



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 1

# **BUDGET ESTIMATES 2009-2010**

## **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

### **General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1**

Ports and Waterways

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Answers to be lodged by: Thursday 22 October 2009

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15 September 2009	Arts	23 October 2009 [35 days]

**Questions relating to the portfolio of Ports and Waterways**

**14 September 2009, 11.30 am – 1.00 pm**

**Questions from Mr Khan**

1. The proposed closure of the Port Jackson Pilot Boarding area from position three miles east of North Head and relocation, ten miles to the south, to a single boarding area at Port Botany will compel all vessels intending to call at Port Jackson to divert to Port Botany in order to embark and disembark pilots:
  - a) What is the estimate cost to the cruise industry and the other port users of the twenty mile diversion that will be involved in order to embark a pilot off Port Botany?
  - b) What will the increase in port turnaround times for the vessels?
  - c) What will be the reduction in costs to the SPC associated with the closure of the Pilot Boat service in Port Jackson?
  - d) How many Pilot Boat crew are employed in Port Jackson?
  - e) How many Pilot Boat crew are employed in Port Botany?
  - f) What is the age of the present Pilot Boat Fleet?
  - g) Will the cost of upgrading the Pilot Boat fleet be passed on to port users by way of an increased boarding fee?
2. The proposed closure of the Port Operations Control Centre at Millers Point will have a significant impact on the safety of marine operations in the Darling Harbour/Sydney Cove areas.
  - a) What is the cost of relocating the POCC from Millers Point to Port Botany?
  - b) How will the proposed VTS centre in Port Botany enhance the safety of vessel operations in Darling Harbour and Sydney Cove?
  - c) What is the cost of the installation of the VTS Centre in Port Botany?
  - d) How many extra staff will be employed to man the VTS Centre?
  - e) What is the cost of training the staff of the VTS Centre?
  - f) Will the costs of the VTS Centre be passed on to Port Users through increases in the Navigation Services fee?
3. What is the cost of relocating the Sydney Port Corporation corporate headquarters from Kent Street to Millers Point?
4.
  - a) Has the Government and BHP Billiton agreed on the outstanding issues that BHP Billiton had regarding the access arrangements at Newcastle Port?
  - b) If yes, why have you not signed the agreement with the industry given that you were saying that BHP Billiton was the last outstanding company to agree to the arrangement?
  - c) Are there any other companies who are now saying they have a problem and have not signed up?
  - d) If there are others who have an issue why did the Government tell the public that 13 of the 14 were not happy with what you agreed to?
  - e) If you have not agreed on your outstanding issues, why not and what is outstanding?