

COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRES

1323. Hon COLIN de GRUSSA to the Minister for Regional Development:

I refer to the community resource centre network.

- (1) What additional resources, if any, have been provided to CRCs in the south west to bolster staff to assist workers impacted by the hardwood forestry shutdown?
- (2) If it is none, will the minister sign off an act-of-grace payment to ensure that CRCs in the south west are adequately resourced, secure and best placed to assist their communities?

Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:

I thank the member for the question.

- (1)–(2) I have to say that we enormously value our CRC network and I think we have worked tirelessly to ensure that CRCs have new opportunities and secure funding going right through into the future. It is true that we have identified that a number of CRCs in the area of the forestry industry could have a role and are well positioned to assist with that transition program. We are currently working on additional funding that will be provided to those key south west CRCs to ensure that they will be able to provide this new level of service to those regions.

While I am here, can I just thank all the fabulous CRCs that we have dealt with over the last six years. They have been truly tremendous.