

TRANSPORT — FREMANTLE PORT — AIR QUALITY MONITORING

5354. Ms S.F. McGurk to the Minister for Transport:

I refer to air quality monitoring undertaken around Fremantle Port and ask:

- (a) what air quality monitoring has been undertaken around Fremantle Port;
- (b) when did this monitoring commence;
- (c) please detail the results of any air monitoring conducted around Fremantle Port over the last 10 years;
- (d) are alternatives to ships using their own diesel generators being actively considered by the Fremantle Port Authority;
- (e) what is the timetable for consideration of the alternative power sources; and
- (f) has research been undertaken on power source alternatives being used in other States in Australia and/or in comparable overseas freight ports?

Mr D.C. Nalder replied:

- (a) Rosslyn Hill Mining (formerly Magellan Metals) has undertaken high volume air quality and static dust monitoring for lead as a condition of their environmental approval to export lead carbonate in containers.
- (b) 2009.
- (c) The results were provided by Rosslyn Hill Mining to the Office of the Environmental Protection Authority and Department of Health to demonstrate compliance with relevant environmental and health standards. Rosslyn Hill Mining publishes audit and sampling results on their website.
- (d) No.
- (e) Not applicable.
- (f) Yes. Ports Australia has undertaken research and determined that no Australian ports are using alternative power sources and that some overseas ports are doing so.