

OAKAJEE PORT

**1187. Hon Dr BRAD PETTITT to the minister representing the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade:**

I refer to the state government's \$332 million commitment to expand Geraldton port. Are there still plans to build a port at Oakajee; and, if so, when will construction commence given that no funding was allocated in the budget forward estimates?

**Hon DARREN WEST replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. On behalf of the minister representing the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade, I provide the following answer.

A deepwater port at Oakajee is a multigenerational project that will act as a major business gateway for Western Australia and the midwest region. Development of a port at Oakajee is dependent upon private sector interest and commitment.