

ENVIRONMENT — NORTHERN JARRAH FOREST

1014. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Environment:

- (1) In what year(s) did sustenance workers ‘treat’ jarrah compartments in the northern jarrah forest?
- (2) What was the logging history of the jarrah forest they ‘treated’?
- (3) How many hectares of jarrah forest did they treat:
 - (a) each year; and
 - (b) in total?
- (4) In what forest block(s) was this forest located?
- (5) Does any of the treated forest lie within Alcoa’s mining lease, and if yes, how many hectares?
- (6) How many hectares of the treated forest have been strip-mined for bauxite?

Mr A.P. Jacob replied:

- (1) From 1931 to 1941 large areas of the northern jarrah forest were treated by ‘sustenance workers’.
- (2) Approximately 69 per cent of the area treated had been harvested once, the majority prior to 1920. Approximately 29 per cent of the area was treated following a second harvest conducted during the period 1920 to 1940. Two percent of the area treated had no record of prior harvest.
- (3)
 - (a) Data is not captured for individual years.
 - (b) Approximately 126 700 hectares of the jarrah forest north of the Preston River is recorded as being treated during the ‘sustenance work’ period from 1931 to 1941.
- (4) [See paper 753.]
- (5) Yes. Approximately 117 600 hectares.
- (6) Approximately 8 220 hectares to December 2011.