

BOATING — SUB-LEASE MOORINGS

1914. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Transport

- (1) Could the Minister advise whether people are allowed to sub-lease moorings leased from the Government?
- (2) What are the rules around sub-leasing?
- (3) Is the Department aware of how much is being charged to sub-lease?
- (4) How much does the Department of Transport charge to lease a mooring?
- (5) Do leaseholders have to return moorings if they do not use them?
- (6) Is there a waiting list for moorings?
- (7) If yes to (6), how long are the waiting periods?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

- (1) No.
- (2) The practice of 'sub-leasing' moorings in the Swan and Canning Rivers and Mangles Bay is not sanctioned by the Department of Transport and as such there are no rules in place to facilitate or encourage the practice. Regulation 14 of the Mooring Regulations 1998 states that the Minister may cancel a mooring licence if 'of the opinion that the mooring licensee has failed to comply with a condition of the licence'. However, to the best of my knowledge, the Department of Transport has never allocated resources to detect or challenge the sub-leasing of a mooring licence or cancelled a mooring licence for that reason. Strategies to address this issue are currently under consideration.
- (3) No.
- (4) The Department of Transport does not lease moorings.
- (5) No. However, licensees are required to have a nominated principal vessel registered to them. In the event that they sell that vessel, they must nominate a new vessel within six months in order to retain the mooring licence.
- (6) There is currently no wait list in place for the Swan and Canning River Mooring Control Area. There is a wait list in place for the Mangles Bay Mooring Control Area following the establishment of a moratorium in 2007 ahead of the planned introduction of mooring licences in 2010. However, it should be noted that the Mooring Regulations 1998 currently do not apply to the Mangles Bay Mooring Control Area.
- (7) Not applicable.