

FORESTRY — SOFTWOOD PLANTATIONS

1298. Hon LOUISE KINGSTON to the Minister for Forestry:

I refer to the native forestry ban and the impact it will have on Western Australian communities, and the government's plan to increase the state's reliance on softwood.

- (1) Has the Forest Products Commission or the state government made any land acquisitions for future softwood plantations?
- (2) Does the government intend to import softwood in order to meet supply gaps left by the native forestry ban?
- (3) If so, have these international market negotiations commenced?

Hon JACKIE JARVIS replied:

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

- (1) Yes.
- (2) No.
- (3) Not applicable.