

OAKAJEE PORT

423. Hon MATT BENSON-LIDHOLM to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

- (1) When was the business case developed to underpin the investment of taxpayers' dollars in the Oakajee port?
- (2) If that business case has been prepared, will the Leader of the House table it?
- (3) If no business case has been prepared, on what basis is this investment in taxpayers' dollars proceeding?
- (4) Will the Leader of the House table the development agreement with Oakajee Port and Rail signed on 20 March 2009?
- (5) If no to (4), why not?

Hon NORMAN MOORE replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) Although there have been numerous studies over the years for the development of Oakajee, there is no current business case.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) The signing of the state development agreement in March 2009 has initiated Oakajee Port and Rail preparing a bankable feasibility study prior to achieving financial close. During this time the state is also preparing a market analysis study to enable further planning and development of the Oakajee industrial estate. This work will also form the development of the common-user infrastructure, including the provision of additional berth capacity to support the attraction of value-adding industries to the industrial estate.
- (4) No.
- (5) The state development agreement contains a confidentiality clause that imposes restrictions on the release of the document.