

PORT HEDLAND FLOATING JETTY

**132. Hon STEPHEN DAWSON to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Transport:**

- (1) Did the original proposal for the new \$6 million Port Hedland floating jetty include provisions for public access?
- (2) If yes to (1), when and why was the decision made to exclude members of the public?
- (3) If no to (1), what was the rationale for spending \$6 million on a jetty solely for private industry use?
- (4) What is the value of funding needed to restore the Main Street jetty and what is the value of funding allocated for restoration over the forward estimates?

**Hon JIM CHOWN replied:**

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

- (1) No.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) The project was constructed to separate commercial activity from recreational use on the Main Street public jetty to enhance public safety and accessibility, allowing the Main Street public jetty to be restored to its original intended use—recreational public use. The member should note that although the budget was \$6 million, only \$4 million was spent.
- (4) Over the last three years, \$1.5 million has been spent on restoring the Main Street public jetty to ensure it is safe for public use. An annual allocation of \$100 000 has been set in the forward estimates for ongoing maintenance.