

NATIVE FOREST LOGGING — STUMPAGES

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

- (1) Regarding the financial year 2012–13, for the native forest logging industry, excluding sandalwood, what was —
  - (a) the gross stumpage; and
  - (b) the base stumpage that the Forest Products Commission received from the sale of native forest logs?
- (2) Why is the 1 July 2013 Forest Products Commission's list of gross native forest stumpages not available on the FPC website?
- (3) Will the minister ensure that it is put on the FPC website?

**Hon KEN BASTON replied:**

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

- (1)
  - (a) \$17.4 million.
  - (b) \$13.1 million.
- (2) Two factors have influenced the FPC's decision to no longer provide native forest stumpage prices on its website. Markets for forest products have become increasingly dynamic as the extent of global trade in forest products increases. Both the FPC and its customers need to react to these changes in both log and timber product prices. This can result in changes to pricing within a short time. The native forest industry continues to adapt to the dramatic reduction in log size and quality resulting from an increase in reserve areas between 1999 and 2003. For the industry to remain viable, it is necessary for the FPC to make changes to its log specifications that take account of this changing resource. As both log grade and price are dynamic in nature, the representation of stumpage prices and grades previously listed on the FPC's website have become increasingly irrelevant.
- (3) No.