

## **Road Taskforce Meeting No. 18 17th June 2009**

The minutes for meeting #17 were confirmed by the members.

Update on progress towards implementing the Government's response to IPART.

### **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**

SPC advised 26 letters sent out to shipping lines regarding extending or waiving container detention in the event of slot cancellations. So far SPC have received 5 responses.

### **OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT**

The taskforce discussed matters around the performance management framework with topics including;

- Plans to phase in performance measures to coincide with establishing the truck marshalling area.
- Issues relating to security at the port
- Truck turnaround time benchmarking for stevedores
- 'No show' benchmarking for carriers
- Cancellation of time zones

SPC agreed that as stevedores operate under different circumstances, some performance measures would be individualised according to each stevedore's operations. Other performance measures were open to consultation from the Taskforce and would be amended by SPC if necessary.

### **FORCE MAJEURE**

The Taskforce provided SPC with feedback on rules relating to Force Majeure. For example, the stevedore's suggested that carriers could not expect flat tyres and breakdowns to be included as a Force Majeure. SPC are to take the comments into consideration in reviewing the document and tabling it at the next meeting.

### **PEAK PERIOD PRICING**

SPC provided some feedback on the types of issues that had been raised following the 4<sup>th</sup> Industry Briefing where the proposed PPP was presented. Mr Benson commented that:

- There had been a variety of viewpoints on the \$ figure that was set
- Parties had expressed that there are Council restrictions around 24/7 operations.

- Feedback with regards to the times allocated to each PPP. Some believe further consultation should be sought to determine when the various periods occur.
- SPC advised that a lot of feedback was received with regards to stevedore operational performance.
- Some importers had responded expressing concern over PPP suggesting that if introduced, the costs would be passed on to them by transport operators.