

WELLINGTON CATCHMENT — PINE TREE SEEDLINGS

442. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the Minister for Forestry:

I refer to the former Minister for Forestry's media release of 22 June 2017 that announced an \$8.7 million project to plant an estimated 4.4 million pine tree seedlings in 3 500 hectares of the Wellington catchment in Collie over the subsequent four years. Six years later, I ask the following —

- (1) How many seedlings have been planted under this scheme in Collie?
- (2) How many hectares of land have been planted under this scheme in Collie?
- (3) When will the 3 500 hectares be fully planted?
- (4) How much of the \$8.7 million budget has been acquitted and how much retained?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. I answer on behalf of the Minister for Forestry.

- (1) A total of 2.1 million seedlings have been planted.
- (2) A total of 1 606 hectares have been planted with a further 130 hectares to be planted this year.
- (3) The total area available to be converted to pine has been reduced to approximately 1 850 hectares. The program will be completed next year.
- (4) To date, \$4.2 million has been spent.