



*Minister for Ports and Waterways*

**Budget Estimates Committee  
Question on Notice 1**

**Date Notice Given:** Budget Estimates Hearing, Monday 19 December 2005

**Due:** 24 January 2006

**Title:** Planning Policy re scale of intermodals

**The Hon. PATRICIA FORSYTHE:** If you have a policy that is dependent on the scale, you

must be able to say what is that scale?

**The Hon. ERIC ROOZENDAAL:** That is all the advice I can give you.

**The Hon. PATRICIA FORSYTHE:** Will you take that question on notice?

**The Hon. ERIC ROOZENDAAL:** Yes, certainly.

**Answer**

I am advised:

Large scale intermodal developments are assessed by the Department of Planning under Part 3A of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment (Infrastructure and Planning Reform) Act.

These types of projects are identified in the State Environmental Planning Policy (Major Projects). They are worth in excess of \$30M and are determined by the Minister for Planning.

Sydney Ports Corporation's Enfield proposal is currently being processed by the Department of Planning.

**HON ERIC ROOZENDAAL MLC  
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**Budget Estimates Committee  
Question on Notice 2**

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**Title:** Leasing of equipment within portfolio agencies

**The Hon. MELINDA PAVEY:** Could you provide the Committee with documentary evidence of the number of leases and with whom those leases are?

**Mr OXENBOULD:** Yes, they can be provided on notice.

**The Hon. MELINDA PAVEY:** And for the relevant ports corporations, could that be provided by the Minister?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Port Kembla Port Corporation buys its computer equipment.

NSW Maritime has one lease with Macquarie Capital for IT equipment including three servers and one systems printer.

As at 1 December 2005 Sydney Ports Corporation had nine leases in place for computer equipment. Sydney Ports Corporation has a master leasing agreement, established with IBM Global Financing Limited, which was entered into after a competitive tendering process.

Newcastle Port Corporation owns 27 computers and leases 37 through Macquarie Bank.

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**Budget Estimates Committee  
Question on Notice 3**

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**Title:** Botany – environmental conditions

**CHAIR:** With the specific dredging that will be necessitated for the expansion of the terminal, at this stage is there any costing on the studies being done so far to guarantee that this is not going to create its own toxic issue, given that there could be significant toxic sediments offshore in that area?

**The Hon. ERIC ROOZENDAAL:** I understand as part of granting the development application there are over 100-and-something environment conditions. But on that specific issue I will take it on notice and come back to you with a specific answer.

**Answer**

I am advised:

Sydney Ports Corporation completed an Environmental Impact Statement at an approximate cost of \$4 million dollars with more than 30 specialist studies included in the Statement. The EIS studies investigated contamination in the proposed dredge area and found that disturbance of sediment during the dredging operations was not likely to cause significant risk to human health or the environment.

In addition, the NSW Minister for Planning, as one of the environment conditions of the Port Botany expansion approval, directed that further sediment sampling be done. The works will be undertaken in accordance with stringent requirements and a sediment control plan will be developed as part of the Construction Environmental Management Plan for the project.



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**Budget Estimates Committee  
Question on Notice 4**

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**Title:** Port Botany exports

**Ms SYLVIA HALE:** Therefore, Minister, could you please provide the Committee, so we may all satisfy ourselves on this issue, with the percentage of all exports from Port Botany with regard to aluminium, wool, beef, cotton and wine?

**The Hon. MELINDA PAVEY:** It is an export-import issue, Minister.

**Answer**

Please note the above question highlighted in the transcript on page 15 was not taken on notice. The Committee may also refer to question without notice asked of me in parliament by Ms Sylvia Hale on 1 December 2005 to which I provided an answer on 5 January 2006.



**HON ERIC ROOZENDAAL MLC  
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**Budget Estimates Committee  
Question on Notice 5**

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**Title:** NSW Maritime Seminars

**The Hon. PATRICIA FORSYTHE:** According to the Auditor-General, in 2003-04 there were 461 education seminars and in 2004-05 there were 356. My calculation says that is a decline of about 105, and I reckon that is about 25 per cent.

**Mr OXENBOULD:** I will have to check those figures because they do not tally with the figures that I have.

**Answer**

I am advised:

During 2004/05 there was a reduction in the number of seminars due in part to Victoria introducing its own boat licensing scheme.

More stringent boat licence tests were introduced in October 2005. In order to further improve boating safety, as of July 2006 NSW Maritime will require all candidates for a boat driver's licence to attend a compulsory free safe boating education seminar or complete an on-line education package.

