

FOREST PRODUCTS COMMISSION — SHAREFARMING

**643. Hon COLIN de GRUSSA to the minister representing the Minister for Forestry:**

I refer to the recent community forum convened in Katanning to discuss sharefarming issues with the Forest Products Commission's management of plantations and the transfer of pine plantation contracts without landholders' consent.

- (1) During the 2020–21 financial year how many sharefarm pine plantation contracts or subcontracts were transferred in total?
- (2) When does the minister intend to publicly release the June 2021 review into payments to sharefarmers by the FPC and will the minister respond to that report before the end of 2021?
- (3) How many complaints were made to the minister's office or the FPC in relation to the transfer of pine plantation contracts without landholders' consent in the last financial year?
- (4) Is the minister aware of complaints that FPC staff do not visit and inspect FPC-managed sharefarm plantations?
- (5) Does the minister intend to address the above concerns; and, if so, how?

**Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:**

I thank the member for the question. The Minister for Forestry has provided the following information.

- (1) Nil.
- (2) The Forest Products Commission intends to publish the report before the end of 2021.
- (3) The FPC has contacted several landowners about concerns over the transfer of BP Kwinana-owned pine plantation contracts. These sharefarm contracts were established by and managed by the BP Kwinana refinery. The FPC does not and never has held any ownership of these plantation estates, nor does the FPC have any involvement in the transfer of the interests. The FPC was engaged by the BP Kwinana refinery as the service provider to manage its pine plantation estate until 2014.
- (4) The FPC is aware that some landowners are concerned over the frequency of sharefarm plantation inspections.
- (5) The FPC utilises remote sensing platforms to monitor plantation health. This reduces the need for regular physical inspections; however, on-ground visitations occur as and when they are required.