

FOREST PRODUCTS COMMISSION — FOREST STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL AUSTRALIA
ACCREDITATION

51. Hon ROBIN CHAPPLE to the minister representing the Minister for Forestry:

I ask this question on behalf of Hon Giz Watson, who is unavoidably detained from the house at the moment. I refer to the pursuit of Forest Stewardship Council Australia accreditation for Western Australian logging operations.

- (1) What was the cost to the Forest Products Commission to bring the Forest Stewardship Council to Western Australia?
- (2) Was any other expenditure incurred by the FPC in seeking accreditation?
- (3) If yes to (2) —
 - (a) what was the expenditure for;
 - (b) what was the amount; and
 - (c) who was it paid to?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question.

- (1) The Forest Products Commission did not bring the Forest Stewardship Council to Western Australia.
- (2) Yes.
- (3)
 - (a) To undertake an audit against the FSC controlled wood standard—FSC-STD-30-010—and to ensure that all elements of the FSC controlled wood standard were addressed and documented.
 - (b) Approximately \$25 000 to date.
 - (c) Auditors and a temporary employee.