

DAMPIER PORT — REFUELLING FACILITIES

1239. Hon MATT BENSON-LIDHOLM to the Minister for Transport:

- (1) Is the minister aware that in order to refuel tugs and other support vessels necessary to the export of resources from Dampier port, the fuel has to be transported from a local service station and then pumped by hand into the vessels when the tide allows?
- (2) What action, if any, is the minister proposing to ensure that facilities are made available in Dampier for proper refuelling, mooring and maintenance of support vessels?
- (3) When will that action be implemented?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question and for his ongoing interest in these matters. Has the honourable member visited Dampier port?

Hon Matt Benson-Lidholm: Not for a while, minister.

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN: I am sure the member would be interested in what is happening there and I would be pleased to arrange a visit for him, if I can.

Hon Matt Benson-Lidholm: I am always interested, minister.

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN: It is worth a look. In response to the member's question —

- (1) Commercial and recreational vessels are able to refuel from the Hampton Harbour Boat and Sailing Club. The Dampier Port Authority has received no complaints regarding those facilities. The Dampier Port Authority monitors the use of those refuelling facilities on an annual basis with a view to planning for any future changes that may be required to refuelling facilities at the port.
- (2) No action currently appears necessary.
- (3) Not applicable.