NSW Maritime estimates approximately 500 safe boating education seminars will be presented in 2005-06.

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**Budget Estimates Committee  
Question on Notice 6**

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**Title:** Ports Growth of 7% average p.a

**Ms SYLVIA HALE:** Can you provide the Committee with a breakdown of those figures, on what you base the 7 per cent and whether they are coming in or going out?

**The Hon. ERIC ROOZENDAAL:** I am happy to provide that on notice. But now to finish the question. You have a 7 per cent average over 30 years. In the last couple of years it has been considerably higher than that. We clearly know that capacity will be reached by 2010. We know the stevedores are making record profits there at the moment so all the indicators are that the appropriate financial decision for the Government to make is to expand Port Botany as it is.

**Answer**

I am advised:

Analysis by Access Economics provided for the Port Botany Expansion Environmental Impact Statement indicates a 7% year on year growth in container trade – both export and import - over the last thirty years.



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**Budget Estimates Committee  
Question on Notice 7**

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**Title:** Queensland exports through NSW

**Ms SYLVIA HALE:** Half of Queensland's exports leave the country through Queensland ports. What percentage of Queensland's exports leave through New South Wales' ports?

**The Hon. ERIC ROOZENDAAL:** I will have to take that on notice.

**Ms SYLVIA HALE:** Can you also take on notice that question with respect to Victoria?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Exact figures are not reported.

It is estimated:

- In 2004/05 approximately 118,000 mass tonnes of trade from Queensland were exported through NSW Ports.
- In 2004/05 approximately 649,000 mass tonnes of trade from Victoria were exported through NSW Ports.



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**Budget Estimates Committee  
Question on Notice 8**

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**Title:** Newcastle Coal Loader

**CHAIR:** Minister, moving back to Newcastle coal, the Newcastle Coal Infrastructure Group, in a press release, stated that the new coal loader approved for construction at Kooragang Island in the Port of Newcastle will export 30 million tonnes of coal a year. Is that export expansion necessary to facilitate the export resulting from the new open-cut coalmine in the Hunter? Will there be an increase in open-cut coal mining in the Hunter to supply this coal to the new coal loader and is that part of the environmental impact assessment of the coal loader facility itself?

**The Hon. ERIC ROOZENDAAL:** Issues in relation to mining are really outside of my portfolio. I cannot respond to that. Whether it forms part of the environmental impact statement, I am not sure. I will take that on notice.

**Answer**

I am advised:

Details of any Environmental Impact Statement submitted by NCIG should be referred to my colleague the Hon Carl Scully MP, Minister for Utilities, who has portfolio responsibility for the Hunter Water Corporation.

The Newcastle Coal Infrastructure Group (NCIG) was the successful proponent in a Call for Proposals conducted by the Regional Land Management Corporation (RLMC) for land owned by RLMC on Kooragang Island.

The RLMC is a subsidiary of the Hunter Water Corporation.



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**Budget Estimates Committee  
Question on Notice 9**

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**Title:** Newcastle Coal Loader

**CHAIR:** When you say you made available land, is that at a cost?

**The Hon. ERIC ROOZENDAAL:** Yes, it has been leased to them. I have the information here somewhere.

**CHAIR:** Perhaps you could take that on notice.

**The Hon. ERIC ROOZENDAAL:** It has been leased on a commercial basis. I am happy to provide you with details about the lease agreement if you would like.

**Answer**

I am advised:

In August 2005, the State entered into a 42 month Agreement for Lease on a commercial basis with the Newcastle Coal Infrastructure Group (NCIG).

The Agreement outlines the conditions the NCIG must satisfy prior to entering into a 35 year lease.



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**Budget Estimates Committee  
Question on Notice 10**

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**Title:** Hunter River – remediation

**CHAIR:** If it is not toxic and therefore treated with these experimental treatments and is not valuable building material, as obviously dredged sand can be, what is it that is being dumped at the present time on an ongoing basis and what will be dumped as a result of the port expansion?

**Mr OXENBOULD:** I will have to get the specific details and provide them on notice.

**Answer**

I am advised:

There is ongoing harbour maintenance dredging by the Newcastle Port Corporation (NPC).

Once removed, the material is transferred under a permit issued by the Commonwealth Department of Environment and Heritage, issued under the *Commonwealth Environment Protection (Sea Dumping) Act 1981*.

The material is river sediment, which typically has a silt content of 80 - 90%.

The dredging EIS makes a commitment to beneficially re-use dredged material wherever possible.

