

ESPERANCE PORT — YILGARN ESPERANCE SOLUTION LIMITED

1033. Hon KEN TRAVERS to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the Minister for Transport's announcement on 7 May 2014 that Yilgarn Esperance Solution Limited had been chosen to design, build and operate the new Esperance port multi-user iron ore export facility.

- (1) When does the minister expect that construction of this facility will commence?
- (2) When does the minister expect the port's iron ore export capacity will reach 20 million tonnes per annum?
- (3) How long can YES maintain its preferred proponent status before it must submit plans and/or commence construction?
- (4) Does YES have any right to compensation from the state or port authority should the expansion not proceed?

Hon JIM CHOWN replied:

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

- (1) I will get a clearer answer to this question.
- (2) Construction of the first phase to increase the port's capacity to 20 million tonnes per annum is expected to take approximately 12 months.
- (3) YES can maintain its preferred status through to financial close after contract close.
- (4) No.