1. Progress of the legislation and Timing

Tranche 2

Drafting of the *Ports Legislation Amendment Bill 2015 (the Bill)*, which designed to enable ports currently regulated under the *Shipping & Pilotage Act 1967* to be regulated under the *Port Authorities Act 1999*, is nearing completion.

The Bill is intended for passage through Parliament during 2015-16, depending on legislative priorities. Once the Bill is passed, it will enable ports to progressively transfer. The exact date for each transferring port will be determined in consultation between the Department of Transport, the relevant port authority and the port operator.

A decision has been made not to transition Wyndham Port to the Kimberley Ports Authority before the current Lease and Operating Agreement expire (between 30 June 2017 and 30 June 2019, depending on the exercise of options).

The Department of Transport will work with the port authorities and the Department of State Development regarding a revised work program and communication with port operators.

2. Report from the Steering Committee

The Steering Committee received reports from the respective Chairs of the Kimberley Ports Authority, the Pilbara Ports Authority and the Mid West Ports Authority in regard to activities and planning being undertaken in preparation for the implementation of Tranche 2 reforms. These port authorities will become responsible for overseeing ports currently regulated under the *Shipping and Pilotage Act 1967* once these ports are brought under the *Port Authorities Act 1999*.

Due diligence work continues to be undertaken and these port authorities are engaging with port facility operators to make the transition to the new governance arrangements as seamless as possible once the legislation and other matters are in place.

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