

FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN

251. Hon STEVE MARTIN to the Minister for Forestry:

I refer to the new forest management plan.

- (1) Have contracts for 2024 been established for each of the following —
 - (a) firewood suppliers;
 - (b) sawmills; and
 - (c) other buyers?
- (2) If contracts referred to in (1) have not been established, what is the expected time line for completion?

Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question. I am answering this on behalf of the Minister for Forestry.

- (1)–(2) The Cook government has now ended commercial logging of WA’s iconic and unique jarrah and karri forests—a policy the opposition wishes to reverse. The new forest management plan commenced on 1 January 2024 and focuses on ecological thinning for forest health, not commercial timber production. Any timber resource recovered from ecological thinning activities will be made available to local buyers as it becomes available. The Forest Products Commission continues to work with potential customers to enter into contracts.