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[ASSEMBLY - Thursday, 3 June 2010] p679b-679b Mr Bill Johnston; Ms A J G Mactiernan

GERALDTON PORT AUTHORITY —

[Supplementary Information No B38.]

Question: Mr W.J. Johnston requested further information in relation to three figures in the Geraldton Port Authority's Budget Statement, namely the \$132,000, the \$2.078 million and the \$4.5 million.

Answer: The \$132,000 is a contribution from the Department of State Development (DSD) to cover interest costs on borrowings by the Geraldton Port Authority (GPA) of \$2.078 million to fund the Oakajee Port and Rail Project. The contribution from DSD will continue until Oakajee is operational and a revenue source from Oakajee is available to the GPA. The \$4.5 million of internal funds and balances will fund Miscellaneous Works of \$2.5 million in 2010-11 and expenditure on the Wastewater Treatment Plant of \$2.0 million in 2010-11.

[Supplementary Information No B39.]

Question: Ms A J G MacTiernan requested further information on where the Department of State Development's contribution of \$2.21 million to the Geraldton Port Authority's funds was contained in the Budget Papers.

Answer: The Geraldton Port Authority's Budget Statement indicates that \$2.21 million will be allocated to the Oakajee Port and Rail Project. This will be funded by a contribution from Other of \$132,000 and Borrowings of \$2.078 million in 2010-11. The Other contribution is an allocation from the Department of State Development (DSD). The Budget Statement for DSD contains a section—Details of Controlled Grants and Subsidies—with an item for the Oakajee Port and Rail Project, where an allocation of \$132,000 is detailed for 2010-11. The contribution of \$132,000 from DSD is to cover interest costs and will continue until Oakajee is operational and a revenue source is available.