

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question On Notice

Tuesday, 18 August 2020

3126. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Ports

I refer to the post by ABC Kimberley announcing job losses at the Port of Broome, available at <https://ww-w.facebook.com/ABCKimberley/posts/10158289997257156>, and I ask:

- (a) what roles have been lost at the port this year to date:
 (i) of those jobs in (a), how many were full-time positions;
 (ii) of those jobs in (a), how many were part-time positions; and
 (iii) of those jobs in (a), how many were casual positions;
 (b) will the Minister please table the 'extensive review' of the Authority's revenue and cost base, referred to by Mr Craig Faulkner, that influenced the decision to cut staff:
 (i) if no to (b), why not;
 (c) has pay to the Board of Directors been considered for reduction, in lieu of reducing jobs;
 (d) has pay to the Chief Executive Officer(s) (CEO) been considered for reduction, in lieu of reducing jobs:
 (i) has the Government considered reducing the CEO hours of work; and
 (e) if no to (c) and/or (d), why not?

Answer

(a) (i) The reduction of seven full time positions include the Commercial Manager, Commercial Coordinator, Accounts Officer, Accountant, Health Safety and Environment Officer, Administration Officer, and Port Engineer.

(ii) Nil

(iii) Nil

(b) The Kimberley Ports Authority (KPA) conducted an internal review which covered areas such as costs and trade forecasts. Outcomes of the review revealed that KPA has suffered a reduction in total shipping revenue of approximately 41 per cent for 2019-20 due to COVID-19 related trade reduction. In 2020-21, a reduction in total shipping revenue is forecast at 44 per cent, all areas of cost have been reviewed, bearing in mind that KPA operates with a significant fixed cost base.

(i) There is no review report to table.

(c) The Board of Directors have not had pay rises since 2016-17 and from July 2020, the KPA Board has been reduced from seven to five Board members to reduce costs.

(d) No.

(i) The CEO's salary is not determined on the number of hours worked.

(e) The CEO's salary is determined by the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal.

