

NATIVE FOREST — LOGGING — TRANSITION PACKAGE

57. Hon STEVE MARTIN to the Minister for Forestry:

I refer to the native forestry transition plan.

- (1) How many workers have lost their job as a result of the government's decision to ban native hardwood harvesting?
- (2) How many workers have applied for payment as part of the support packages announced by the government?
- (3) How many workers have received payment as part of the support packages?
- (4) Has the transition group identified new employment opportunities for workers in the south west and —
 - (a) if so, what are they; and
 - (b) how many people are expected to be employed in each of those?

Hon JACKIE JARVIS replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question.

- (1) Approximately 140.
- (2) Some 120 workers have applied.
- (3) To date, 91 have been paid. The payments are made weekly once applications have been received.
- (4) The native forest transition group was formed to provide advice on the establishment and delivery of the \$80 million native forestry transition plan.