

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS, FLOATING BERTH AT BROOME

32. Hon Bob Thomas to the Minister for Transport:

With regard to tender 2/00 for expressions of interest for design consultancy services for the construction of a floating berth at Broome -

- (1) Has a tender been let?
- (2) Who was the successful tenderer?
- (3) What are the details of the project?
- (4) How will the design accommodate the high tides in the area?
- (5) What are the expected financial benefits for the area?
- (6) Will it be suitable for the loading of livestock for overseas export markets?
- (7) Will cruise liners be able to use this floating berth?
- (8) How will it be connected to the land and how is it designed to cope with cyclones?
- (9) What is the cost of the project?

Hon M.J. CRIDDLE replied:

- (1) No.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) To investigate whether a small craft berth can be provided at the Port of Broome.
- (4) The investigation will determine how to deal with the tidal range, most likely using floating structures.
- (5) Financial benefits are expected to accrue to industry through increased efficiency of operation, and in the case of tourism, the provision of such a facility will assist in the growth of this important industry.
- (6) No, any floating berth will be for use by smaller vessels, operating primarily in the fishing, pearling and tourism industries in addition to servicing private pleasure craft.
- (7) No.
- (8) Whether the structure will be directly connected to the land and the approach in coping with cyclones and water movement generally, will depend on the outcome of the consultancy.
- (9) Project cost will be determined within the consultancy.