

WESTPORT TASKFORCE — BUDGET

904. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the Minister for Ports:

I refer to the Westport Taskforce.

- (1) What is the state government's total expenditure to date for all activities undertaken by and related to the operations of the Westport Taskforce?
- (2) What will be the total expenditure of the Westport Taskforce at the point at which it completes the next stages of its work, which, according the joint ministerial statement of 15 August, will "determine timings, location, scale and costings of the new port"?
- (3) Does the government intend that the task force will continue in some form beyond the point in time anticipated in (2)?

Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) As at 30 June 2019, the total expenditure for the Westport Taskforce is \$4.2 million.
- (2) The Westport Taskforce has a total budget allocation of \$8.2 million, of which \$4 million remains to prepare the stage 2 outcomes report.
- (3) The government will make a decision in due course on the ongoing role of the Westport Taskforce.