

NATIVE FOREST — LOGGING

**1176. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the minister representing the Minister for Forestry:**

I refer to the government's announcement on 8 September 2021 of the ending of most native timber harvesting in Western Australia.

- (1) What volume of jarrah logs has been extracted to provide access to mining, including for bauxite and mineral sands, in each of the last five financial years, broken down into —
  - (a) sawlogs; and
  - (b) ecological thinnings?
- (2) For each state agreement act that provides for jarrah to be supplied —
  - (a) what volume of jarrah is currently contracted; and
  - (b) what period of time is each state agreement act in place for?

**Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:**

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

- (1)
  - (a) The Forest Products Commission does not differentiate between the source of sawlogs delivered in its system. Although this information can be extracted from the data by operations code, this is a manual process and it will take time to complete. If the member puts this question on notice, I will endeavour to provide an answer.
  - (b) The Forest Products Commission does not undertake any thinning of areas before mining activity.
- (2) (a)–(b) State agreement acts are administered by the Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation.