

SAWLOGS — RECOVERY RATES

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

What is the average rate of recovery of sawn timber from first and second-grade jarrah sawlogs and first and second-grade karri sawlogs?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

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

The average recovery rate of jarrah and karri sawn timber varies depending on many factors, including the species' type and age; the design of the sawmill and technology used for processing; the product that is being processed from the log; the quality and size of the logs; and the silviculture that has been applied to the area. The Forest Products Commission does not have access to all sawmill returns and does not keep statistics on recovery rates at an industry level.