1. Progress of the legislation

Tranche 2

Drafting of the second Bill has further advanced. Progress has been made recently with regard to the transfer of jetty licences and the provision of details of mooring licences and leases that are to transfer.

A limited number of matters of a technical nature are yet to be finalised relating to such matters as the drafting of provisions for transferring leases and mooring licences and the use of Ministerial Transitional Orders.

Harbour masters from all ports met recently to consider the criteria that should be utilised for the compulsory pilotage of vessels within port areas with the view to harmonising requirements under the *Port Authorities Act 1999* and the *Shipping and Pilotage Act 1967*. Harmonisation is expected to be achieved through changes to regulations.

2. Report from the Steering Committee

State Agreements and their implications for Tranche 2 reforms

The Steering Committee considered options regarding the process for transitioning ports where there are State Agreements in place that are affected by the Tranche 2 reforms, along with the timings necessary to affect the transfer of such ports over to the *Port Authorities Act 1999*.

The Steering Committee decided to continue with the current strategy of having the proposed legislation drafted in a manner that would allow the progressive transfer of ports to port authorities when they are able to do so.

Progress Reports

The Steering Committee noted the ongoing due diligence activities being undertaken by the three port authorities impacted by Tranche 2 and the formalised engagement with port facility operators.

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