

PORTS PORTFOLIO

1. Please confirm if there is any funding for Gippsland Ports for maintenance of the long jetty at Port Welshpool.

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Reply

- The Long Jetty has been closed for public use since 2003, although Gippsland Ports has allocated a total of \$320,000 over the last five years for risk-mitigation works on the Long Jetty in order to maintain the integrity of the structure.

2. Please provide details of safety incidents occurring at Bastion Point and the boat harbour at Mallacoota over the last two years.

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Reply

- Boating occurs at Mallacoota on two waterways - the Mallacoota Inlet (a large lake which opens to the ocean from time to time); and the ocean. The Bastion Point Boat Ramp is the local ocean launching facility (there is no Mallacoota boat harbour).
 - Over the past 2 years there have been 15 incidents in the Mallacoota region:
 - 5 incidents have occurred on the Mallacoota Inlet - 3 vessel disablements and 2 vessel capsizings.
 - 3 incidents have occurred at Bastion Point in the immediate vicinity of the Bastion Point ocean access launching facility - 1 vessel disablement, 1 collision and 1 capsizing.
 - 7 incidents have occurred within 10 nautical miles of the Bastion Point ocean access launching facility – 5 vessel disablements, 1 vessel capsize and 1 grounding incident which resulted in a fatality.
3. Please break down the proportion of the increase in container traffic over the last year into exports and imports.

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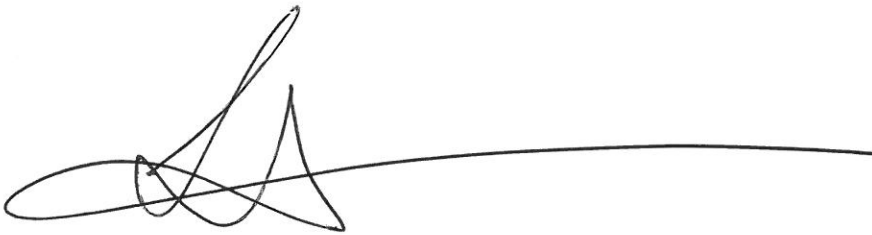
Reply

- Total container throughput increased by 1.8% to 2.58 million Twenty Foot Equivalent Units (TEU).
- Full container imports increased 3.4% and full container exports decreased 3.0%.
- Empty container movements increased 6.5% to 555,000 TEU.

4. Please confirm the Victorian proportion of the nation's container trade, and indicate if this has grown or declined compared to the previous year.
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Reply

- The Port of Melbourne is Australia's largest container and general cargo port, handling approximately 36% of container trade throughput by Australia's capital city ports.
- The Port of Melbourne's proportion of the nation's container trade has remained steady at 36% over the previous two years, growing from 35% in 2012-13.

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