

FOREST PRODUCTS COMMISSION — CONTRACTS

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

I refer to regulation 148 of the Forest Management Regulations 1993 made under the Conservation and Land Management Act 1984, which specifies that “Upon application and payment of the fee, if any ... the CEO shall provide any person with ... a copy of any ... contract ...”, when the contract includes contracts of sale, and to the November 2013 opinion of the Auditor General that a decision by the Minister for Forestry not to provide copies of three contracts of sale to Parliament was not reasonable and was therefore not appropriate.

- (1) Will the minister please table the contracts of sale between the Forest Products Commission and —
  - (a) Auswest Timbers Pty Ltd;
  - (b) Hexan Holdings Pty Ltd trading as Whiteland Milling;
  - (c) Nannup Timber Processing Pty Ltd;
  - (d) Middlesex Mill Pty Ltd;
  - (e) Simcoa Operations Pty Ltd; and
  - (f) WA Chip & Pulp Co Pty Ltd?
- (2) If no to any part of (1), why not?

**Hon KEN BASTON replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

Due to the level of information and research for the detailed information that is required, the department has been unable to provide an answer in the time available and therefore requests the honourable member place this question on notice.

**The PRESIDENT:** For the information of the house, can the minister indicate when that question was lodged?

**Hon Ken Baston:** It is dated 7 May.