

ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS 2014-15 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Monday, 21 July 2014

Department of Transport

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Question No 1: The Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations asked –

We refer to Budget Paper Two, page 794, and ask –

- a) What services are driving the spending changes associated with the 2014-15 Tariffs, Fees and Charges measure?*

Answer: The following table outlines the changes to expense limits, when compared to previously published forward estimates, association with cost recovery from fees and charges:

	2014-15 Budget Estimate \$'000	2015-16 Forward Estimate \$'000	2016-17 Forward Estimate \$'000	2017-18 Forward Estimate \$'000
Coastal Infrastructure	-2,163	-2,769	-3,401	-2,971
Driver and Vehicle Services	1,182	-729	3,245	11,248
Marine Safety	988	961	940	1,193
Passenger Services	-1,185	-751	-320	222
Total	(1,178)	(3,288)	464	9,692

- b) For those fees, what are the current rates of cost recovery?*

Answer: There is a vast array of fees and charges. The Department of Transport (DoT) undertakes its annual review of fees and charges in accordance with the requirements and guidance issued by the Department of Treasury. The calculation of DoT's fees is primarily based on either cost models targeting full cost recovery or CPI-related increases. Where cost models show that an individual fee is already achieving full cost recovery, increases are not applied.

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Question No 2: The Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations asked –

We refer to Budget Paper Two, page 794, the Department will spend an additional \$10.0 million in 2013-14 on MAX Light Rail Planning and Development project. [Legislative Assembly Estimates, Department of Transport, 20 May 2014, p2] The total spend on planning was estimated to be \$18.1 million for the project, with the business case due to be presented to the Minister in June or July, and ask –

- a) How much did the Department spend planning the MAX Light Rail project in 2013-14? If not, how much planning money will be carried over to 2014-15?*

Answer: All of the funding was expended in 2013-14 totalling \$18.1m. As such no monies will be carried over in 2014-15.

- b) Did the Department provide the business case to the Minister? If yes, please summarise the business case for the Committee?*

Answer: The 'Real Potential' Business Case was submitted to the former Minister for Transport in September 2013. The business case compared light rail against other options including a bus rapid transit option and utilise and expand existing infrastructure option. The business case was also submitted to Infrastructure Australia and was the only project in December 2013 to advance from 'Early Stage' to 'Real Potential' stage.

The Project Definition Plan (also referred to as the final business case) was submitted to the Minister for Transport in July 2014. The Project Definition Plan developed the preferred option light rail into a fully costed proposal. It recommends the procurement model and also considers various staging options for the project.



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Question No 3: The Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations asked --

In the 2013-14 Government Mid-Year Financial Projection Statements, page 116, an additional \$5.0 million was provided to re-establish the MAX Light Rail Planning and Development project team in 2016-17. This spending does not appear to be in the Spending Changes table. Why is the spending associated with re-establishing the MAX Light Rail project team in 2016-17 not incorporated in the Spending Changes table?

Answer: The \$5.0m in 2016-17 is allocated to the Public Transport Authority.



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Question No 4: The Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations asked –

We refer to Budget Paper Two, page 795, and ask why will spending on the Strategic Transport Policy and Integrated Planning service drop from \$98.1 million in 2013-14 to \$69.3 million in 2017-18?

Answer: The overall decrease from the 2013-14 published estimated actual to the 2017-18 forward estimate period mainly relates to the following items:

- non-recurring expenditure on MAX Light Rail project planning and development;
- non-recurring expenditure on the CBD Transport Plan;
- lower forecast expenditure on the WA Bicycle Network; and
- non-recurring expenditure on the Fremantle Rail Container Subsidy.

And increases in accordance with CPI forecasts and other minor variations..



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Question No 5: The Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations asked –

What is the rationale for including motor vehicle registration recording fees and motor driver's licence fees in the net appropriation determination rather than passing that revenue to the Consolidated Account?

Answer: The Motor Vehicle Recording Fee and Motor Driver's Licence Fees are linked to cost recovery pools in the Department of Transport. Implementation of net appropriation arrangements for these fees brings them into line with all other departmental fees for services and streamlines the budget process for calculation of CPI-related increases in appropriation and adjustments related to efficiency dividends.