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**Budget Estimates Committee  
Question on Notice 11**

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**Due:** 24 January 2006

**Title:** Newcastle Port Corporation licence to dump material

**CHAIR:** Who issued that licence?

**Mr OXENBOULD:** I believe it is a Commonwealth licence. Again I would have to check on that.

**CHAIR:** In addition, would you take on notice this question? Where is the dumping ground situated? What impacts does it have on the marine ecosystems in that area? Further, what impacts will the dredging have on the tides of the Hunter estuary?

**Mr OXENBOULD:** I believe it will have no impact on the tides because they are totally dependent of whether the dredging that takes place on the –

**CHAIR:** There may well be a different impact on the tides in the dredged area, not so much an impact on the tides themselves. What impacts will the tides have on the waterfront infrastructure or the natural lay of the land, if you like, where it could have an impact? Do you agree?

**Mr OXENBOULD:** Yes, and this was very closely looked at in the environmental impact statement which was prepared, and we can provide some of that information.

**Answer**

I am advised:

The permit for depositing dredged soil at sea is issued under the *Commonwealth Environment Protection (Sea Dumping) Act 1981*. The Act regulates the deliberate loading, depositing and incineration of waste at sea. The responsible authority is the Department of Environment and Heritage.

The area is situated 2.5 kilometres offshore from Newcastle.

It is a requirement of the current permit issued by the Department of the Environment and Heritage that a testing regime to assess the environmental impact of depositing dredged spoil be undertaken. The Newcastle Port Corporation advises the results of this testing do not indicate any adverse environmental impact.

A modelling of tidal hydrodynamics in the Hunter River Estuary was undertaken to assess possible impacts of the proposed development. The modelling demonstrated that predicted water levels, on average, are not expected to change across the estuary; maximum water level changes would

be less than one centimetre at most locations; and the predicted changes in tidal planes would be less than two centimetres across the estuary, with most changes likely to be less than 0.5 centimetres.

The tides would not have any significant impact on waterfront infrastructure.

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**Budget Estimates Committee  
Question on Notice 12**

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**Title:** Desalination plant

**The Hon PATRICIA FORSYTHE:** Would you be able to provide the basis upon which you have been asked to report to the working group?

**Mr OXENBOULD:** Yes, I believe I would.

**Answer**

I am advised:

For all major projects in NSW, relevant agencies are consulted. NSW Maritime provides advice necessary under the marine legislation.



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**Budget Estimates Committee  
Question on Notice 13**

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**Title:** Jet ski incidents

**Ms SYLVIA HALE:** How many accidents involving jet skis occurred in 2004-05?

**Mr OXENBOULD:** I will have to take that on notice. I have not got the specific details.

**Ms SYLVIA HALE:** Would you also take on notice, how many infringement notices were issued to riders of jet skis in 2004-05 both in Sydney waterways and the remainder of the State?

**Mr OXENBOULD:** Yes, I can provide that on notice.

**Ms SYLVIA HALE:** Would you provide a break down into individual waterways and make it site-specific, as it were?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Jet skis represent 7.1% of all boating licences and 3.5% of all vessel registrations.

Jet skis are banned from operating on Sydney Harbour, Darook Park at Port Hacking and La Perouse at Botany Bay. Jet skis are restricted from operating on certain waterways within the Eurobodalla Shire where exclusion zones are being trialled.

Jet skis are also restricted from surf zones, except for the purpose of emergency rescue operations.

NSW Maritime applies heavy penalties to jet ski operators for non-compliance with the marine safety legislation.

Following the introduction of the Harbour ban, tougher penalties and trial exclusion zones the number of PWC based infringements has declined by 22% in the last five years.

In 2004-05, there were 14 reported incidents involving jet skis on NSW navigable waters.

Infringement notices issued to jet ski riders in 2004-05 were as follows:

	<b>Number</b>	<b>Per cent</b>
Sydney	149	30.65

Broken Bay	46	9.46
Hunter/Inland	72	14.82
North Coast	121	24.90
South Coast	80	16.46
Murray	18	3.71
<b>Total</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>100%</b>

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**Budget Estimates Committee  
Question on Notice 14**

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**Title:** Eurobodalla Shire jet-ski exclusion trial

**Ms SYLVIA HALE:** Why has it been found necessary to extend it beyond that period? What would be the benefit?

**Mr OXENBOULD:** At the moment there have not been any significant comments, and I believe the number of complaints has been very few. I can get specific information and provide that to you on notice.

**Answer**

I am advised:

There is community support for the trial.

At Council's request NSW Maritime has extended the timeframe for the trial exclusion areas.

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