

SHIPPING CONTAINERS — NORTH WHARF, FREMANTLE

**830. Hon SIMON O'BRIEN to the Minister for Ports:**

Further to question without notice 92, can the minister advise the house of the following.

- (1) Why are some shipping containers that are transported to or from Fremantle port by rail subsidised by the state government when others are not?
- (2) What is the criteria that determines their eligibility for subsidy?

**Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:**

I thank the member for the question.

- (1) Shipping containers currently eligible for subsidy are loaded import and export containers transported by rail between North Quay rail terminal and either the Forrestfield intermodal terminal or Kwinana intermodal terminal, and containers that are filled with hay transported by rail to North Quay rail terminal for international export.
- (2) Interstate containers, Kalgoorlie-based containers and empty containers are ineligible for subsidy. The eligibility criteria is determined through commercial negotiation with the North Quay rail terminal operator to support the effective use of taxpayer funds and align with government policy to reduce congestion on metropolitan roads.