

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 Hon L Ravlich asked what recommendations were made by the external 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 **Hon L Ravlich asked - The James Point Operating Agreement 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

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?

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

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

Answer 13.2

- (a) \$ 518K
- (b) \$ 10K
- (c) \$ 31,354K
- (d) \$ 3K

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

Answer 13.3

Nil

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

Answer 13.4

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

15.2 How much of this cash is restricted or subject to approval or control?

Answer 15.2

Nil

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

Answer 15.3

Not Applicable

Question 16

Hon K Travers asked that for the following categories -

i) Media and Marketing;

ii) Advertising; and

iii) Consultants.

16.1 Please provide how much was spent on the above in 07/08 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

16.2 (ii) has increased through provision for additional procurement tenders due to the substantial Investment program

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.

- iii) Consultants engaged to provide strategic advice and reported in accordance with Premier's Circular 2005/08.

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