

ROLL ON, ROLL OFF VEHICLE FACILITIES — BUNBURY PORT

676. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Ports:

I refer to my question without notice 523 of 16 May 2023 investigating potential roll on, roll off vehicle facilities at Bunbury port.

- (1) As the Southern Ports Authority has undertaken three specific concept studies investigating RORO at Bunbury port since 2017, when were these studies instigated and when were they completed?
- (2) What is the name of each study, and what primary recommendation regarding RORO feasibility did each study conclude?
- (3) Will the minister table the three specific Southern Ports Authority concept plans to the house; and, if not, why not?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The Minister for Ports advises —

- (1)–(2) The three studies are —
 - (a) Tonsberg Berth 3 and 5 RORO Study, which was completed in 2019 and presented possible engineering options to cater for RORO at berth 3 or berth 5 in Bunbury;
 - (b) Berths 5 and 7 RORO Concept Options and Cost Estimate, which was completed in 2022 and presented possible engineering options and associated costings at berth 5 or a new berth 7 facility in Bunbury; and
 - (c) Workstream 3—Bunbury Inner Harbour RORO and Breakbulk Facilitation Study which is a work in progress, due late 2023, in which the Department of Transport is currently managing an overarching port planning study of eight work streams to consider the future location of non-containerised trade currently facilitated in Fremantle. Southern Ports assisted with developing workstream 3 for an option to relocate NCT to Bunbury.
- (3) The findings of the two completed studies are already under internal review as part of the third study. All of the studies will be used to inform government’s consideration of all options for the potential relocation of Fremantle inner harbour trades arising from the Westport and Future Fremantle initiatives. I—that is, the minister—will be in a position to table the reports when all the current studies are completed and findings confirmed to my satisfaction.