

NATIVE FOREST — ECOLOGICAL THINNING

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

I refer to my question without notice on 23 February 2023 on native forest ecological thinning and the minister's statement that the future forest management plan will work on area, not volume.

- (1) Under the area, not volume model, what tendering framework model will contractors be required to comply with, and will this include the provision to tender at an hourly rate?
- (2) Is the government considering the use of private treaties for awarding ecological thinning contracts?
- (3) If yes to (2), what transparency and contractual safeguards will be applied to these private treaties to ensure certainty of production levels and continuity of the supply chain to safeguard future investment in the timber industry?

Hon JACKIE JARVIS replied:

Member, I do not have an answer. I believe the member may have been advised that the question was not forwarded to my office in sufficient time.

Ms R.S. Stephens: No, not that I am aware of.

Hon JACKIE JARVIS: If the answer comes through, I will provide it, but I was advised that the question had not been provided to my office by the cut-off time, so we will get that tomorrow, if that is okay.