

TIMBER INDUSTRY STRATEGY

**1. 220. Hon LYNN MacLAREN to the minister representing the Minister for Forestry:**

- (1) Has the Forest Products Commission been involved in the development of a timber industry strategy?
- (2) If yes to (1), what is the progress to date?
- (3) Did the Forest Products Commission seek to engage external consultants to provide input to the forest management plan; and, if yes, who were those external consultants and what input did they provide to the forest management plan?
- (4) Where and when were the terms of reference for the timber industry strategy advertised?
- (5) Will the minister please table the terms of reference?

**Hon KEN BASTON replied:**

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

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The Forest Products Commission is in the early planning stages to prepare a timber industry strategy. This strategy will be informed to a great extent by the outcome of the new forest management plan, which is still under consideration.
- (3) The FPC engaged URS Australia to provide advice on timber resources, markets and opportunities. This was not specifically for the purpose of providing input into the draft forest management plan. However, the work was used to inform the draft FMP of industry development opportunities—see page 137 of the draft FMP.
- (4) A consultation process is still to be developed.
- (5) Not applicable.