

NATIVE FOREST — LOGGING — TRANSITION PACKAGE

29. Hon STEVE MARTIN to the Minister for Forestry:

I refer to the native forestry transition plan.

- (1) How many businesses have shut down as a result of the government's decision to ban native hardwood harvesting?
- (2) How many businesses have applied for payment as part of the support packages announced by the government?
- (3) How many businesses have received payment as part of the support packages?
- (4) Has the transition group identified new industry opportunities in the south west; and, if so, what are they?

Hon JACKIE JARVIS replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) One business has terminated its contract with the Forest Products Commission. I am not aware of any businesses that have shut down.
- (2) Twenty-four have applied through the business transition programs.
- (3) Twenty-four have received payment through the business transition programs.
- (4) The native forest transition group was formed to provide advice on the establishment and delivery of the \$80 million native forestry transition plan.