

CYBERATTACKS — DP WORLD AUSTRALIA

1536. Hon SOPHIA MOERMOND to the Minister for Innovation and the Digital Economy:

I refer to the cyber attack two weeks ago on port operator DP World, which manages 40 per cent of Australia's container shipments through terminals around Australia, including Fremantle, that brought freight shipments to a halt.

- (1) What has the government done to respond to this?
- (2) How confident is the government that such an attack will not happen again in the future?
- (3) If a similar shutdown happened in the future for a longer period, what contingency plans does the government have in place?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

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

- (1) The Department of the Premier and Cabinet's Office of Digital Government has participated in national coordination meetings convened by the commonwealth government as part of the national response to this cyber incident.
- (2) DP World, as a private entity, is not subject to any state government regulation of its cybersecurity maturity. The Western Australian government is not in a position to comment on the likelihood of future attacks.
- (3) I ask that the member refer this question to the Minister for Ports.