

Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations
Additional Questions for 2009/10 Ongoing Estimates Hearing
Port Hedland Port Authority
Thursday, 3 September 2009

Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich MLC Asked -

1. External Consultancies

1.1. What did the Port Hedland Port Authority (PHPA) spend on external consultancies throughout the past year?

2008/09 Financial Year \$911,000

1.2. What recommendations were made by the external consultancies?

In PHPA's accounts we include under consultancies all professional fees associated with Utah berth construction (engineering, design, project management and construction). This also includes consultancies in respect of other port developments, namely Inner & Outer Harbours, capacity modeling, tug modeling, ship simulation etc. The recommendations are too numerous to detail here, but these consultancies certainly guide the PHPA's decision making in the proper design and evolution of the port.

1.3. Do you agree with these recommendations?

In general we are assisted in our decision making by the findings of the consultants

1.4. Have you implemented these recommendations, or do you plan to implement these recommendations in the coming year?

Yes, for the some of the major initiatives, the evolution of the Outer Harbour is progressing to finality, tug studies indicate the need for enhanced tug services.

2. Has the PHPA Ultimate Development Plan (UDP) been finalised?

The draft UDP circulated in December 2007 to concerned stakeholders has yet to be updated. It is intended to update this document by early next year encompassing all changes agreed to since December 2007.

2.1. In no to (2), what is the anticipated final release date for the UDP?

Early 2010

2.2. If yes to (2), has the PHPA made a submission to the state Government for funding to implement aspects of the ZUDP, in particular the construction of the proposed Outer harbour?

No not as yet.

2.3. *If yes to (2.2), what was the Government's response?*

Not applicable

2.4. *In no to (2.2), when does the PHPA anticipate being in a position to make such a submission?*

The submission to cabinet is being coordinated by the Dept of Transport. PHPA envisages the submission will be finalised before the end of 2009.

3. *Has the PHPA progressed its plan to procure or lease a \$50m dredge for its future maintenance requirements?*

Yes,

3.1. *Is yes to (3), at what are the details of the acquisition and has funding been allocated for this purpose?*

We are going out for expressions of interest in the coming month, with a view to lease a dredge long term. The approval to proceed will depend on offers received.

3.2. *If no to (3), has the PHPA made a submission to the Government to acquire this dredge and if so, what was the Government's response?*

Supports the calling for tenders, however final decision to allow PHPA to proceed to lease will be made following receipt of firm bids and PHPA recommendations.

4. *Is the PHPA redirecting any capital works expenditure? If so, can you provide details including value?*

No

5. *Is the PHPA selling surplus government land or assets, and if so can the Minister provide a list of land or assets earmarked for sale?*

No

6. *Is the PHPA proposing to privatise any of its functions or contract out any of its services? If so, which ones?*

No

7. *Is the PHPA intending to reduce staff numbers over the next 4 years and if so what ceiling has the authority set and how many staff will be shed?*

No

8. *Is the PHPA aware of the Government's new responsibility public sector wages policy? If so, what is it?*

No

Hon Ken Travers MLC Asked -

9. *As of the last date you reported to Treasury on your finances:*

30 June 2009

9.1. *Can you please identify all accounts held by your agency?*

Commonwealth Bank Operating Account, Treasury Corporation Cash Deposit Account

9.2. *How much cash is held in each of these accounts?*

CBA Operating Account - \$1,904,266

Treasury Corporation Cash Deposit Account - \$45,176,691

9.3. *How much of this cash is restricted or subject to approval or control?*

As per financial statements \$46,577,000 is restricted cash.

9.4. *As of this date, what is your estimated annual average cash as a percentage of your appropriation?*

25%

10. *As of the last date you internally monitored each account your agency has:*

31 August 2009

10.1. *How much cash is held in each of these accounts?*

CBA Operating Account - \$3,371,899

Treasury Corporation Cash Deposit Account - \$23,357,763

10.2. *How much of this cash is restricted or subject to approval or control?*

All remaining cash.

10.3. *As of this date, what is your estimated annual average cash as a percentage of your appropriation?*

13%

11. *Please provide, for each question below, for each amount held by your agency the figures as of 30 June 2009?*

11.1. *How much cash is held in each of these accounts?*

As per question 9.1

11.2. *How much of this cash is restricted or subject to approval or control?*

As per question 9.2

11.3. *As of this date, what is your estimated annual average cash as a percentage of your appropriation?"*

As per question 9.3

12. *For the following categories-*

- I. *Media and Marketing*
- II. *Advertising; and*
- III. *Consultants*

12.1 *Please provide how much was spent on the above in the 07/08 and 08/09 financial years.*

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| I. | 07/08 \$78,508 | 08/09 \$99,123 |
| II. | 07/08 \$6,384 | 08/09 \$990 |
| III. | 07/08 \$1,055,000 | 08/09 \$911,000 |

12.2 *How much is budgeted to be spent in each area in the 09/10 financial year?*

- I. *\$150,000*
- II. *\$10,000*
- III. *\$2,000,000*

12.3 *Can you please define what activities you include in each of these areas?*

- I. *Public Relations, Community Sponsorship*
- II. *Local Marine Notices, Local Directories*
- III. *All professional fees associated with Utah berth construction (engineering, design, project management and construction). Consultancies in respect of other port developments (SW Creek berths) which are reimbursed by proponents.*

12.4 *Are there any activities that could be included in the ordinary meaning of the words that are not included in the above figures and if yes, please detail?*

- I. *-*
- II. *Recruitment Advertising*
- III. *-*