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Question No 6: The Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations asked –

We refer to Budget Paper Two, page 806, and ask will you explain the changes in the value of current restricted cash, which declines from \$104.5 million in 2012-13 to \$36.2 million in 2015-16 before increasing to \$84.6 million by 2017-18?

Answer: The most significant components of restricted cash in the Department of Transport are the Perth Parking Management Account and the Taxi Industry Development Account.

The major changes relate to the Perth Parking Management Account. The balance of this account will decrease across 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 as a result of contributions to the Wellington Street Bus Station project. The balance of this account is forecast in the budget to decrease from \$69.7m at 30 June 2013 to \$6.5m at 30 June 2016, and then increase to \$59.0m at 30 June 2018.

A run down on cash balances relating to Royalties for Regions funded projects accounts for the remainder of the decrease between 30 June 2013 and 30 June 2016.

The budget forecasts the balance of the Taxi Industry Development Account to be relatively constant across the forward estimate period.



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Question No 7: The Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations asked –

We refer to Budget Paper Two, page 808-09, and ask, what is the rate of cost recovery for services identified on pages 808 and 809 of Budget Paper No. Two?

Answer: There are no services identified on page 808. The amounts on this page relate to revenue administered by the Department of Transport, none of which are related to cost recovery.

See attached table for cost recovery rates for fees and charges listed in the net appropriation table on page 809. Where cost models show that an individual fee is already achieving full cost recovery, increases were not applied.



