

TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO — AGENCY FEES AND CHARGES

4478. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Transport

For each accountable authority in the Transport portfolio —

- (1) How many reviews of their agencies' fees and charges have been conducted since 23 September 2008?
- (2) Did any of these reviews identify any fee or charge that is above cost recovery?
- (3) If yes to (2), could you please provide —
  - (a) a list of the fees or charges identified;
  - (b) the amount the fee or charge was above cost recovery; and
  - (c) the reason for the fee or charge being above cost recovery?
- (4) Did any of these reviews result in an increase in any fee or charge that was above cost recovery?
- (5) If yes to (4), could you please provide —
  - (a) a list of the fees or charges that were increased;
  - (b) the amount that the fee or charge increased;
  - (c) how much above cost recovery was the new fee or charge; and
  - (d) the reason for the fee or charge being above cost recovery?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

Department of Transport advises

- (1) Department of Transport (since 1 July 2009) — Two.  
Main Roads Western Australia — Three.  
Public Transport Authority — Three.
- (2) Department of Transport — Yes.  
Main Roads Western Australia — No.  
Public Transport Authority — No.
- (3) As per determination made by the former Government in Legislative Council parliamentary questions on notice 6295 and 6296 (June 2008) as well as Legislative Assembly questions on notice 2012, 2016 and 2017 by example, I am not prepared to divert the significant resources required to provide the requested information.

Albany Port Authority advises:

- (1) Four — Albany Port Authority reviews its fees and charges each year.
- (2) The Port is required to make a targeted rate of return on its assets of between 5% and 8%, therefore all fees and charges are set above cost recovery.
- (3)–(5) As per determination made by the former Government in Legislative Council parliamentary questions on notice 6295 and 6296 (June 2008) as well as Legislative Assembly questions on notice 2012, 2016 and 2017 by example, I am not prepared to divert the significant resources required to provide the requested information.

Broome Port Authority advises:

- (1) Reviews of Broome Port Authority's fees and charges are undertaken annually.
- (2) All fees and charges are above cost recovery.
- (3)–(5) As per determination made by the former Government in Legislative Council parliamentary questions on notice 6295 and 6296 (June 2008) as well as Legislative Assembly questions on notice 2012, 2016 and 2017 by example, I am not prepared to divert the significant resources required to provide the requested information.

Bunbury Port Authority advises:

- (1) Three. There have been reviews of fees and charges for the 2009/2010, 2010/2011 and 2011/2012 budget years.
- (2) No
- (3) Not applicable

(4) No

(5) Not applicable

Dampier Port Authority advises:

(1) Three

(2) No

(3) Not applicable

(4) No

(5) Not applicable

Esperance Port Authority advises:

(1) Three

(2) Yes

(3)–(5) As per determination made by the former Government in Legislative Council parliamentary questions on notice 6295 and 6296 (June 2008) as well as Legislative Assembly questions on notice 2012, 2016 and 2017 by example, I am not prepared to divert the significant resources required to provide the requested information.

Fremantle Port Authority advises:

(1)–(5) The Fremantle Port Authority reviews its charges annually and sets these at a level that complies with Section 34 of the Port Authorities Act.

Geraldton Port Authority advises:

(1) Three

(2) Yes

(3)–(5) As per determination made by the former Government in Legislative Council parliamentary questions on notice 6295 and 6296 (June 2008) as well as Legislative Assembly questions on notice 2012, 2016 and 2017 by example, I am not prepared to divert the significant resources required to provide the requested information.

Port Hedland Port Authority advises:

(1) We currently have a major pricing review underway with external advisors from GHD and Ernst & Young, working with our Executive Committee and Board of Directors. This will be completed for our 2012/13 budget and SCI/SDP.

(2) PHPA have structured all port fees and charges to achieve the required rate of return of 6.5% averaged over the 5 year budget period.

(3)–(5) As per determination made by the former Government in Legislative Council parliamentary questions on notice 6295 and 6296 (June 2008) as well as Legislative Assembly questions on notice 2012, 2016 and 2017 by example, I am not prepared to divert the significant resources required to provide the requested information.