

FREMANTLE BRIDGE

583. Ms S.F. McGURK to the Minister for Transport:

I have a supplementary question. How many incidents of vessels hitting these bridges will it take before proper infrastructure fit for the twenty-first century is put in place alongside the Fremantle port?

Mr D.C. NALDER replied:

I repeat that this government is acting on this, which is something that the opposition failed to do in two terms of government. There have been two incidents. The first one was in May 2011 and that was due to driver error. Following that, processes were undertaken to improve things. This incident was caused by severe winds.

Ms S.F. McGurk interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Fremantle!

Mr D.C. NALDER: It was a completely different incident. We will examine it, but our priority is to get this bridge back up and running, to make sure commuters are not disadvantaged for too long and to get that freight moving as quickly as possible.