

FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN 2014–2023 — MINING

1082. Hon Steve Martin to the minister representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the draft *Forest Management Plan*, and I ask:

- (a) how many hectares of forest does the Government anticipate will be cleared for mining purposes in each year of the new *Forest Management Plan*; and
- (b) for each year of the *2014–2023 Forest Management Plan*, how many hectares of forest were cleared for mining purposes?

**Hon Stephen Dawson replied:**

- (a) The annual anticipated area of clearing for mining within State forest is not determined by the Forest Management Plan, and so is difficult to estimate for the years 2024 to 2033. Based on approved mining operations it is anticipated that the area cleared annually would be similar to areas cleared over the last 10 years (see answer to question 2). However, further mining proposals may be approved under relevant legislation such as the *Mining Act 1978* and the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*.
- (b) [See tabled paper no 1906.] The table provides the area (hectares) of forest cleared for mining purposes in the *Forest Management Plan 2014–2023* area for the years 2014–2021.