

NATIVE FOREST — LOGGING — DECISION-MAKING

736. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the minister representing the Minister for Environment:

- (1) Will the minister table any and all reports and/or research papers that informed the government's decision to cease native forestry?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) Was the decision to cease native forestry a cabinet decision?
- (4) Who was the Minister for Environment when the decision was made, as opposed to when the decision was announced?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the Leader of the Opposition for some notice of the question. The following answer has been provided to me by the Minister for Environment.

- (1) No.
- (2) Climate change and its impacts on rainfall in the south west is well documented, and the decline in rainfall since the 1970s has been deemed greater in south west Western Australia than anywhere else in Australia. Information and reports on climate change projections for Western Australia are readily available. The mid-term and end-of-term performance reviews of the *Forest management plan 2014–2023* further discuss the implications of climate change for forest health and the consequent challenges for the forest products industry.
- (3) Yes.
- (4) It was Hon Amber-Jade Sanderson, MLA.