

FOREST PRODUCTS COMMISSION — JARRAH RAILWAY SLEEPERS

69. Hon GIZ WATSON to the minister representing the Minister for Forestry:

I refer to the current and future production of jarrah railway sleepers at Western Australian timber mills.

- (1) What quantity, in number and volume, of sleepers has been produced each year for the past five years?
- (2) What was the average cost per sleeper to purchasers?
- (3) Who purchased the sleepers?
- (4) Are there ongoing contracts for sleepers?
- (5) If yes to (4), what quantity, in number and volume, is still to be produced?
- (6) At which mills are these sleepers referred to in parts (1) and (4) being milled?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

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

- (1)–(6) While the Forest Products Commission supplies jarrah timber to mills, it does not keep comprehensive records of the quantity, price and customers and the contractual arrangements for the production and sale of jarrah railway sleepers by those mills.