

NATIVE FOREST — LOGGING

906. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the Minister for Forestry:

Not an answer to any of it, President!

I refer to the ABC TV news bulletin that aired on Sunday, 27 August 2023 and the ABC news story posted online on the same date regarding the government renegeing on its commitment to the timber industry to honour current contractual obligations to the end of 2023, and I refer to two statements attributed to the minister in her capacity as Minister for Forestry: first, that the government is honouring log deliveries; and, second, that the deed of agreement removed volume obligations indicating no requirement to supply current contracts.

- (1) Which of these statements is correct?
- (2) Will the minister table a list specifying the quantum of sawlog for each of first grade, second grade and whole bole sawlogs, and firewood delivered to each Forest Products Commission customer since 1 January 2023?
- (3) If no to (2), why not?

Hon JACKIE JARVIS replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question.

- (1) Following the historic decision to end native forest logging, the Cook Labor government committed to an \$80 million native forest transition plan that includes industry restructure payments of over \$22 million made to 24 individual businesses, including sawmills. All statements I have provided to the media are factually correct.
- (2) From 1 January 2023 to 18 August 2023, the Forest Products Commission delivered 5 317 tonnes of Karri first grade sawlog, 4 641 tonnes of Karri second grade sawlog, 1 591 tonnes of Jarrah whole bole sawlog and 61 730 tonnes of firewood to a total of 30 customers.
- (3) Not applicable