



NEW SOUTH WALES

Minister for Ports and Waterways

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Mr John Evans
Clerk of the Parliaments
Parliament House
Sydney NSW 2000

Dear Mr Evans

Please find attached responses to Questions taken on notice at the Budget Estimates hearing for the Ports and Waterways portfolio held on Thursday 22 September 2005.

Yours sincerely

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**HON ERIC ROOZENDAAL MLC
MINISTER FOR PORTS AND WATERWAYS**



Minister for Ports and Waterways

**Budget Estimates Committee
Question on Notice 1**

Date Notice Given: Budget Estimates Hearing, Thursday 22 September, 2005

Due: 17 October 2005

The Hon. GREG PEARCE: Can you give me a breakdown of the \$60 billion—how much goes through each of the major ports?

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

Answer

I am advised:

Approximately \$50 billion in trade goes through the Sydney ports of Port Botany and Port Jackson.

Approximately \$7 billion in trade goes through the Port of Newcastle.

Approximately \$3 billion in trade goes through Port Kembla.

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

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The Hon. GREG PEARCE: Can you give me the breakdown of the 30,000 direct and indirect jobs?

The Hon. ERIC ROOZENDAAL: I would like to give the Committee the most accurate information possible, so I will take that on notice.

Answer

I am advised:

The Sydney Ports of Port Jackson and Port Botany account for an estimated 8,000 direct jobs.

The Port of Newcastle accounts for an estimated 1,500 direct jobs.

Port Kembla accounts for an estimated 1,000 direct jobs.

**HON ERIC ROOZENDAAL MLC
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**Budget Estimates Committee
Question on Notice 3**

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The Hon. GREG PEARCE: Has there been any significant increase in the number of jobs, direct and indirect, in Port Botany since the beginning of 2004?

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

Answer

I am advised:

Approximately 650 direct and indirect jobs have been created at Port Botany in the 2004/05 financial year.

**HON ERIC ROOZENDAAL MLC
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**Budget Estimates Committee
Question on Notice 4**

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The Hon. GREG PEARCE: When you get to the 30,000 and you work out the number in Port Botany, would it be the figure quoted by the former planning Minister in December 2003 of 4,000 direct and 6,000 indirect?

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

Answer

The figures quoted by the former Minister for Planning which appear in the 2003 Metropolitan Freight Strategy were based on 2001/2002 statistics.

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

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The Hon. MELINDA PAVEY: Sydney Ports Corporation, page 131, intermodal location unknown. Expenditure to date \$46.452 million. Expenditure in this financial year is a proposed \$5.7 million. What has the money been spent on?

Mr OXENBOULD: The majority of that money has been spent on the purchase of the Enfield site.

The Hon. GREG PEARCE: How much was that?

Mr OXENBOULD: I am not sure of the exact figure and the cost of the Enfield site, but—

The Hon. MELINDA PAVEY: It is land acquisition at this stage?

Mr OXENBOULD: The land acquisition of the Enfield site?

The Hon. GREG PEARCE: Would you take that question on notice?

Mr OXENBOULD: Sorry?

The Hon. GREG PEARCE: Would you take the question on notice?

Mr OXENBOULD: Yes.

The Hon. MELINDA PAVEY: The exact breakdown of the expenditure.

Mr OXENBOULD: Yes.

Answer

I am advised:

\$44.1M of this expenditure relates to the purchase of land at Enfield. The remainder has been allocated to cover costs such as site investigation, an environmental assessment report, demolition of derelict structures and site remediation.

**HON ERIC ROOZENDAAL MLC
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**Budget Estimates Committee
Question on Notice 6**

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The Hon. MELINDA PAVEY: What do you believe, Minister, will be the loss in revenue to the Sydney Ports Corporation from the loss of stevedoring facilities from east Darling Harbour, if they ceased in February 2006 as apparently planned?

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

Answer

I am advised:

Stevedoring activity will not cease in February 2006. Sydney Ports Corporation and Port Kembla Port Corporation have announced staged transition to Port Kembla from September 2006.

**HON ERIC ROOZENDAAL MLC
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**Budget Estimates Committee
Question on Notice 7**

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This year the Sydney Ports Corporation has handled a record 1.375 million containers, so I think they are doing pretty well.

The Hon. GREG PEARCE: Could you break that down between the various ports?

