

NATIVE FOREST — TIMBER EXPORT

437. Hon LYNN MacLAREN to the minister representing the Minister for Forestry:

Further to question 350 of Tuesday, 6 August 2013, on native forest timber exports —

- (1) Will the Minister for Forestry table the data received thus far on the processing of native forest logs sold from state forest?
- (2) When will the balance of returns for 2012–13 be received?
- (3) What is the reason for all of the 2012–13 data not yet being received?
- (4) How will the budget allocation of \$600 000 for computers, plant and equipment this year and in each of the out years for the Forest Products Commission affect the timeliness of record keeping?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

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

- (1) I table the information.
- (2)–(3) The Forest Products Commission is currently following up with sawmills which are yet to submit data. However, as previously advised, there is no requirement for sawmills to provide this data.
- (4) The FPC's strategic objective for this budget allocation is to upgrade the outdated software systems and hardware to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of its management of harvest operations and contracts.

[See paper 519.]