

FORESTRY — SOFTWOOD PLANTATIONS

924. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the minister representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the Conservation and Parks Commission's *End-of-term review of performance of the forest management plan 2014–2023* and the statement on page 59 that states —

Since 2014 the area of pine plantation on State forest and timber reserves in the plan area has reduced from approximately 50,500 hectares to 50,100 hectares. This is due in part to infrastructure projects.

- (1) Which infrastructure projects have resulted in the loss of pine plantations and, in each case, what area was lost?
- (2) What were the other reasons for the reduction in pine plantations?
- (3) What was the reduction of area of pine plantations on state forest and timber reserves since March 2017?
- (4) How much land has been purchased by the government since March 2017 for pine plantations to offset the loss of pine plantations on state forests and timber reserves?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

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

The production of this information will divert staff resources from their usual work, and it is not possible to provide the information requested in the time frame. I request that the Leader of the Opposition places this question on notice.