

FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN 2004-2013 — MID-TERM AUDIT OF PERFORMANCE

5991. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment

I refer to the Forest Management Plan (2004 – 2013) and the mid-term audit of performance, required by Ministerial Condition 2 - 2 to be submitted to the Environmental Protection Authority by 31 December 2008, and I ask —

- (1) Who are the officers who will conduct the audit?
- (2) How many full-time equivalent positions will be allocated to the audit?
- (3) When will officers begin work on the audit?
- (4) What public consultation will be undertaken as part of the audit?
- (5) When will the period for public comment begin?
- (6) How much time will be available for public comment?

Hon SALLY TALBOT replied:

- (1) The Conservation Commission of Western Australia, as the nominated proponent for the Forest Management Plan 2004-2013, will be responsible for compiling the mid-term audit of performance report. Data collation to inform the development of the report will be sourced from agencies responsible for implementing the Plan.
- (2) Work on the mid-term audit of performance report will be undertaken within existing Department of Environment and Conservation and Conservation Commission resources. It is not possible to indicate the precise number of full-time equivalent positions working on the audit, as there will be contributions from a large number of staff.
- (3) Work has commenced on the mid-term audit of performance report.
- (4)-(6) In compliance with Ministerial Condition 2-2, the mid-term audit of performance report will be submitted to the Environmental Protection Authority by 31 December 2008. The Authority will determine the public comment process.