

AGRICULTURE — DECLARED WEEDS

554. Hon JAMES HAYWARD to the Minister for Forestry:

I refer to the answer provided to question without notice 378 relating to the management of declared weeds on government lands.

- (1) Can the minister confirm that the Forest Products Commission does not actively monitor or control category 3 weeds on lands under its control?
- (2) Is the FPC considered a landholder in the context of the Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007?
- (3) If yes to (2), why is the FPC not meeting its obligations under the BAM act to control category 3 weeds on lands it controls?
- (4) Why does the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development require the active management of category 3 weeds on private lands but not on government-held lands?

Hon JACKIE JARVIS replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question.

- (1) Category 3 weeds are widespread and established in Western Australia, and control activities are focused on minimising the impact of these weeds. The FPC monitors and, where appropriate, undertakes control measures for category 3 weeds where this is required for tree crop management.
- (2) Yes, where the FPC is listed as the registered owner.
- (3) I reject the premise of the question.
- (4) The BAM act requires both private and public landholders to manage C3 declared pests on their lands to minimise impact.