

DONGARA-PORT DENISON JETTY, DEMOLITION

2. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Transport:

In respect of plans to demolish the timber jetty at Dongara/Port Denison -

- (1) How much money has been expended on maintenance work on the existing timber jetty, and what methods and techniques were used?
- (2) How much money will be required for ongoing inspection and maintenance for the life of a new concrete and steel jetty structure that may be constructed in place of the timber jetty?
- (3) Has a detailed cost benefit analysis of whole-of-life costs for a refurbished timber structure compared to a new concrete and steel structure been carried out to justify demolition of the existing timber jetty and construction of a new concrete and steel jetty?

Hon M.J. CRIDDLE replied:

- (1) The requested financial information is not readily available. Transport's accounting records do not separate maintenance expenditure on the old jetty from maintenance of other jetty structures within the harbour. However, as the jetty had been identified as being surplus to requirements, there has been minimal expenditure on the old jetty for a number of years. The maintenance that has been carried out in recent years has been restricted to public safety issues such as replacing a few deck planks, re-affixing hand rails and erecting a barrier to prevent unauthorised access.
- (2) No Government funding will be required for the maintenance of the new jetty as it is to be owned and maintained by the Shire of Irwin. The cost to the Shire will be influenced by the final jetty design and maintenance strategy adopted by the Shire.
- (3) This is a matter that the Honourable Member will need to address to the Shire of Irwin as it is the Shire, not Transport, that is designing and building the new jetty.