The Hon. ERIC ROOZENDAAL: I will take that on notice, Greg.

The Hon. GREG PEARCE: Thank you.

Answer

I am advised:

In 2004/05 1,341,550 million TEU (twenty foot equivalent units) in trade was handled through Port Botany and the remainder of 34,835 TEU was handled through Port Jackson.

**HON ERIC ROOZENDAAL MLC
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**Budget Estimates Committee
Question on Notice 8**

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Ms SYLVIA HALE: What is the current capacity of Port Botany in terms of the number of containers it is able to handle?

The Hon. ERIC ROOZENDAAL: I am advised that it really depends who you ask as to what the capacity is at Port Botany.

Ms SYLVIA HALE: But I am asking you.

The Hon. ERIC ROOZENDAAL: And I am advising you that it depends on who you ask, so I will take that question on notice and I will try to get the most accurate answer that is possible.

Answer

I am advised:

Sydney Ports Corporation estimates Port Botany could handle between 1.8 million and 2 million TEU (twenty foot equivalent units) in its current configuration.

**HON ERIC ROOZENDAAL MLC
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**Budget Estimates Committee
Question on Notice 9**

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Ms SYLVIA HALE: Thank you. The annual report of the ports corporation states it is anticipated that will grow. Have you any notion of the projected forecast and the numbers of containers that will be making use of Port Botany when the expansion takes place?

The Hon. ERIC ROOZENDAAL: The issue of the Port Botany expansion is still a planning process. I think it is up to the Minister for Planning to determine. I understand that the Sydney Ports Corporation has some projections in its reports.

Ms SYLVIA HALE: What are they?

The Hon. ERIC ROOZENDAAL: I will take that on notice and get you the most accurate numbers possible.

Answer

I am advised:

In 2004/05 Port Botany handled 1.34 million TEU (twenty foot equivalent units). This is forecast to grow by 5% per annum. By 2010 trade is projected to have reached approximately 1.8 million TEU in total.

**HON ERIC ROOZENDAAL MLC
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**Budget Estimates Committee
Question on Notice 10**

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Ms SYLVIA HALE: Chris Corrigan suggested that Port Botany could handle up to eight million containers per year. Is Mr Corrigan off with the fairies, or fanciful, or is there some substance to his projection?

The Hon. ERIC ROOZENDAAL: It would be best for me to take that question on notice and get the most accurate response in respect of what Mr Corrigan has said.

Answer

I am advised:

Sydney Ports Corporation estimates Port Botany could handle between 1.8 million and 2 million TEU (twenty foot equivalent units) in its current configuration.

At the moment Patrick Stevedores handle approximately 710,000 TEUs per year.

**HON ERIC ROOZENDAAL MLC
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**Budget Estimates Committee
Question on Notice 11**

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The Hon. MELINDA PAVEY: If the commission of inquiry agrees to the expansion of Port Botany, as proposed by the Sydney Ports Corporation, how long will the construction process take?

The Hon. ERIC ROOZENDAAL: I could hazard a reasonable guess but rather than do that I think I will take proper advice and come back to you on that.

Answer

I am advised:

The Sydney Ports Corporation estimates, subject to planning approval, the construction of infrastructure to provide additional capacity would take approximately 5-6 years.

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**Budget Estimates Committee
Question on Notice 12**

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The Hon. MELINDA PAVEY: How much revenue will Sydney Ports Corporation lose from the closure of stevedore facilities at East Darling Harbour?

The Hon. ERIC ROOZENDAAL: I would have to take advice on that to give you the most exact figures I can.

Answer

I am advised:

The Darling Harbour East lease ends in February 2006. Sydney Ports Corporation and Port Kembla Port Corporation advise it will remain open to September 2006 generating extra revenue for the Port.

All the Port Corporations predict revenue growth in 2006.

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**Budget Estimates Committee
Question on Notice 13**

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The Hon. MELINDA PAVEY: What is the ports corporation's estimate of the value of the land at East Darling Harbour?

The Hon. ERIC ROOZENDAAL: I would have to take that question on advice.

Answer

I am advised:

As at 30 June 2005, Sydney Ports Corporation's book value – as an unimproved port site - for land at East Darling Harbour was \$56M.

