

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question on notice

Tuesday, 18 February 2014

717. Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Transport.

With reference to the operation of the gravel barge loading facility at the Port of Derby, I ask:

(a) who is responsible for the administration of the facility, comprising a gravel ramp, at the Port of Derby;

(b) who is responsible for the maintenance of the barge loading ramp at the Port of Derby;

(c) who pays for the replenishment of the gravel that is washed off the ramp every day by the tides and rain;

(d) how much of the tax write-off for the business expenses of this operation is the tax payer liable for;

(e) how long does the responsible authority plan to allow the weekly loss of tonnes of gravel into the marine environment of King Sound to continue;

(f) does the responsible authority have any plans to make the barge loading facility into a permanent, non-polluting structure rather than a gravel ramp that requires constant maintenance:

(i) if yes to (f), when will this happen; and

(ii) if no to (f), why not; and

(g) has any environmental impact study been done to find out what impact the dumping of tonnes of gravel into the water each week is doing to the marine ecosystem of King Sound?

(a) – (b) The Shire of Derby-West Kimberley.

(c) The commercial users of the ramp.

(d) The tax affairs of the commercial users are not known. No Government funding is involved.

(e) – (f)(ii) The Shire of Derby-West Kimberley is investigating alternative arrangements.

(g) No

