

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question on notice

Tuesday, 11 March 2014

798. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Transport.

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

(a) who is responsible for the administration of the barge-loading gravel ramp at the Port of Derby;

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

(c) who pays for the weekly replenishment of the gravel washed off the ramp every day by the tides;

(d) how much tax write-off for the business expense 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 plan to make the barge loading ramp into a permanent non-polluting structure rather than a polluting temporary one; 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 environment 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) The Shire of Derby-West Kimberley is investigating alternative arrangements.

(g) No

