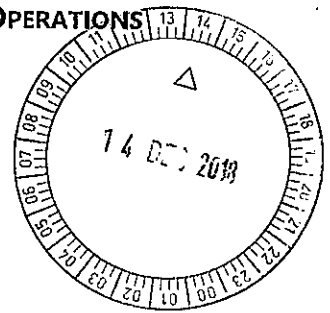


LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Forest Products Commission  
Hon Diane Evers MLC asked:



1) I refer to your response to Question 1 of my questions prior to hearings and I ask:

- a) For those areas of the plantation damaged in the Waroona fire that will not be replanted, what is the priority uses they will be set aside for; and

Answer: Limestone extraction, explosives storage depot, agricultural use and sand extraction.

- b) How much of the total area of the McLarty Plantation will not be replanted?

Answer: 1384 hectares

2) I refer to your response to my Question 1 (b) of questions prior to Annual Report Hearings and the Softwood Industry Strategy I ask:

- a) in what ways is the government working with the timber industry to increase private investment in pine plantations; and

Answer: The FPC is working with industry to encourage investment by the industry participants themselves and also to encourage third party investment.

- b) how many additional investors in private pine plantations have been secured to date?

Answer: In addition to the Farm Forestry project investors referred to in answer 3b, one major processor is planning to invest in new plantations during 2019.

3) I refer to the response provided to Question 11 of my questions prior to hearings and I ask:

- a) For each of the listed Royalties for Regions funded projects please provide further details, including the total cost and outcomes of each project; and

Answer: Each of the listed Royalties for Regions funded projects is progressing and are nearing completion. Once all projects are complete, an audit will be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development for all Royalties for Regions-funded projects.

The Future Forest Industry Plan is progressing under the guidance of an Independent Reference Panel. This plan is now called the Djarlma Plan for the Western Australian Forestry Industry. It will provide a strategic framework to achieve a sustainable future for the industry.

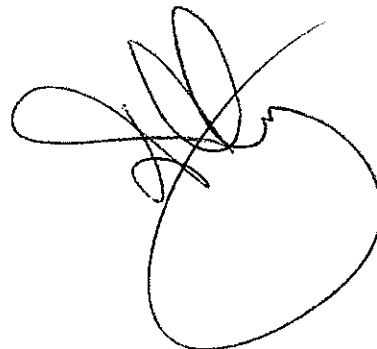
The outcome from the Farm Forestry Project includes a report: *Growing the Softwood Estate: Mechanisms required for farm forestry to contribute to an expansion of the plantation estate in Western Australia*. This report has been published on the FPC website and its recommendations directly informed the Farm Forestry Assist grant made available to farmers in April 2018. Further recommendations of this report are considered in the Djarlma Plan.

The Transition to Plantations Strategy will outline pathways for plantation sandalwood to make an increasing contribution to the sandalwood industry. To encourage development of sandalwood plantations through farm forestry, a *Sandalwood establishment guide*, developed with the Australian Sandalwood Network, has been published.

The Brand and Marketing strategy is currently being considered by the Forest Industries Federation of Western Australia. The aim of the strategy is to develop a strong premium brand for WA Jarrah that will position the industry for sustained success in its competitive market. This will encompass the design of a logo and associated style for WA Jarrah.

- b) For the Farm forestry project, please advise how many people took up the \$500 a hectare or equivalent in-kind nursery seedling costs?

Answer: No agreements had been signed during the Annual Report period, but five have been signed to date. Three landowners contributing 115.5 hectares took up the \$500 per hectare contribution and 2 landowners with a further 50 hectares chose the seedling option. An additional four landowners have asked for the offer to be extended for 2019 (potentially an additional 185 hectares tentatively identified).

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