

ESPERANCE PORT AUTHORITY - LEAD CONCENTRATE EXPORT

**1221. Hon NORMAN MOORE to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for the Environment:**

I refer the minister to the environmental approval given to the Esperance Port Authority to export lead concentrate.

- (1) Was the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure informed of the approval; and, if not, why not?
- (2) If yes to (1), will the minister table the relevant correspondence; and, if not, why not?
- (3) Will the minister table the briefing provided to the Minister for the Environment regarding the decision to approve the port's application to export lead concentrate; and, if not, why not?

**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) No. The former Department of Environment issued licence approval to the Esperance Port Authority to export lead concentrate under part V of the Environmental Protection Act 1986. The department did not brief the Minister for the Environment about the licence decision.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) See (1).