

KARRI FORESTS — REGROWTH

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

- (1) At what average age is regrowth karri resulting from clearfelling conducted since 1967 first thinned?
- (2) For the year 2012–2013 regarding thinning of regrowth karri resulting from clearfelling conducted since 1967:
 - (a) what area was thinned;
 - (b) what volume of logs was extracted;
 - (c) how much of this volume was:
 - (i) first and second grade karri sawlogs; and
 - (ii) chiplogs; and
 - (d) what was the volume of:
 - (i) first and second grade karri sawlogs; and
 - (ii) chiplogs estimated to be extracted from thinnings that year?

Hon Ken Baston replied:

- (1) During the period 2004 to 2012 the average age of stands regenerated since 1967 that were first thinned was 30 years.
- (2)
 - (a) Silvicultural records are maintained on a calendar (rather than financial) year basis to meet reporting requirements under the Forest Management Plan (FMP) 2004–13. During the 2012 calendar year approximately 586 hectares of regrowth karri regenerated since 1967 was thinned.
 - (b) The total removals recorded from areas of regrowth karri forest regenerated since 1967 and thinned during 2012 was 72,711 cubic metres. This includes 2,579 cubic metres of yellow stringybark (*Eucalyptus muellerana*) logs.
 - (c)
 - (i) 244 cubic metres
 - (ii) 69,888 cubic metres
 - (d)
 - (i) A total of 2,020 cubic metres were estimated to be available. Note that the total removals recorded for 2012 is adjusted by the difference between the volume estimated and the actual removal in (c) (i) when monitoring to the allowable cut under the FMP 2004–13.
 - (ii) 55,928 cubic metres