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Description of Revenue	\$	Cost Recovery
Boat Registration Fees		
Boat Registration Fees	15,713,312	93.92%
Recording Fee (Late fee, Application fee & Change of ownership)	606,144	96.99%
GST Input Credits	500,000	n/a
GST Receipts on Sale	607,000	n/a
		Various (not exceeding 100%)
Jetty Licences	528,000	
Maritime Examinations		
Record of Commercial Sea Service Booklet	18,720	78.71%
Motor Drivers - Application and Other Fees		
New/Additional - Ordinary - Application for a driver's licence including one practical driving assessment for where the motor vehicle is not of class HC or MC	5,899,224	100.03%
New Heavy & Multi Combination Classes - Application for a driver's licence including one practical driving assessment for where the motor vehicle is of class HC or MC	188,013	99.98%
New Heavy & Multi Combination Classes - Each additional practical driving assessment where the motor vehicle is of class HC or MC	23,266	99.99%
Supplementary Practical Driver Assessment - Each additional practical driving assessment where the motor vehicle is not of class HC or MC	5,302,887	99.99%
Application for a driver's licence where a practical driving assessment is not required	1,324,901	95.25%
F Class Licence Endorsement Application	416,431	100.02%
T Class Licence Endorsement Application	215,816	100.02%
Motor Vehicle Drivers Instructors - Issue of an instructor's licence	5,722	100.20%
Motor Vehicle Drivers Instructors - Issue of a replacement licence or permit	192	104.67%
Motor Vehicle Drivers Instructors - Test under section 7(3) of the Act	61,147	100.01%
Fee for logbook under the Road Traffic (Authorisation to Drive) Regulations 2008	1,143,985	99.95%
Computerised Theory Test - Theory test for the first time	1,371,370	99.95%
Computerised Theory Test - Theory test resit	193,467	99.92%
Hazard Perception Test - First hazard perception test in respect of a driver's licence application	588,921	103.27%
Hazard Perception Test - Each additional hazard perception test in respect of a driver's licence application	62,238	102.25%
Motor Vehicle Drivers Instructors - Initial Grant of a Licence	33,497	99.98%
Copy of excessive demerit points notice previously given to a person under the Road Traffic Act 1974 Part VIA	3,798	104.66%
Duplicate - Issue of a replacement driver's licence document	1,718,953	99.86%
Duplicate - Issue of a replacement Learners Permit	1,402,947	99.94%
Duplicate - Issue of a replacement Extraordinary Licence	3,829	99.89%
Duplicate Pensioner - Issue of a replacement driver's licence document for holders of the pensioner concession card or senior's card (50% of fee prescribed at r.39)	44,993	49.93%
Motor Drivers - Licence Fees		
Standard 1yr *	14,474,629	92.20%
Standard 5yr *	27,195,983	n/a
Pension & Senior 1 Yr	407,091	29.16%
Pension & Senior 5 yr	1,149,999	45.24%
Extraordinary 1yr Original Issue	227,057	103.12%
Extraordinary 1/2yr Original Issue	106,965	52.02%
Extraordinary 1yr Renewal	36,305	107.62%
Extraordinary 1/2yr Renewal	3,525	54.37%
Motor Vehicle - Other Fees		
Grant of permit for unlicensed vehicle	965,650	101.60%
Bulk Licensing Fee - Fee payable by a motor vehicle dealer or vehicle manufacturer for each vehicle the dealer or manufacturer wishes to licence	1,761,312	103.07%
Motor Vehicle - Plate Fees		
Issue of ("ordinary") plates	8,103,744	105.59%
Reissue of ("ordinary") plates	1,859	97.13%
Reissue of ("ordinary") plates returned under Reg 22 (3) (3a) or (4)	930	97.13%
Assignment and issue of trade plates in any other case, per set of plates	6,080	128.72%
Application for the issue of personalised plates	125,520	438.02%
Application for the issue of plates to replace "ordinary" plates bearing the same characters	120,195	80.68%
Dealer Plate Remake - Assignment and issue of trade plates where the plate is issued in substitution for a plate bearing the same characters	340	130.77%
Application for the issue of plates to replace personalised plates	33,005	331.96%
Special Series Plate Fees:		
Sales	8,362,916	n/a
Transfer	333,125	n/a
Remakes	333,125	n/a
Motor Vehicle - Search Fees		
MV Search (Manual List) - Searching records manually, per record	41,933	92%
MV Search (Mag Tape) - Searching records by computer where a list of vehicles to be searched is supplied to the DG on a data storage device, per record	788,070	35%
MV Search (Extract) - For production of an extract, per extract	2,026	87%
Motor Vehicle - Transfer Fees		
Transfer of a vehicle licence	10,509,825	98.20%
Motor Vehicle - Inspection Fees		
An initial examination of a heavy vehicle	2,937,625	103.66%
A re-examination of a heavy vehicle	224,924	102.69%
An initial examination of a mobile home or trailer without brakes, motor cycle, motor carrier, engine change	591,462	100.91%
An initial examination of a light vehicle	7,914,606	102.44%
A second or subsequent examination of a light vehicle	1,360,096	100.88%
A second or subsequent examination of a mobile home or trailer without brakes, motor cycle, motor carrier, engine change	55,491	100.61%
An examination of a licensed vehicle for the purpose of verifying the vehicle's identity and/or specifications	624,781	100.93%
Authorised Inspection Services - Regional Index	200,000	n/a
Motor Vehicle - Recording Fees		
Recording Fee (Both Heavy & Light Vehicles)	51,506,719	99.92%
Recoups for Services Provided		
ICWA Commission	19,933,609	99.53%
Replacement Certificates		
Issue of Replacement Certificate of Registration (Boat Registration)	62,750	91.27%
Issue of Replacement RST Card (Skippers Ticket)	48,000	94.27%
Western Australian Photo Card		
WA Photo Card	2,246,738	99.68%
TOTAL	200,776,681	

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Question No 8: The Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations asked –

We refer to Budget Paper Three, page 53, and ask the Program Evaluation Unit, in the Department of Treasury, is evaluating existing grants and social concessions, as part of a broader program to improve service delivery. Is the Department involved with the Department of Treasury's review of grants and social concessions? If so, please outline which programs are subject to the review and the findings to date?

Answer: No.



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Question No 9: Hon Ken Travers MLC asked –

With reference to Question on Notice No. 4 regarding studies, strategies or plans is the department currently working on, why wasn't the department able to provide an answer like did to similar questions in 2011 and 2013?

