

FORESTRY — PINE ALTERNATIVES

1598. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Forestry:

I refer to the answer to question without notice 933 on 29 August 2023, when the Minister identified the volumes of alternative species to make up for the shortfall in pine resource, and I ask:

- (a) what percentage of the alternative volume identified in each of the past 5 years were native timber species;
- (b) what percentage of the total sawlog and veneer supply to pine customers was from native species for each of those years;
- (c) by comparing contractual commitments to provide sawlogs and veneer logs to pine customers, and the predicted availability of pine resource, what is the current estimated supply shortfall over the next five years:
 - (i) if the calculation method outlined in (c), cannot be used, why not; and
- (d) is the government planning on using native forest species to make up any of that shortfall?

Hon Jackie Jarvis replied:

- (a) 2018–19: 58%
2019–20: 60%
2020–21: 41%
2021–22: 31%
2022–23: 34%
- (b) 2018–19: 5%
2019–20: 6%
2020–21: 6%
2021–22: 5%
2022–23: 6%
- (c) There is a projected shortfall in the supply of a preferred species of pine to some customers. There is sufficient alternative resource to meet contractual commitments.
- (d)–(e) The government is considering several alternatives to substitute for the particular species of pine, including other species of softwood.