

FORESTRY — HARDWOOD — FURNITURE MANUFACTURING

1024. Hon STEVE MARTIN to the minister representing the Minister for Forestry:

I refer to the ABC online news article titled “End of WA’s native timber logging final blow for jarrah and marri furniture maker” wherein the minister says that there will be timber available for high-end products.

- (1) What amount of hardwood timber does the minister consider to be an adequate supply for furniture manufacturers in WA?
- (2) Will the minister ensure that any commitment is reflected in the upcoming forest management plan?

Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:

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

- (1)–(2) Native timber sourced from ecological thinning and approved mine site clearing will continue to be available for products such as high-value furniture, joinery and artisanal products post-2023. The Forest Products Commission in consultation with the Forest Industries Federation of WA has recently carried out an expression of interest with industry, including high-value furniture makers, to determine the best use of the native hardwood products available post-2023. The feedback gathered as part of that process is currently being assessed and will guide the future sales process and the volumes allocated to this part of the industry once the *Forest management plan 2024–2033* is finalised. The process for the sale and purchase of these products will be released following the finalisation and publication of the next forest management plan.