

ENVIRONMENT — SANDALWOOD

1839. Hon Ben Dawkins to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Environment; Climate Action:

I refer to the number of people prosecuted for illegal sandalwood related activities since 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2023, and I ask:

- (a) how many people were prosecuted for illegal wild sandalwood harvesting;
- (b) how many commercial sandalwood growers have been prosecuted for failure to comply with 2019 reforms;
- (c) what was the total number of tonnes of wild sandalwood that was illegally harvested;
- (d) what was the total market value of the amount of sandalwood that was illegally harvested; and
- (e) what was the total amount of revenue collected from licence fees including renewals, as well as inspection fees?

Hon Darren West replied:

- (a) None.
- (b) One prosecution was initiated after the offender chose to elect to have an infringement notice heard by the court. This person was found guilty, fined and was provided a spent conviction by the court.
- (c) The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions' Wildlife Officers seized 26.123 tonnes of sandalwood suspected to have been illegally taken, supplied, stored, or dealt in between 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2023
- (d) The sandalwood referred to in (c) has not been sold so a market value cannot be provided. The value of sandalwood is subject to fluctuations according to market conditions and is further influenced by the quality of the sandalwood.
- (e) \$17,475.