

WESTPORT TASKFORCE

**939. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the Minister for Ports:**

I refer to question without notice 772 asked on 8 August and the recent release of *Westport Beacon* issue 5 titled “Long-term container trade forecasts”.

- (1) Given the significant public interest in this matter, will the minister release the Deloitte Access Economics modelling that underpins the work being done by the Westport Taskforce?
- (2) If no to (1), will the minister explain why she intends to keep this important information secret from the people of Western Australia?
- (3) In accordance with section 28 of the Financial Management Act, did the minister refer the previous refusal to provide information to the Auditor General; and, if not, why not?

**Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:**

I think we must be living in parallel universes. There has been no occasion on which I have refused to provide that data. I certainly suggest the member go and read the answer I gave to that previous question. I propose to release information on the estimated container forecast within the next fortnight.