

PORT OF GERALDTON - LEAD CARBONATE EXPORTS

Hon ANTHONY FELS to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for the Environment.

- (1) Will the minister table the full environmental assessment review of the port of Geraldton regarding the proposed exporting of lead carbonate by Magellan Metals Pty Ltd through the port?
- (2) Will the minister table the environmental assessment review for the port of Esperance regarding the proposed export of lead carbonate by Magellan Metals through the port?

Hon SALLY TALBOT replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question. The Minister for the Environment has provided an answer in the following terms -

- (1) There is no specific document referred to as an environmental assessment review. In response to question without notice 593, I tabled a copy of the Environmental Protection Authority's report and recommendations - bulletin 6, September 2000 - on its assessment of the Magellan Metals Pty Ltd lead carbonate project, which included the proposed export of lead carbonate by Magellan Metals through the port of Geraldton. Magellan Metals prepared a consultative environmental review regarding the project in September 1999. This is a large document and a copy can be tabled if required.
- (2) As indicated in the response to (1), no specific document is referred to as an "environmental assessment review". In response to question without notice 593, I tabled a copy of the approval issued pursuant to section 45C of the Environmental Protection Act 1986 to vary the Magellan lead carbonate project to export through Esperance, statement 000559, dated December 2004; and a copy of the licence 5099 and conditions issued by the Department of Environment and Conservation to the Esperance Port Authority under the Environmental Protection Act 1986, dated 28 September 2006.