

CARBON STORAGE

962. Hon STEVE MARTIN to the minister representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer to a recent article on ABC news that makes claims that the carbon storage of state forests has not been measured for some time.

- (1) When were the last measurements of carbon storage taken?
- (2) Does the government plan to measure carbon storage in the near future; and, if yes, when will this take place; and, if not, why not?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following information is provided on behalf of the Minister for Environment.

- (1)–(2) Work is underway to update the estimates of forest carbon provided in the draft *Forest management plan 2014–2023*. This will draw upon the various timber inventory and other datasets accrued since 2012 that can provide measurements of above-ground woody biomass in state forests and timber reserves, including plantations. This work is scheduled to inform the final forest management plan 2024–2033 due next year.