

FOREST PRODUCTS COMMISSION — STUMPAGE SCHEDULES

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

I refer to question without notice 335 asked yesterday.

- (1) What is the Forest Products Commission's obligation under timber sharefarm agreements referred to in question 335 to maintain stumpage schedules that reflect current contractual log prices?
- (2) Were the stumpage schedules not updated since 2020 due to a dispute with only one customer?
- (3) If yes to (2), why were the prices for log products sold from timber sharefarms to other customers not updated to reflect current prices?
- (4) Were sharefarmers informed of this dispute and told that their payments would be updated once the dispute was resolved; and, if not, why not?

Hon JACKIE JARVIS replied:

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

- (1)–(4) Log prices are only one component of the stumpage schedules. Sharefarm contracts do not impose an obligation on the Forest Products Commission to update the stumpage schedules. Although the FPC endeavours to update stumpage schedules regularly, it is not a contractual requirement to do so.