

FREMANTLE PORT, CONTAINER VOLUME

**966 Hon TOM STEPHENS to the Minister for Transport:**

- (1) What volume of containers was shipped through the Fremantle port in 1998-99?
- (2) What is the current container storage capacity of the Fremantle port?
- (3) What is the size of the area currently occupied by fuel depots?
- (4) Are those fuel depots on land owned by the FPA?

**Hon M.J. CRIDDLE replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) The volume of containers shipped through the Fremantle port in 1998-99 was 275 697 20-foot equivalent units. Since 1990 91 container throughput has increased by an average annual growth rate of 10.9 per cent.
- (2) The area of land currently under lease to the container terminal operators is approximately 27 hectares. This was sufficient to handle the 1998-99 trade levels, but Patrick The Australian Stevedore, has advised that its container terminal is reaching capacity and that additional land is urgently required for the efficient handling of future trade growth.
- (3) The BP Pty Ltd fuel depot on North Quay occupies an area of approximately four hectares.
- (4) No.