

STATE FORESTS — NUMBAT HABITATS

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

How much of the jarrah, marri and wandoo forests, which are the primary habitats for numbats, has been logged over the past four years in Western Australia?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

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

Only parts of the jarrah, wandoo and marri forests are habitats for numbats, most of which are in reserves or other areas that are excluded from timber harvesting. In each harvest area, assessments are undertaken to identify the likelihood of a particular species of fauna, including numbats, being present, and to determine appropriate management requirements. However, data on the area of forest available for harvest that provides habitats for numbats is not available at short notice.