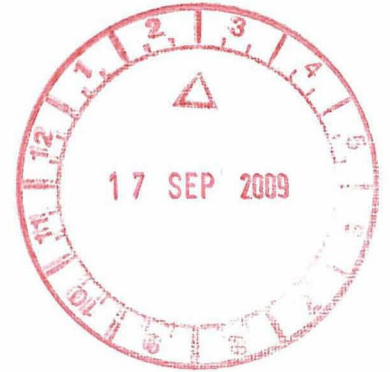




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Ms Renae Jewell
Committee Clerk
Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations
Parliament House
PERTH WA 6000

Dear Ms Jewell

Thank you for your letter of 8 September, enclosing a copy of the transcript of the evidence I gave to the Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations on 3 September 2009.

I have noted a few minor amendments on the copy of the transcript as requested and the corrected document is attached to this letter for your attention.

Also attached for the Committee's information is a document setting out the answers to the additional questions asked by Members of the Committee during the hearing.

Yours sincerely

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Q1 Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich MLC asked

- 1.1 What did the Port Authority spend on external consultancies throughout the past year?
- 1.2 What recommendations were made by the external consultancies?
- 1.3 Do you agree with these recommendations?
- 1.4 Have you implemented these recommendations, or do you plan to implement these recommendations in the coming year?

Answer:

- 1.1 \$165,484
- 1.2 Consultants are primarily used to provide expert advice on engineering (capital and maintenance), planning and accounting (taxation and modelling) activities. The advice provided is usually implemented, although in the case of capital projects, these are subject to government approval and therefore may not be implemented.
- 1.3 Yes
- 1.4 Yes, except as noted in 1.2

Q2 Hon Ken Travers MLC asked (as last reported to Treasury – 30 June):

- 2.1 Can you please identify all accounts held by you agency?
- 2.2 How much cash is held in each of these accounts?
- 2.3 How much of this cash is restricted or subject to approval or control?
- 2.4 As of this date, what is your estimated annual average cash as a percentage of your appropriation?

Answer:

- 2.1 APA Operating account, Term Deposit accounts and Trust accounts for bonds required by licences and leases.
- 2.2 Operating account \$3,337,374 : Term deposits \$5,121,584 : Trust accounts \$25,235
- 2.3 Nil
- 2.4 Not applicable – the port does not receive any appropriations.

Q3 Hon Ken Travers MLC asked (as at 15 September):

- 3.1 How much cash is held in each of these accounts?
- 3.2 How much of this cash is restricted or subject to approval or control?
- 3.3 As of this date, what is your estimated annual average cash as a percentage of your appropriation?

Answer:

- 3.1 Operating account \$3,591,990 : Term deposits \$5,149,797 : Trust accounts \$25,348
- 3.2 Nil
- 3.3 Not applicable – the port does not receive any appropriations.

Q4 Hon Ken Travers MLC (as at 30 June) asked:

- 4.1 How much cash is held in each of these accounts?

- 4.2 How much of this cash is restricted or subject to approval or control?
- 4.3 As of this date, what is your estimated annual average cash as a percentage of your appropriation?

Answer:

- 4.1 Operating account \$3,337,374 : Term deposits \$5,121,584 : Trust accounts \$25,235
- 4.2 Nil
- 4.3 Not applicable – the port does not receive any appropriations.

Q5 Hon Ken Travers MLC asked:

- 5.1 Please advise how much was spent on each category in 2007-2008 and 2008-2009?
- 5.2 How much is budgeted to be spent in each category in 2009-2010?
- 5.3 Can you please define the activities you include in each of the categories?
- 5.4 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:

- 5.1 2007-2008

5.1(i) Media and marketing	Nil
5.1(ii) Advertising	\$40,566
5.1(iii) Consultants	\$365,916

- 2008-2009

5.1(i) Media and marketing	Nil
5.1(ii) Advertising	\$24,191
5.1(iii) Consultants	\$165,484

- 5.2 2009-2010

5.2(i) Media and marketing	Nil
5.2(ii) Advertising	\$42,951
5.2(iii) Consultants	\$84,594

- 5.3 Definitions

5.3(i) Media and marketing	Marketing (selling) the port
5.3(ii) Advertising	Promoting community activities,
advertising for staff vacancies and public notices required under the Port Authorities Act	
5.3(iii) Consultants internally	Expert advice not available

- 5.4 No