

**FOREST PRODUCTS COMMISSION — MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING —
LOCAL GOVERNMENT RATES AND SERVICE CHARGES**

Question without Notice 1010 — Answer Advice

HON COL HOLT (South West — Parliamentary Secretary) [5.07 pm]: Yesterday, I provided an answer to question without notice 1010 in which there was some confusion regarding the answer and tabled papers, which I signalled at the time. When tabling the memorandum of understanding between the Forest Products Commission and the Department of Water, I answered, “See tabled paper number.” However, I should have said, “I table the document.” The document was tabled yesterday and is referred to in *Hansard* as tabled paper number 4574. An answer to (3)(a)–(c) was also tabled as part of tabled paper 4574.

The PRESIDENT: I think that explains that.

Point of Order

Hon ADELE FARINA: I want to put down in strongest terms my objection to the length of time it is taking to get answers to questions on notice. I have eight outstanding questions to the Minister for Child Protection that were lodged on 16 August and I am yet to receive an answer to those questions. Then again today, there are more questions when the nine sittings days, as required under our standing orders, has elapsed, and the ministers still have not been able to deliver an answer to questions. The nine sitting days, in fact, turn out to be a month, sometimes two or three months, by the calendar, yet ministers are incapable of complying with our standing orders and providing answers and they are not providing any explanation about why there is a delay. I find that unacceptable. We have standing orders for a reason and ministers should observe those standing orders.

The PRESIDENT: That is not a point of order; it is a point of view, which properly belongs in members’ statements.