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**Budget Estimates Committee
Question on Notice 14**

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The Hon. GREG PEARCE: Can I go back to Port Kembla multipurpose berth No 3? The 2004-05 budget papers allocated funding of \$6 million for a multipurpose berth terminal site works. There is no continuation in the current year budget. Was that fully expended? Are the site works for the No. 3 berth?

Mr OXENBOULD: We will have to take that on notice.

Answer

I am advised:

The \$6 million shown in the 2004-2005 Capital Works Program for Multi-Purpose Berth Terminal site works relates to land side development behind the multi purpose berths 1 and 2 which was to be undertaken by Port Kembla Port Corporation. This work will no longer be undertaken by the Port Kembla Port Corporation but rather by the private sector.

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**Budget Estimates Committee
Question on Notice 15**

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What happened to the other \$6 million?

Mr OXENBOULD: There was a large differential of \$6 million associated with the contract and external services for the transfer of berths Nos 2 and 3 at Walsh Bay. We capitalised part of the transfer of the property and a segment of it had to be expensed. There was an increase in our expenditure as part of the development of wharves 2 and 3 in Walsh Bay. That amounted to an increase of \$6 million on what was expected.

The Hon. GREG PEARCE: I am sorry, I did not quite follow that. How was the money spent or expensed?

Mr OXENBOULD: It was a write-off against the external services provided as part of the development of Walsh Bay, which was a NSW Maritime development—previously a waterways development. When we came to the final stage of the development a segment had to be written off. Part of it was capitalised and brought onto our capital program and part of it was expensed. There was an increase in expenditure of \$6 million. I can provide further detail on notice.

Answer

I am advised:

Approximately \$6M was spent on repairs to the adjoining seawall of Walsh Bay 2/3 and remediation of contaminated sediment around the wharf piles of Walsh Bay 2/3.

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**Budget Estimates Committee
Question on Notice 16**

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The Hon. GREG PEARCE: Can you give us details of current leasing revenue and last year's leasing revenue?

Mr OXENBOULD: I can provide that for you on notice.

Answer

As at 31 August 2005 leasing revenue for 2005/06 was \$1.317M. In 2004/2005 leasing revenue was \$9.362M.

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**Budget Estimates Committee
Whole of Government Questions**

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- Number of Ministerial staff
- Total salaries of Ministerial staff
- Total cost of Ministers office (including salaries, accommodation and other expenses)
- Is the Minister's Office hosted through the Premier's Department?
- Who pays for the Ministerial car and driver?

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The Hon. GREG PEARCE: I assume you have some ministerial staff?

The Hon. ERIC ROOZENDAAL: Yes.

The Hon. GREG PEARCE: How many ministerial staff?

The Hon. ERIC ROOZENDAAL: I think the issue of ministerial staff is a whole-of-government question and I will have to take that on notice.

The Hon. GREG PEARCE: Okay. Take it on notice and, if you could, give us the total salaries being paid to your ministerial staff too. I assume you will take that on notice as well. I am trying to get to the cost of your office, and that includes the total salaries, the accommodation costs, and the other expenses of your ministerial office such as Minister's staff.

The Hon. ERIC ROOZENDAAL: I will take it on notice.

The Hon. GREG PEARCE: Thank you. Is your ministerial office hosted through the Premier's Department, or how is it accounted for in the budget and in the administrative arrangements?

The Hon. ERIC ROOZENDAAL: I am advised that ministerial staff are employed by the Premier's Department. I am happy to get back to you on the question.

The Hon. GREG PEARCE: It is probably one of those hosted in the Premier's Department?

The Hon. ERIC ROOZENDAAL: I will get back to you.

The Hon. GREG PEARCE: So you have taken that on notice. There would be no point asking you about your car and who pays for that—the car and driver? You would not know, I assume?

The Hon. ERIC ROOZENDAAL: I will have to get back to you. I will take that on notice.

Answer

Remuneration for Ministerial staff is determined by the Director General of the Premier's Department.

The budget for the Ministerial Office was determined by Budget Committee of Cabinet.

Expenditure is approved for Ministerial staff in accordance with financial delegations approved in accordance with the provisions of the Public Finance and Audit Act.

Expenditure in 2005/06 will be in accordance with the needs of the office and priorities for expenditure.

All ministerial accommodation is in accordance with approvals and requirements.

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