

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question On Notice

Thursday, 14 May 2020

2946. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Ports

I refer to the tabled document, *Report on Consultants Engaged by Government* for the six months ended 31 December 2019, and I ask:

(a) for the consultancy services of GHD Pty Ltd, for the listed purpose of Management of the Kimberley Marine Supply Base business case proposal:

(i) what was the scope of the services provided;

(ii) who were the specific stakeholders consulted through the scope of the services;

(iii) what were the recommendations and/or guidance provided through the scope of the service;

(iv) which of the recommendations and/or guidance has been implemented and how has this been undertaken; and

(v) if recommendations and/or guidance has not been implemented, why is this the case; and

(b) for the consultancy services of KPMG, associated with future container port location options in Western Australia

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Answer

a.

i. To assess the assumptions in the Kimberley Marine Support Base (KMSB) business case, the overall viability of the proposal and determine the impact the proposed infrastructure and business model would have on the Kimberley Ports Authority (KPA).

ii. Consultation took place with the Departments of Transport, Treasury, and Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation, the Kimberley Development Commission and the Minister for Ports' office. Separate consultation included Woodside Energy Ltd, Shell and INPEX.

iii-v. No recommendations were provided by GHD. The proposed infrastructure development was considered complementary to the existing Port of Broome facilities, resulting in a wider choice of infrastructure to meet customer needs without the need for government investment, and with varying financial benefits to KPA over the short and longer term. The Government has provided approval for KPA to enter lease and licence agreements with KMSB for development of relevant infrastructure, subject to specified conditions.

b.

i. The Westport Taskforce engaged KPMG to assess the preliminary potential economic benefits and costs arising from shortlisted Westport options.

ii. The Departments of the Premier and Cabinet; Treasury; Planning, Land and Heritage; Primary Industries and Regional Development; Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation; DevelopmentWA; Kwinana Industries Council; Western Australian Treasury Corporation; City of Kwinana; City of Rockingham; Fremantle Port Authority; BP; Alcoa; Tronox; Talison Lithium; and Coogee Chemicals.

iii-v. The results delivered by KPMG formed part of the input to a Rapid Cost Benefit Analysis, one of several tools used as part of the ongoing investigation into a new container port.

