

Standing Committee On Estimates And Financial Operations

Additional Questions For 2009/10 Ongoing Estimates Hearing

Fremantle Port Authority Held on

Thursday 3 September 2009

Minister for Transport

Question 1.1: Hon L Ravlich asked what did the Fremantle Port Authority (FPA) spend on external consultancies throughout the past year?

Answer 1.1 In accordance with Premier's Circular 2005/08, Fremantle Ports reported having spent \$172,809 on external consultancies engaged to provide strategic advice during 2008/09

Question 1.2		. Ravlich asked what recommendations were made by ternal consultancies?
Answer 1.2	1.2.1	Funding and operational options relevant to future investment in Kwinana Quay

	1.2.2 Organisational structural changes required to support a revised corporate structure developed to meet business needs.
Question 1.3	Hon L Ravlich asked - Do you agree with these recommendations?
Answer 1.3	Yes
Question 1.4	Hon L Ravlich asked - Have you implemented these recommendations, or do you plan to implement these recommendations in the coming year?
Answer 1.4	Recommendations related to 1.2.1 have been put on hold pending future progress of the Kwinana Quay project. Recommendations related to 1.2.2 have been implemented.
Question 2	Hon L Ravlich asked - Has there been, or will there have to be, any land acquisitions in order to provide road and rail connections for the James Point project?
Answer 2	Not applicable to Fremantle Ports
Question 3 Agree	Hon L Ravlich asked - The James Point Operating ement requires James Point Pty Ltd to seek all

necessary approvals, planning, environmental etc, and that the Government is to facilitate this. What has the Government done to facilitate any approvals that are

required?

Answer 3	Not applicable to Fremantle Ports
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Question 4	Hon L Ravlich asked what effects on its operations, if any, does the FPA anticipate as a result of the reported problems facing Asciano?
Answer 4	No adverse effects are expected
Question 5	Hon L Ravlich referred to page 455, Volume 2 of the budget papers and asks:
	5.1 Inner Harbour - replacement of trucks is allocated \$325,000 in Forward Estimates after an estimated expenditure to 30 June 2009 of \$48,000. The Estimated Total Cost is \$889,000. Does this mean there is a \$516,000 shortfall?
Answer 5.1	No
	5.2 If no to (5.1) what is the explanation for the difference between the total cost and the total amounts expended and allocated?
Answer 5.2	The \$516,000 in question is allocated to periods beyond the forward estimates.
	5.3 If yes to (5.1) how does the FPA intend to manage this shortfall?
Answer 5.3	Not applicable

	5.4 Kwinana Bulk Terminal - Infrastructure and Equipment Replacement and Upgrade is allocated \$1.476m in this year's Budget, a total of \$30.466m in Forward Estimates after an estimated expenditure to 30 June 2009 of \$2.603m. The Estimated Total Cost is \$52.071m. Does this mean there is a \$17.526m shortfall?
Answer 5.4	No
	5.5 If no to (5.4) what is the explanation for the difference between the total cost and the total amounts expended and allocated?
Answer 5.5	The \$17.526m in question is allocated to periods beyond the forward estimates.
	5.6 If yes to (5.4) how does the FPA intend to manage this shortfall?
Answer 5.6	Not applicable
	5.7 Victoria Quay - Fremantle Waterfront Implementation Plan is allocated \$1.607m in this year's Budget, a total of \$8m in Forward Estimates after an estimated expenditure to 30 June 2009 of \$0.393m. The Estimated Total Cost is \$15m. Does this mean there is a \$5m shortfall?
Answer 5.7	No
	5.8 If no to (5.7) what is the explanation for the difference between the total cost and the total amounts expended and allocated?
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Answer 5.8	The \$5m in question is allocated to periods beyond the forward estimates.
	5.9 If yes to (5.7) how does the FPA intend to manage this shortfall?
Answer 5.9	Not applicable
Question 6	Hon L Ravlich asked - Does the FPA have plans to upgrade facilities at the Fremantle Passenger Terminal to cater for the increased cruise ship traffic?
Answer 6	Yes
Question 7	Hon L Ravlich asked - If yes to (6), has the Port received approval and/or funding for those plans?
Answer 7	Capital funding of \$4m of which estimated expenditure of \$1.1m to 30 June 2009 and \$1m is expected to be spent during 2009/10 is included on page 455 of the Budget Papers with a balance of \$1.9m being allocated beyond the forward estimates.
Question 8	Hon L Ravlich asked - Is the FPA redirecting any capital works expenditure? Is so, please provide details including value.
Answer 8	At this time there is no redirection of Capital Investment Funds from details published in pages 455 and 456 of the budget papers.

