

SOFTWOOD PLANTATION

**749. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the minister representing the Minister for Forestry:**

A promotion; your prescience amazes me, President!

Question C740 was submitted on 15 August.

I refer to the government's announcement on 8 September 2021 to invest \$350 million over 10 years to grow the softwood plantation estate.

- (1) How many parcels of land has the Forest Products Commission purchased since the announcement date?
- (2) How many new plantation management/farm forestry agreements has the Forest Products Commission entered into since the announcement date?
- (3) How many seedlings have been planted on land not previously owned or managed by the Forest Products Commission for plantations or farm forestry since the announcement date?
- (4) How much of the \$350 million has been expended since the announcement date?

**Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:**

I thank the member for the question. The Minister for Forestry has provided the following information —

- (1) Since the Forest Products Amendment Act was passed in July 2022, allowing the purchase of land, the Forest Products Commission has signed one offer and acceptance.
- (2) Six agreements have been entered into.
- (3) Approximately 530 000 seedlings have been planted.
- (4) As at 30 June 2022, \$20 386 has been expended.