



**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS**

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR 2009/10 ONGOING ESTIMATES HEARING**

**GERALDTON PORT AUTHORITY HELD ON**

**THURSDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER 2009**

HON LJILJANNA RAVLICH MLC ASKED –

1. External Consultancies
  - 1.1 What did the Geraldton Port Authority (GPA) 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?
  
2. What documents does the GPA hold relating to the Oakajee development?
  - 2.1 Will the Minister table those documents?
  - 2.2 If no to (2.1), why not?
  - 2.3 Has the GPA been in consultation with the Department of Treasury and Finance and the Treasurer's Office concerning Oakajee? Is so, in relation to what issues?
  - 2.4 If yes to (2.3), what are the particulars of those consultations?
  
3. I refer to Budget Paper, Volume 2, division 37, page 495 (dividends from Government Enterprises) which shows the dividend to Government from the GPA rising from \$1.518m in 2009/10 to \$13.541m in 2010/11 through to \$14.585m in 2012/13, and ask -
  - 3.1 What were those estimates of likely dividends based on?
  - 3.2 Are they still accurate estimates?
  - 3.3 If no to (3.2) what are the revised estimates for those years?

- 3.4 If no to (3.2) have GPA representatives been in consultation with the Department of Treasury and Finance and the Treasurer's Office concerning the inaccurate dividend estimates?
  - 3.5 If yes to (3.4), what are the particulars of those consultations?
  - 3.6 What capital work is needed to fulfil the estimated dividends, whatever those dividends may be?
  - 3.7 What is the cost of each of those capital works?
  - 3.8 What will be the source of the estimated expenditure for those capital works?
  - 3.9 If these capital works are necessary to achieve an increase (of whatever magnitude) in estimated dividends, why is provision not made for them in the GPA Asset Investment Program Forward Estimates (page 457, Volume 2, division 35)?
4. I refer to the upgrade proposed in the Annual Report of the iron ore train unloader facility and related rail within the Port and ask -
    - 4.1 What, if any, amount has been allocated for this upgrade?
    - 4.2 If no funding has been allocated, and as Oakajee is not going to be up and running for some years, how is the GPA going to manage the demand for loading facilities?
    - 4.3 If money has been allocated, what is the time frame for the commencement and completion of the upgrade?
  5. I refer to the funds allocated to the GPA of \$2.5m each year until 2012/13 for Miscellaneous Works and ask what works will be carried out using that funding?
  6. As three to four million tonnes of iron ore presently go through the Port, and the Premier has made a decision that iron ore trade can increase up to twelve million tonnes per annum, and continue at twelve million if that is what companies choose to do, and ask -
    - 6.1 Does the Port have the present capacity to handle up to the twelve million tonne cap?
    - 6.2 If no to (6.1) what funding is required to increase the port's capacity and has that been allocated?
  7. Is the GPA redirecting any capital works expenditure? If so, can you provide details including value?
  8. Is the GPA selling surplus government land or assets, and if so can the Minister provide a list of land or assets earmarked for sale?
  9. Is the GPA proposing to privatise any of its functions or contract out any of its services? If so,

which ones?

10. Is the GPA 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?
11. Is the GPA aware of the Government's new responsible public sector wages policy? If so, what is it?

HON KEN TRAVERS MLC ASKED –

12. As of the last date you reported to Treasury on your finances:
  - 12.1 Can you please identify all accounts held by your agency?
  - 12.2 How much cash is held in each of these accounts?
  - 12.3 How much of this cash is restricted or subject to approval or control?
  - 12.4 As of this date, what is your estimated annual average cash as a percentage of your appropriation?
13. As of the last date you internally monitored each account your agency has:
  - 13.1 How much cash is held in each of these accounts?
  - 13.2 How much of this cash is restricted or subject to approval or control?
  - 13.3 As of this date, what is your estimated annual average cash as a percentage of your appropriation?
14. Please provide, for each question below, for each account held by your agency the figures as of 30 June 2009?
  - 14.1 How much cash is held in each of these accounts?
  - 14.2 How much of this cash is restricted or subject to approval or control?
  - 14.3 As of this date, what is your estimated annual average cash as a percentage of your appropriation?
15. For the following categories -
  - i) Media and Marketing;
  - ii) Advertising; and
  - iii) Consultants.

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- 15.1 Please provide how much was spent on the above in the 07/08 and 08/09 financial years.
  - 15.2 How much is budgeted to be spent in each area in the 09/10 financial year?
  - 15.3 Can you please define what activities you include in each of these areas?
  - 15.4 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?