

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS
ANSWERS TO 2022-23 BUDGET ESTIMATES - QUESTIONS PRIOR TO HEARING

Forest Products Commission

Hon Steve Martin MLC asked:

- 6) I refer to page 216 of Budget Paper 3, Paragraph 2:
- (c) How many jobs are currently available in softwood plantations for workers made redundant from native forestry;
 - (d) How many workers made redundant from Parkside have secured jobs in softwood plantations;

Answer:

- (c) While it is not possible to give a precise number of positions available across the softwood plantation industry, the vibrant WA economy means that there are a range of careers in the softwood industry. These opportunities range from truck drivers and mobile plant operators, electricians, IT personnel, mechanics, nursery staff and, tree planters.

The \$350 million softwood expansion program will also create a range of opportunities for increased employment especially in plantation establishment and nursery operations in the early years of the program.

- (d) The Forest Products Commission is unable to answer this question.

Minister's initials


