

FOREST PRODUCTS COMMISSION — NATIVE FOREST COUPS — 2013–14 PROFIT

2594. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Forestry:

- (1) What is the Forest Products Commission's assessment of profit on all native forest coups for the year 2013–2014?
- (2) What is the Forest Products Commission's expectation of profit on all native forest coups for the year 2014–2015?

Hon Ken Baston replied:

- (1) The then General Manager, Mr David Hartley, provided his assessment in the 2013/14 Annual Report Executive Summary:
“Financial performance of the native forest sector has been eroded by the uncertainty associated with the development of the new 10-year FMP, the closure of a major sawmilling and timber processing business, and the decline in the international market price of hardwood woodchips. The issuing of the new contracts should lead to the renewal of confidence and investment within the industry.”
- (2) The impact of the Northcliffe and Boddington bushfires on the timber industry is still being assessed. This will impact on the profit.