

MOWEN FOREST

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

I refer to question without notice number 127 asked 26 February 2015.

- (1) Does the minister agree that the figure of 5 580 given by the Australian Bureau of Agricultural Resource Economics and Sciences as the number of people directly employed in forestry in Western Australia includes people employed in WA's plantation industry?
- (2) In the government's estimation, of the total 5 580 people, what percentage is employed in WA's native forestry industry?
- (3) Has the government attempted to estimate the number of jobs in WA that directly rely on native forest logging?
- (4) If no to (3), why not?
- (5) If yes to (3), can the minister please table the documents?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

On behalf of the Minister for Forestry I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question.

- (1) Yes.
- (2) An estimate is not available.
- (3) No.
- (4) The Western Australian government has relied upon data reported by Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences—ABARES—Cooperative Research Centre for Forestry and URS Forestry.
- (5) Not applicable.