

FOREST PRODUCTS COMMISSION — SOFTWOOD PLANTATION ESTATE

551. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the Minister for Forestry:

I refer to the government's commitment to invest \$350 million over 10 years to grow the softwood plantation estate. As at 8 May 2023, given I asked this last week —

- (1) How many properties or parcels of land has the Forest Products Commission purchased, and what is the size of each parcel of land purchased?
- (2) How many new plantation management or farm forestry agreements has the Forest Products Commission entered into?
- (3) How many seedlings have been planted on land not previously owned or managed by the Forest Products Commission for plantations or farm forestry?
- (4) How much of the \$350 million has been expended?

Hon JACKIE JARVIS replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question. The following response was correct as of Wednesday, 10 May.

- (1) Ten parcels of land totalling approximately 3 440 hectares have been purchased to date.
- (2) One sharefarming agreement has been entered into so far this calendar year.
- (3) No seedlings have been planted in 2023. The 2023 planting season will not commence until June.
- (4) An amount of \$33 million has been spent to date.