

FORESTS — RECLASSIFICATION ASSESSMENTS

5606. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment

I refer to the requirement under the *Forest Management Plan 2004–13* (FMP) for the Conservation Commission to examine certain forest reclassifications from old-growth to non-old-growth undertaken by the Department of Conservation and Land Management between 1997 and 2001, and I ask —

- (1) How many reclassification assessments have been carried out under the current FMP?
- (2) Which blocks have been subject to reassessment (please specify block, polygon number and area in hectares)?
- (3) How many examinations resulted in a reclassification back to old-growth (please specify block, polygon and area in hectares)?

Hon HELEN MORTON replied:

- (1) As at 25 May 2012, 451 reclassification assessments have been carried out.
- (2) Action 3.2.3 of the Forest Management Plan 2004–2013 requires the Conservation Commission to publish the reasons for reclassifications. I refer the Hon Member to the Conservation Commission's website for the details requested: <http://www.conservation.wa.gov.au/performance-assessments/old-growth-overview/re-classified-assessments.aspx>.
- (3) As at 25 May 2012, 63 reclassification assessments resulted in recommendations back to old-growth forest. [See paper 4660.]