

FORESTRY — HARDWOOD — FURNITURE MANUFACTURING

1333. Hon STEVE MARTIN to the minister representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the recently released draft forest management plan.

- (1) Does the FMP make any reference to Western Australian furniture manufacturers and their requirement for native Western Australian hardwood?
- (2) How much hardwood has been allocated to Western Australian furniture manufacturers so that these businesses can continue to create high-quality designs that are unique to our state?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. This answer was current as at 19 October. I am not sure whether that makes any difference.

- (1) No.
- (2) The forest management plan does not determine the purpose for which timber made available from forest management activities that improve forest health, or clearing for approved mining operations, is used.