

## **Question on Notice**

**No. 1283**

**Asked on 26 October 2021**

**DR M ROBINSON** ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

### **QUESTION:**

With reference to the Maritime Industry Consultation Group—

Will the Minister advise (a) the current membership of the group, (b) the selection criteria, (c) the term of the appointment and (d) membership remuneration?

### **ANSWER:**

I thank the Member for Oodgeroo for the question.

On 27 October 2020, the Honourable Anastacia Palaszczuk MP, Premier and Minister for the Olympics committed \$21 million, over two years, to create maritime jobs in a revitalised Queensland coastal shipping industry. A range of activities are being undertaken to realise these objectives and the Maritime Industry Consultation Group (MICG) was established to collaborate on these initiatives. MICG has met six times and is currently working on delivering on these commitments with government.

- (a) MICG includes a broad cross-section of the maritime industry, including maritime employers and representatives of maritime employees, port representatives, training organisations, peak industry bodies and general freight industry representatives. These broad perspectives are supplemented by consultations with various industry stakeholders where required to ensure the optimal outcomes from these initiatives.

The members of MICG represent the following organisations:

- Pacific Tug Group
- Queensland Ports Association
- Port of Brisbane
- Maritime Union of Australia
- Maritime Industry Australia Limited
- ECA Maritime College
- Paradigm Training Group
- TAFE North Queensland – Great Barrier Reef International Marine College
- Queensland Transport and Logistics Council.

- (b) MICG members were selected to ensure a range of perspectives, based on the member's previous contributions to various shipping forums and submissions to Federal enquiries, as well as their participation in the consultation undertaken by the Maritime Jobs Taskforce in 2020. Members were also selected for their deep understanding of the industry and its growth impediments, as well as their willingness to freely contribute their time to support the revitalisation of the maritime industry in Queensland.
- (c) MICG has a tenure of two years, as required, from May 2021.
- (d) Members are not remunerated for their participation. However, an independent chair—Mr Patrick Quirk—has been engaged on a nominal retainer to facilitate the deliberations of MICG, due to his considerable experience in maritime administration.