

FOREST PRODUCTS COMMISSION — TRADITIONAL OWNERS

885. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the minister representing the Minister for Forestry:

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that the Forest Products Commission (FPC) is approaching Traditional Owners (or their Prescribed Body Corporates (PBCs)) who hold Exclusive Possession Native Title rights and seeking to have them agree to supply native sandalwood to the FPC?
- (2) If yes to (1):
 - (a) which Traditional Owners or PBCs holding exclusive possession native title rights has the FPC approached;
 - (b) have any Traditional Owners or PBCs holding exclusive possession native title rights entered into any agreements with FPC to supply sandalwood;
 - (c) if yes to (2)(b):
 - (i) for what volume of sandalwood;
 - (ii) over what area;
 - (iii) in what form (green or dead);
 - (iv) what price per tonne has the FPC offered and agreed to pay for the purchase of sandalwood;
 - (v) has each agreement been referred to Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) for approval under the Biodiversity Conservation Act and regulations and, if not, why not;
 - (vi) under what legal authorisation does the FPC enter into and manage these agreements; and
 - (vii) under what location-specific sandalwood management plan or harvest plan will the taking of sandalwood in each of these agreements be regulated and overseen, and by whom;
 - (d) has the FPC sought such sandalwood supply agreements with Traditional Owners (or their PBCs) who hold Exclusive Possession Native Title rights and been rejected:
 - (i) if yes to (d), on how many occasions and in which locations;
 - (e) how much has the FPC budgeted in costs to secure supplies of sandalwood from exclusive possession native title lands;
 - (f) who will be responsible for harvesting any sandalwood on exclusive possession native title lands, and what is the budgeted cost per tonne of such harvesting; and
 - (g) how much profit has the FPC budgeted to make, per tonne, from the on-sale of any sandalwood sourced from exclusive possession native title lands?

Hon Alannah MacTiernan replied:

- (1) No.
- (2) Not Applicable.