

FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN — COMPLIANCE BREACHES

2003. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Environment:

With regard to the Conservation Commission, I ask:

- (a) during the current Forest Management Plan is it correct that the Department of Environment Conservation (DEC) has been in continual non-compliance as a result of its failure to develop on time or at all the range of subsidiary management documents required by the current plan;
- (b) over the course of the existing Forest Management Plan has there been serious 'on-ground' compliance breaches documented by the DEC;
- (c) if yes (b), how many and what action was taken to stop the breaches; and
- (d) if there have been 'on ground' breaches, has there been a failure on the part of the Forrest Products Commission to enforce the provisions in commercial contracts with logging operators?

Mr A.P. Jacob replied:

- (a) The Forest Management Plan for 2014 to 2023 only commenced on 1 January 2014. Dates are included for the revision or development of some guidance documents, which are yet to occur.
- (b)–(c) For incidents found not to be compliant with timber harvesting guidance documents the department issues either a Management Letter, Work Improvement Notice, or an Incident Report to the Forest Products Commission.
- (d) As the Forest Products Commission administers the operations of its contractors, this question should be directed to the Minister for Forestry.