

Question on Notice

No. 1011

Asked on Thursday 5 June 2008

MR CHOI ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (MR MICKEL) —

QUESTION:

With reference to the Port of Brisbane—

Will he advise (a) performance of the port in terms of volume of import and export and (b) any future expansion program?

ANSWER:

- a) The port of Brisbane is Queensland's largest multi-user general cargo and commodity port. It is also the second largest capital-city port in terms of tonnage, and the third busiest container port in Australia. It serves the rapidly expanding south-east Queensland and northern New South Wales regions, being the fastest growing port in the country.

Indicator	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Year-to-date Mar 08
Key Trades (Million Tonnes)							
Total Imports	12.2	13.8	14.3	14.8	15.0	16.0	12.3
Total Exports	11.0	10.8	10.8	11.2	11.8	12.0	9.6
Total Trade	23.2	24.6	25.1	26.0	26.7	28.1	21.9
Containers ('000 TEUs¹)	481.8	570.3	639.6	726.1	766.3	875.1	688.2

¹ Twenty-foot Equivalent Unit

It is expected that container trade will reach the one million mark in 2008-09 and continue to increase at an average of 9.9% over the next five years along with total tonnage growth of 5.7% over the same period.

- b) The Port of Brisbane Corporation Ltd currently has a perpetual lease over an area of 230ha being reclaimed from Moreton Bay at the mouth of the Brisbane River, known as the Future Port Expansion (FPE) area. To meet demand for the significant growth in container trade, the Corporation identified the need to continue to expand its facilities by developing two new wharves, Wharves 11 and 12, and associated terminals at Fisherman Islands. On 29 January 2008 the Premier and I announced that Hutchison Port Holdings was the successful tenderer for the development of the terminals for wharves 11 and 12.

Key timings under the lease agreement are:

- a) Mid-2011 – Terminal 11 site to be handed to Hutchison Port Holdings HPH for terminal construction;
- b) Mid-2012 – Wharf 11 completed;
- c) Mid-2013 – Terminal 12 site to be handed to Hutchison Port Holdings for terminal construction; and
- d) Mid-2012 – Wharf 12 completed.

Other expansion projects include:

- a) Completion in 2008-09 of the \$57.4m General Purpose Berth to allow many of the remaining trades handled at Hamilton wharf to be consolidated at Fisherman Islands;
- b) \$51m provided for additional warehousing and container facilities at the Port Gate Estate, Pinkenba and the Colmslie and Eagle Farm estates as well as creating 22ha at Port West for similar purposes;
- c) The construction of the Burnett Creek Bridge in Bundaberg to ensure business continuity through the provision of a second road access to the port;
- d) The development of additional berths at the Scarborough boat harbour to keep up with demand.