

FOREST PRODUCTS COMMISSION — STUMPAGE SCHEDULES

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

I refer to the timber sharefarming agreement stumpage schedules published by the Forest Products Commission for pine sold from its sharefarm properties, the latest publication of which dates from 1 July 2020, and noting that timber prices have increased by up to 40 per cent since 2020.

- (1) Has the FPC received higher stumpage prices for logs compared with the prices it received on 1 July 2020?
- (2) Has the FPC passed on to sharefarmers all contractual increases in stumpage prices since 1 July 2020?
- (3)
 - (a) If yes to (2), why are those increases not reflected in updated stumpage schedules?
 - (b) If no to (2), why has the FPC not paid the increased prices and does it have a liability to make good on any payment due to sharefarmers?

Hon JACKIE JARVIS replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(3) The Forest Products Commission was involved in a price dispute with a major customer relating to retrospective pricing of softwood logs. Following a recent successful arbitration process, the FPC is reviewing the value of the timber sharefarming agreement stumpage schedules and will make retrospective payments to any affected sharefarmers.