

FOREST PRODUCTS COMMISSION — FIREWOOD SUPPLY

900. Hon JAMES HAYWARD to the Minister for Forestry:

I refer to firewood supplies in Western Australia.

- (1) Has the minister received a briefing about the availability and cost of firewood to residential customers?
- (2) If yes to (1), will the minister table any briefing documents that relate to firewood cost and availability?
- (3) If no to (1), why not?
- (4) Does the minister acknowledge that increased firewood prices following the announcement of the native forestry ban have significantly impacted Western Australians who are already struggling with the cost of living?

Hon JACKIE JARVIS replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) No.
- (2) Not Applicable.
- (3) I receive regular verbal briefings on volume produced by the Forest Products Commission.
- (4) The FPC continues to supply all contractual commitments for firewood. There has been no increase in the price of wholesale firewood supplied by the FPC following the historic decision of the Cook Labor government to end logging in native forests. Wholesale and retail prices of firewood are set by the market.