Answer: In considering how best to respond to Question on Notice No. 4, the Department determined that the question was too vague to provide accurate and complete information for the Committee. The Department can accommodate the Committee's request if it can be more specific as to which plans and strategies it would like information on.



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Question No 10: Hon Ken Travers MLC asked –

I refer to Budget Paper Two, page 794, and ask –

- a) Is there a cost saving forecast for Regional Workers Incentive Allowances in 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 what do these saving relate to?*

Answer: Yes, public sector unions agreed to a ‘rise and fall’ clause in the District Allowance formula when the new rates and calculation formula were implemented in 2009-10.



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Question No 11: Hon Ken Travers MLC asked --

I refer to Budget Paper Two, page 796, and ask regarding Initiatives Planned for the Department of Transport for 2014-15, there is further expansion of partner services to increase customer choice and convenience, including new metropolitan Authorised Inspection Stations and extended over the counter services in Australia Post outlets, and ask --

- a) What are the details relating to the new metropolitan Authorised Inspection Stations?*

Answer: An additional four light vehicle and one heavy vehicle Authorised Inspection Stations (AIS) have been established in the northern suburbs bringing the total number of metropolitan AIS to 35. A further two light vehicle AIS will join the network in the near future.

- b) What are the details relating to the extended over the counter services in Australia Post outlets?*

Answer: Australia Post is currently the approved Common User Agreement (CUA) agent providing a range of counter services across Government including the Department of Transport. Australia Post is undertaking a program of work to improve its over the counter electronic point of sale systems capability, to deliver a wider range of transactions for Driver and Vehicle Services throughout the Australia Post retail network within Western Australia.



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Question No 12: Hon Ken Travers MLC asked –

I refer to Budget Paper Two, page 804, and ask why are Employee Benefits in all the Forward Estimates 2014-15 to 2017-18, as a percentage change from the previous years, significantly below CPI?

Answer: The 2014-15 budget for employee benefits increases in accordance with CPI after adjusting for non-recurring expenditure from voluntary severance payments and the MAX Light Rail planning and development project.

Allocations at the expense code level in the forward estimates period are refined each year as part of the budget process, within the overall total cost of the services budget.



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Question No 13: Hon Ken Travers MLC asked –

In relation to taxis, and I ask-

- a) *How many taxi related complaints were lodged with the Department of Transport in 2013-14? For each complaint:*
- 1. What was the complaint;*
 - 2. Was the complaint investigated; and*
 - 3. What was the outcome of the investigation?*

Answer:

1. Responding to this question would require an excessive amount of Government resources.

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Table of Taxi Complaints	2013-14
Complaints Received	852
Complaints Investigated	852
Complaints Resolved	807
Complaints Under Investigation	45
Complaints Resolved - breakdown of outcome:	
Caution Issued	203
Enforcement Action Taken	141
Complaint referred to other agency	30
Duplicate complaint	3
Complaint Unsubstantiated	430
Total	807

- b) *How much has the department budgeted to spend from the Taxi Industry Development Fund in 2014-15? Please provide a breakdown of the general categories of where the money will be spent.*

Answer: 2014-15 Budgeted Expenses are as follows:

	\$'000
Employee benefits	1,571
Supplies and services	2,346
Accommodation	231
Grants and subsidies	1,918
Other expenses	794
Total	6,860

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- c) *Has the department produced Taxi Industry Service Standards quarterly report for January – March 2014?*
1. *If no, why not?*
 2. *If yes to (c) when will it be released?*

Answer: Yes

1. Not applicable
2. The Department will release the report once Ministerial approval has been received.

- d) *How many complaints were received by the Department of Transport regarding taxi drivers in 2013-14?*

Answer: 801

- e) *What was the number of taxi compliance issues raised by the Department of Transport inspectors regarding taxi drivers in 2013-14?*

Answer: 1,280

- f) *How many compliance issues were there in each of the following categories:*
1. *Cameras;*
 2. *Meters;*
 3. *Lights;*
 4. *Panel damage;*
 5. *Detailing; and*
 6. *Other (please list)?*

Answer: The Department of Transport cannot provide data for the categories.



