

NATIVE FOREST — LOGGING

1480. 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 use of snippers on prime sawlogs.

- (1) Why were contractors verbally instructed by the Forest Products Commission to use large hydraulic splitters, known as snippers, on sawlogs instead of the traditional circular saw?
- (2) How many sawlogs were processed using snippers?
- (3) Why were snippers used?

Hon JACKIE JARVIS replied:

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

- (1)–(3) Forest Products Commission contractors do not use snippers for sawlog production.