

Question on Notice

No. 108

Asked on 8 March 2011

MR MESSENGER ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS (MS PALASZCZUK)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the urgent need to dredge the mouth of the Elliott River in order to improve safety for small craft operators and Maritime Safety Queensland's responsibilities, as indicated on their website which include 'planning and managing boating infrastructure and state boat harbours, including dredging of channels for small craft'—

Will the Minister authorise the dredging of the mouth of the Elliott River before the end of the financial year in order to improve boating safety and detail for the last five years (reported separately) the cost, location and number of dredging operations carried out by the government?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Burnett for the question.

As the Member for Burnett would be aware, the Honourable Anna Bligh MP, Premier and Minister for Reconstruction, recently announced a number of changes to ministerial portfolio responsibilities. While I have taken on the portfolio of Transport and Multicultural Affairs, the responsibility for marine infrastructure was given to the Honourable Craig Wallace MP, Member for Thuringowa, who now is the Minister for Main Roads, Fisheries and Marine Infrastructure. As boating and shipping channels form part of the state's marine infrastructure, the Member for Burnett's question should be directed to Minister Wallace for a response.