

NATIVE FOREST — LOGGING — PROCESSORS

1130. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the minister representing the Minister for Forestry:

I refer to the government's announcement of 8 September 2021 on the ending of most native timber harvesting in Western Australia and to the commitment the government made to the industry that contracted timber supply levels to processors would be honoured for the entire 2021–22 financial year.

- (1) Can the minister confirm that processors have been receiving correspondence breaching that commitment?
- (2) Can processors have faith in the government that their supposedly guaranteed volumes under their 2021–22 contracts will be supplied?
- (3) If no to (2), why not?
- (4) When will the proposed volumes to be made available under the government's new plan be made public?

Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:

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

- (1) No.
- (2)–(3) With the exception of one contract, all processors receive volume over the calendar year.
- (4) The available volumes post-2024 will be published as part of the next forest management plan 2024–2033.