

**Fremantle Port Authority —**

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[Witnesses introduced.]

**The CHAIR:** This estimates committee will be reported by Hansard. The daily proof *Hansard* will be available online as soon as possible within two business days. Questions must relate to the operations and budget of the off-budget authority. The chair will allow as many questions as possible. Questions and answers should be short and to the point.

A minister may agree to provide supplementary information to the committee. I will ask the minister to clearly indicate what information they agree to provide and will then allocate a reference number. Supplementary information should be provided to the principal clerk by close of business Friday, 3 June 2022. If a minister suggests that a matter be put on notice, members should use the online questions on notice system.

I give the call to the member for Moore.

**Mr R.S. LOVE:** I refer to page 641 of budget paper No 2, volume 2, and the discussion on the Victoria Quay waterfront strategy under points 6 and 7. Has membership of the steering group changed since it was first developed? Is it still the same steering group?

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** There are a couple of things. The Future of Fremantle Planning Committee is overseeing the long-term plans for the transition of Fremantle port in its current location to a significant economic, residential and hospitality district. A committee has also been established for the Victoria Quay precinct. Nothing has changed; it is just that there is now an allocation of funding for the Victoria Quay precinct and some works have been brought forward to start the activation. It will start at the museum and then head east to the Fremantle Traffic Bridge. That committee has representation from the port and the Future of Fremantle group. It is sort of a subset of the Future of Fremantle Planning Committee.

**Mr R.S. LOVE:** I have a further question on the redevelopment of that area. One point, although not mentioned specifically in the *Budget statements*, is the relocation of the live sheep trade and some car-loading areas. Who is undertaking the strategy for the eventual relocation of these?

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** There are a number of different streams of work. As I said, the Victoria Quay activation for the works around the museum is happening right now. Two separate pieces of work will be undertaken through Westport in conjunction with Fremantle port. The two bodies of work include the relocation of the roll on, roll off vehicle berth, and we are looking primarily at maybe North Quay in the interim. Some initial studies were done at other ports but we are looking at the cost and benefit of moving within the existing port as a 20 to 30-year transition. Then there is the live sheep trade. We are looking at the potential for relocating the live sheep trade. In a sense, we are looking at two things: the feasibility or business case and the costs and benefits of those projects.

[11.10 am]

**Mr R.S. LOVE:** I have a further question on that. Who is undertaking work on the live sheep trade?

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** Live sheep are through Westport.

**Mr R.S. LOVE:** Does the minister anticipate that live sheep could end up somewhere between North Quay and Kwinana?

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** No, that is cars. We will look at the live sheep trade and every option will be examined in relation to where it can go, but business cases will be developed as best concept. As I said, it may be existing ports or new ports, but there will be an analysis of all possible locations.

**Mr R.S. LOVE:** Would that include somewhere within the Kwinana zone?

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** Potentially, yes.

**Mr R.S. LOVE:** Very good. Turning to —

**The CHAIR:** Member for Moore, is that a new question?

**Mr R.S. LOVE:** A different question, yes. Is that all right?

**The CHAIR:** Yes, of course. I just need to score what you do.

**Mr R.S. LOVE:** Why?

**The CHAIR:** Because we do.

**Mr R.S. LOVE:** Just me, like out of 10?

**The CHAIR:** No, everyone.

**Mr R.S. LOVE:** I refer to the \$36 million inner harbour refurbishment program on page 644 under “Works in Progress”. What is the time line for expenditure, given the push for investment in the out years? Is there an indication of the time frame for all of this to be undertaken?

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** I think it is spread over the forward estimates. This \$36 million will be spent primarily over 2023–24, 2024–25 and 2025–26 and includes continued works to upgrade and maintain essential infrastructure throughout the port.

**The CHAIR:** Is this a new question or a further question, member for Moore?

**Mr R.S. LOVE:** Actually, it is probably a new question. I am conscious we have all these different people, so I do not want to be too long. In terms of the future of Westport, what role does Fremantle Port Authority play in influencing that group? What is the formal arrangement between Fremantle Ports and Westport in regard to communications and planning?

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** It is part of the committee. Fremantle Port Authority is part of the Westport task force, and it has worked very closely with the Westport team. In relation to Westport, Fremantle Ports has a key role to keep operating the port. As it stands, Westport is looking at the bigger issues, such as the type and nature of the new port, its supply chain interactions, the road and rail corridors that lead to it, and gaining the appropriate environmental and other approvals. Westport is about planning and designing, and, in a sense, overseeing the construction of the new port. Fremantle provides input about its current relationships with the stevedoring companies and shipping lines; it provides essential information on how the port currently operates and also potential changes or things that could happen at the new port from a pure port operations perspective.

**Mr R.S. LOVE:** Because it will be the operator of the eventual port anyway?

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** Yes.

**Mr R.S. LOVE:** I do not have much more at the moment. I have questions to ask in Transport. With that, I will allow someone else to come in and have a chat.

**The CHAIR:** That concludes the examination of Fremantle Port Authority.