

FOREST PRODUCTS COMMISSION — FIREWOOD CONTRACTS

144. Hon LOUISE KINGSTON to the Minister for Forestry:

I refer to short-term contracts with previous firewood buyers and the offer made to them of \$76 a tonne plus delivery for wood from stockpiles.

- (1) How was the price of \$76 a tonne determined?
- (2) Does it conform to part 8, section 59, of the Forest Products Act 2000?
- (3) If yes to (2), what is the component of profit for the Forest Products Commission?

Hon JACKIE JARVIS replied:

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

- (1)–(3) The Cook government has now ended commercial logging of Western Australia’s iconic and unique jarrah and karri forests—a policy that the opposition wishes to reverse. A new forest management plan commenced on 1 January 2024. The resource referred to was produced under the previous *Forest management plan 2014–2023* and the price offered reflects the average price of the resource in 2023. This price conforms to the Forest Products Act 2000.