

SANDALWOOD HARVEST

383. Hon COLIN HOLT to the minister representing the Minister for Forestry:

I refer to my question without notice 265 asked on 2 April 2019.

- (1) As stated, contracts were awarded to Dutjahn Sandalwood Oils Pty Ltd for 100 tonnes of sandalwood per annum and Mount Romance Australia Pty Ltd for 400 tonnes of sandalwood per annum. How much did these contractors agree to pay for the sandalwood at the time of the contract?
- (2) As stated, the contract with Mount Romance Australia Pty Ltd was terminated by mutual agreement in May 2018.
 - (a) Was the 400 tonnes of wood re-tendered?
 - (b) If no to (1), why not?
 - (c) Was a new contractor appointed for the 400 tonnes of wood?
 - (d) If yes to (3), who is the contractor?
 - (e) What is the price paid by the contractor?

Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:

I thank the member for the question. The Minister for Forestry has provided the following information.

- (1) I am seeking further advice on this matter and it is not possible to provide an answer in the time available. I therefore ask the honourable member to place this question on notice.
- (2)
 - (a) Yes. The Forest Products Commission established a panel of sandalwood buyers through a public tender process. The wood available to the panel includes the resources previously allocated to Mount Romance. The FPC releases parcels of sandalwood periodically to panel members to bid on.
 - (b) Not applicable.
 - (c) Currently, there are nine panel members and all have equal opportunity to make offers for sandalwood.
 - (d) The current panel members are Dutjahn Sandalwood Oils Pty Ltd, Mount Romance Australia Pty Ltd, Wescorp Sandalwood Pty Ltd, Raintree Pearls & Perfumes Pty Ltd, K Farmer Dutjahn Foundation Ltd, Paperbark Essential Oils or Paperbark Co Pty Ltd, WA Sandalwood Plantations Pty Ltd, Alpha Santanol Pty Ltd, and Sandalwood Growers Co-op Ltd.
 - (e) I am seeking further advice on this matter and it is not possible to provide an answer in the time available. I therefore ask the honourable member to place this part of the question on notice.