Question 9 Answer 9	Hon L Ravlich asked - Is the FPA selling surplus government land or assets, and if so can the Minister provide a list of land or assets earmarked for sale? No
Question 10	Hon L Ravlich asked - Is the FPA proposing to privatise any of its functions or contract out any of its services, if so, which ones?
Answer 10	No
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Question 11	Hon L Ravlich asked - Is the FPA 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?
Answer 11	No
Question 12	Hon L Ravlich asked - Is the FPA aware of the Government's new responsible public sector wages policy? If so, what is it?
Answer 12	YesThe Public Sector Wages Policy 2009 applies to all agreements expiring after 1 July 2009 and remains in force until replaced.
Question 13	Hon K Travers asked - As of the last date you reported to Treasury on your finances:
	13.1 Can you please identify all accounts held by your agency?
Answer 13.1	(a) Bankwest Business Cheque Account

(b) Bankwes	t 11AM	Account
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- (c) Bankwest Business Telenet Account
- (d) Cash on Hand

13.2 How much cash is held in each of these accounts?

- Answer 13.2
- (b) \$ 10K

518K

(a)\$

Nil

(d)\$ 3K

(c) \$ 31,354K

- 13.3 How much of this cash is restricted or subject to approval or control?
- Answer 13.3

Answer 13.4

- 13.4 As of this date, what is your estimated annual average cash as a percentage of your appropriation?
 Not applicable.
- As a self funding GTE, Fremantle Ports does not share in appropriations from the Consolidated Fund

Question 14	Hon K Travers asked - As of the last date you internally monitored each account your agency has:	
	14.1 How much cash is held in each of these accounts?	
Answer 14.1	As at 3 September 2009, please find the following:-	

	(a)\$ 1,758K
	(b) \$ 10K
	(c) \$ 19,667K
	(d) \$ 3K
	14.2 How much of this cash is restricted or subject to approval or control?
Answer 14.2	Nil
	14.3 As of this date, what is your estimated annual average cash as a percentage of your appropriation?
Answer 14.3	Not Applicable
Question 15	Hon K Travers asked - Please provide, for each question below, for each account held by your agency the figures as of 30 June 2009?
	15.1 How much cash is held in each of these accounts?
Answer 15.1	(a) \$ 518K
	(b) \$ 10K
	(c) \$ 31,354K
	(d) \$ 3K
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	15.2	How much of to approval	of this cash is restricted or subject or control?
Answer 15.2	Nil		
	15.3		nte, what is your estimated annual a as a percentage of your on?
Answer 15.3	Not Aj	oplicable	
Question 16	Hon K	Travers asked t	hat for the following categories -
	i)	Media and Ma	arketing;
	ii)	Advertising; a	nd
	iii)	Consultants.	
	16.1	-	ide how much was spent on the 08 and 08/09 financial years?
Answer 16.1	i)	07/08	\$ 71,915
		08/09	\$ 81,535
	ii)	07/08	\$138,088
		08/09	\$100,756
	iii)	07/08	Nil
		08/09	\$172,809

		16.2	How much is budgeted to be spent in each area in the 09/10 financial year?
Answer 16.2		i)	\$100,500
		ii)	\$295,500
		iii)	\$200,000
	procura program		i) has increased through provision for additional enders due to the substantial Investment
		16.3	Can you please define what activities you include in each of these areas?
Answer 16.3		i)	Including but not limited to:
			Print media, brochures and publications, market research, employee surveys, exhibitions.
		ii)	Including but not limited to:
			Notices to Mariners, procurement tenders, employment advertising and notifying the public of activities taking place in the port.
	2005/0		Consultants engaged to provide strategic advice and ed in accordance with Premier's Circular
		16.4	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?
Answer 16.4		No	