

JARRAHDAL FOREST AREA — TREE MANAGEMENT

1144. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Agriculture and Food

- (1) Are any tree thinning, logging and/or clearing operations planned between now and 2014, in the Jarrahdale forest area?
- (2) If yes to (1), in what areas will the thinning, logging and/or clearing take place?
- (3) Do any of the areas provide habitat for Carnaby's Black Cockatoos?

Hon ROBYN McSWEENEY replied:

- (1) Yes
- (2) The harvesting coupe known as Mundlimup 03, east of Jarrahdale, is part of the 2009 Annual Harvest Plan and selective tree removal is planned to occur in 2010, after March. Forest clearing is restricted to access tracks for log haulage trucks, and small log landings which are subsequently rehabilitated. Selective thinning is continuing in parts of the Wungong Water Catchment.

Other harvesting coupes with the Jarrahdale forest area are likely to be identified in the draft of the Three Year Indicative Harvest Plan (2010-2012) for harvest in 2012. This plan is expected to be made public shortly by the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC).
- (3) Yes, most jarrah forest areas provide either nesting or feeding habitat for Carnaby's Black Cockatoos as well as Baudin's and Forest Red Tailed Cockatoos. Protection of habitat trees to standards set by DEC is provided for in harvest planning and operations. Scientists at the WA Museum are involved in evaluation of how Carnaby's Cockatoo is expanding its range into the forest from the wheatbelt.