

SANDALWOOD INDUSTRY

690. Hon SIMON O'BRIEN to the minister representing the Minister for Environment:

My question has been nicknamed "Dorothy" by the Leader of the Opposition.

Hon Sue Ellery: It is the new boy band from south metro!

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN: I will try to contain the member's excitement!

I refer to recommendation 1 of the thirty-fifth report of the Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs' inquiry into the sandalwood industry.

- (1) Has the government reviewed or commenced a review of the Sandalwood (Limitation of Removal of Sandalwood) Order 1996 with a view to reducing the quantity of sandalwood that may be harvested from both crown and private land?
- (2) If yes to (1), what conclusions have been reached?
- (3) If no to (1), should such inaction be taken to indicate that the government does not share a sense of urgency about this matter?

Signed, Dorothy!

Hon HELEN MORTON replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(2) The review of the Sandalwood (Limitation of Removal of Sandalwood) Order 1996 is currently in progress.
- (3) Not applicable.