

FORESTRY — PINE ALTERNATIVES

933. Hon STEVE MARTIN to the Minister for Forestry:

I refer to an answer to a Forest Products Commission estimates supplementary question in which it is stated that the shortfall in pine resources is being mitigated by the supply of alternative species.

- (1) What are these alternative species?
- (2) How much of these alternative species have been supplied in each of the past five years?
- (3) How much of these alternative species will be available in future years?
- (4) If these alternative species are native forest species, will they be available for mitigation after 1 January 2024?

Hon JACKIE JARVIS replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question. The answer is correct as of 15 August.

Following years of inaction and lack of investment under the previous Liberal–National government, there is a shortage of pine resources.

- (1) Native hardwoods and radiata pine are the alternative species.
- (2) I have been provided the volumes of alternative species supplied in tabular form.

I seek leave to have the response incorporated into *Hansard*.

[Leave granted for the following material to be incorporated.]

Financial Year	Volume in Cubic Metres
2018–19	50,023
2019–20	62,129
2020–21	90,848
2021–22	100,397
2023–23	94,401

- (3)–(4) The volume of timber required into the future for specialist building products will depend on demand.