

UTAH POINT — SUBSIDY

162. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the minister representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the \$2.50 per tonne cost relief package that applies to users of the Utah Point bulk handling facility that will expire on 30 June 2017.

- (1) Will the minister issue a direction under section 72 of the Port Authorities Act, or through some other mechanism, to extend the cost relief package beyond the 30 June expiry date?
- (2) If yes to (1), for how long will the cost relief be provided, at what price and under what conditions?
- (3) If no to (1), has the government undertaken any modelling to evaluate the impact of the cessation of the package on industry?
- (4) When will the minister communicate her decision and provide certainty to port users?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(4) This matter is currently being considered by the government.