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Question No 14: Hon Ken Travers MLC asked –

In relation to the Metropolitan Freight Network Plan, and I ask –

a) What work has been done on a future container port in Cockburn Sound?

Answer: The plan articulates port growth plans for the port of Fremantle's inner and outer harbours to 2031, including container handling.

The plan will be based on the preferred option identified by the Western Australian Planning Commission through the planning assessment of future port options in the Cockburn Sound/Outer Harbour area.

b) When will a final plan be released?

The plan is currently being finalised for consideration by Government.



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Question No 15: Hon Ken Travers MLC asked –

In relation to Regulated Air Routes, and I ask –

- a) When will the review of regulated air routes in WA and discussion paper with recommendations for each route be available for public comment?*

The position paper of the Review of Regulated Regular Public Transport air routes was released for public comment on Thursday 31 July 2014.

- b) Does the Government have the capacity to place a cap on airfares to Exmouth/Learmonth? If yes, what is the mechanism that it can use?*

Under the deed arrangement between the State Government and Qantas, the Government is able to place a cap on the maximum airfare available on the Perth-Learmonth route.



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Question No 16: Hon Ken Travers MLC asked –

In relation to vehicle licence payments -

- a) I note that a \$13.05 recording fee applies to payments of three, six or twelve months, so why can't people pay their three month instalment at Australia Post or the Department of Transport centres or agents?*

Answer: The 3 month payment option was originally developed to encourage online motor vehicle dealerships registered with DoT to pay for a 3 month renewal as an incentive to reduce attendances at DVS centres. This was later extended to the public to assist with the financial management of vehicle renewals with the proviso that the 3 month payments were only to be made via electronic payment channels.

- b) How do people who don't have internet access or a credit card pay their three month vehicle licence fee?*

Answer: The three month licence option can only be paid online with either a credit card or a debit card.



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Question No 17: Hon Ken Travers MLC asked –

In relation to driver's licence tests in the metropolitan Perth, and I ask –

- a) *How many people had driver's licence tests in 2013-14?*
- b) *For the years 2009-10; 2010-11; 2011-12; 2012-13 and 2013-14 how many people:*
- 1. passed on their first attempt;*
 - 2. passed on their second attempt; and*
 - 3. passed on their third or subsequent attempts.*

Answer;

a) 61,266.

b)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
1st Attempt	33,745	34,295	35,976	35,334	30,297
2nd Attempt	8,171	8,603	9,029	9,511	8,781
3rd Attempt +	3,557	3,791	4,083	4,626	4,070

Note: the total number of practical driving assessments (PDA) conducted for the year 2013-14 (61,266) will be greater than the sum of the total three pass figures (43,148) as some candidates may attempt four or more times and still not obtain a pass result in the total sum of PDAs conducted for the year.



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Question No 18: Hon Ken Travers MLC asked –

In relation to drivers' licence tests in regional Western Australia, and I ask –

- a) How many people had driver's licence tests in regional Western Australia in 2013-14?*
- b) For the years 2009-10; 2010-11; 2011-12; 2012-13 and 2013-14 how many people*
 - 1. passed on their first attempt;*
 - 2. passed on their second attempt;*
 - 3. passed on their third or subsequent attempts.*

Answer;

c) 20,374.

b)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
1st Attempt	11,127	11,978	12,127	12,759	12,491
2nd Attempt	2,353	2,478	2,573	2,432	2,540
3rd Attempt +	512	596	580	565	596

Note: the total number of practical driving assessments (PDA) conducted for the year 2013-14 (20,374) will be greater than the sum of the total three pass figures (15,627) as some candidates may attempt four or more times and still not obtain a pass result in the total sum of PDAs conducted for the year.

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Question No 19: Hon Ken Travers MLC asked –

In relation to vehicle examinations, and I ask –

- a) How many vehicles were examined in the 2013-14 financial year by examiners directly employed by the department?*

Answer: 52,625.

- b) How many vehicles were examined in the 2013-14 financial year by examiners who are not directly employed by the department?*

Answer: 97,208.



