

ALCOA — JARRAH FOREST CLEARING

1045. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the minister representing the Minister for Environment; Climate Action:

I refer to ALCOA's clearing activities in the jarrah forest in order to undertake bauxite mining and associated activities, and I ask:

- (a) does ALCOA pay clearing fees for clearing undertaken for mining and associated work;
- (b) if yes to (a), could the Minister please table the schedule of fees paid by ALCOA; and
- (c) will the Minister please advise the area in hectares cleared by ALCOA in each of the last ten years, for each of the ALCOA mines?

**Hon Stephen Dawson replied:**

- (a) Yes. In accordance with Clause 13 of the *Alumina Refinery Agreement Act 1961*, Alcoa must pay annual compensation for forest cleared or in connection with its mining activities on *Conservation and Land Management Act 1984* (CALM Act) lands.
- (b) The annual compensation rate is indexed annually in line with changes in the Perth Consumer Price Index applied equally across all of Alcoa's mines. The compensation rate for 2021 was \$6,837.56 per hectare.
- (c) [See tabled paper no 1876.] The table outlines the total fees and area in hectares of CALM Act land cleared by Alcoa in each of the last 10 years for all of Alcoa's mines.