

FREMANTLE PORT — CONTAINERISED LEAD EXPORTS

65. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the minister's recent media statement regarding the shipment of containerised lead out of the port of Fremantle.

- (1) Can the minister advise whether she supports the statement made a couple of days before the state election by the then opposition leader, Colin Barnett, that he "would not allow lead to be shipped through the Fremantle port"?
- (2) Will the minister confirm that she will implement that policy announced by the now Premier?

Hon DONNA FARAGHER replied:

I thank the member for her question.

- (1)-(2) With respect to the Premier's statement, that referred to bulk lead. What is currently before the government is a proposal by Magellan Metals for the export of containerised lead through the port of Fremantle. As the member would know, this matter has been before government for some time, going back to last year, and was before former Minister for the Environment David Templeman. He made a ministerial decision in respect of the appeals that it could go ahead subject to a range of quite stringent conditions. That former minister did impose further conditions than those that had been recommended by the Environmental Protection Authority. The matter was not resolved due to the early calling of the election. As a result, as the Minister for Environment, I am required under the act to complete that process. As part of that process, I am required to consult with relevant decision-making authorities, which I am currently doing. Once those consultations have been finalised, I will make a decision on the proposal by Magellan Metals Pty Ltd.