:

- (1)–(4) The Department of Transport is working with the Bunbury Port Authority on a submission to Infrastructure Australia to determine the scope of works and costs of diverting the Preston River.

Other specific projects and allocation are subject to ongoing consideration and business case development. Since November 2008 about \$8.7 million has been allocated to work over and above normal funds of operations at the Port.

As well, significant steps to improve the Port into the future have been taken including the endorsement of the Inner Harbour Structure Plan, works on screening Koombana Drive, arrangements for future export for Perdaman Chemicals actions to progress the realignment of the Preston River are underway.

The good management at the Port is evident by the record \$13.867 million tonnes of product for total trade in 2009/10 and 402 vessels at the Port in 2010 compared to just 347 in 2008.

- (5) 2009–10 Berth 8 Waste Water Management System \$4.563m  
2009–10 Minor Works \$1.3m  
2010–11 Minor Works \$1.4m  
2011–12 Minor Works \$1.5m