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Question No 20: Hon Ken Travers MLC asked –

In relation to Transport Project Benefit Cost Ratios, and I ask –

a) What transport projects have been subject to the preliminary benefit-cost ratio?

Answer: None of the existing funded Department of Transport capital works projects had a benefit-cost ratio undertaken.

b) What were the preliminary BCRs for each project?

Answer: Not applicable



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Question No 21: Hon Ken Travers MLC asked –

In relation to advertising, and I ask –

- a) How much has the Department of Transport contributed towards the “Bigger Picture” advertising campaign in the 2012-13 and 2013-14 financial years?*

Answer: The amount spent on the ‘Bigger Picture’ campaign:

2012-13	\$166,000
2013-14	\$100,000

- b) How much is budgeted for advertising in 2014-15 financial year and for each year of the forward estimates?*

Answer: The 2014-15 advertising budget across the entire Department is \$670,000. Advertising budgets for the out years have not yet been determined.



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Question No 22: Hon Ken Travers MLC asked –

In relation to the new Department of Transport offices in Innaloo, has the department secured additional parking spaces for the new Innaloo office?

Answer: No

a) If no, what options are being pursued?

Answer: No options are being pursued.

b) If yes, where are they located and what is the cost?

Answer: Not applicable

c) Why are additional car parking bays needed?

Answer: Not applicable

d) Will there be any charges for public or staff to use them and if yes what will be the charges?

Answer: Not applicable



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Question No 23: Hon Ken Travers MLC asked –

In relation to the amalgamation of regional ports, and I ask -

- a) On what basis was it expected that the necessary legislation would be enacted in December 2013?*

Answer: The Department of Transport had December 2013 as the target date for passage of the Bill. This was based on Parliamentary Counsel completing the drafting of the Ports Legislation Amendment Bill 2013 in September 2013.

- b) How many sitting days were there between the introduction of the Bill and the end of the Parliamentary session?*

Answer: There were 17 sitting days between the introduction of the Bill on 23 October 2013 and the end of the Parliamentary session on 5 December 2013.

- c) How many sitting days are Bills normally required to sit on the notice paper in each House before they can be debated?*

In the Legislative Assembly, after a Bill is second read, Standing Order 168(1) provides that debate stands adjourned for three calendar weeks on a Bill originating in that house.

In the Legislative Council, Standing Order 125(2) provides a Bill is to be left on the notice paper for at least one calendar week before second reading debate can re-commence if it is a Bill originating in the Legislative Assembly, and at least two calendar weeks if it is a Bill originating in the Legislative Council.

- d) What was the reason the Government didn't bring on the Bills for debate if they were expected to be passed by December 2013?*

The Bill was introduced in October 2013 and passed the Legislative Assembly on 4 December 2013 before introduction in the Legislative Council on 4 December 2013, with the second reading on 10 April 2014 and third reading/passage on 8 May 2014. There were other legislative priorities being progressed in Parliament at the time.



- e) *What are the differences in operating models across the ports of Bunbury, Albany and Esperance that complicated the merger process?*

The Bunbury and Albany Port Authorities utilise a landlord model whereas the Esperance Port Authority utilises a more complex integrated operating model.

- f) *Why were these complications not identified earlier?*

These differences were identified and known at the outset. However, the integration and harmonisation of systems, processes and procedures across these ports is more complex than it was at the Kimberley, Midwest and the Pilbara Ports Authorities.

- g) *Will the operating strategies at each of the Southern Ports be changed?*

After it is appointed, the Southern Ports Authority board will determine the best operating model for each of the three southern ports. The board will consult with the Minister with regard to its proposals for the three ports.

- h) *If yes, what changes will occur?*

See answer to g) above.

- i) *Will the changes occur before or after the proposed merger?*

Some changes have already been undertaken, while others will occur after the merger.



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Question No 24: Hon Ken Travers MLC asked –

What is the average time taken to process F class licence applications?

Answer:

On average extension F endorsements are processed within 5 to 10 working days from receipt of a completed application.

