

**ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
2022-23 BUDGET ESTIMATES - ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS**

DEPARTMENT OF BIODIVERSITY, CONSERVATION AND ATTRACTIONS

Hon Steve Martin MLC asked:

19. I refer to comments made by Mr Lyon in the Commission's hearing on 23 of June regarding the sustained yield limits, and I ask:
- (a) What were the sustained yield limits for native hardwood for the following years:
- (i) 2016-2017;
 - (ii) 2017-2018;
 - (iii) 2018-2019;
 - (iv) 2019-2020;
 - (v) 2021-2021;
 - (vi) 2021-2022

Answer: ...

- 19 (a) (i-v) The sustained yield limits for native forest hardwoods are determined under the *Forest Management Plan 2014-2023*. The limits apply for the calendar years 2014 to 2023 inclusive, with the total quantity of logs removed over the 10-year life of the plan not to exceed 10 times the average annual allowable cut for each combination of species and log grade. The average annual allowable cuts are as follows:

Species	Log grade	Average annual allowable cut (cubic metres per annum)
Jarrah	First and second grade sawlog	132,000
	Other bole volume	292,000
Karri	First and second grade sawlog	59,000
	Other bole volume	164,000
Marri	Bole volume	140,000
Wandoo	First and second grade sawlog	1,100
Blackbutt	First and second grade sawlog	1,300
Sheoak	First and second grade sawlog	1,200

20. I refer to another question asked in the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions hearing that has been referred to the Commission and page 713 of Budget Paper 2, Volume 2, Note 5, regarding the actual amount of jarrah and karri harvested being below the target amount due to market conditions, and I ask:
- (a) What were the market conditions that were responsible for the under-performance;
- (b) What is the reason behind these conditions?

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Answer: ...

20. (a-b) The cumulative total reported in the Budget Papers is the combined total removals of jarrah and karri sawlogs from 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2021. During this period a range of factors have contributed to the reduced production and sales of jarrah sawlog. The Forest Products Commission set contracted amounts for jarrah that were lower than the *Forest Management Plan 2014-2023* limits due to considerations such as the economic viability of accessing lower yielding coupes. Subsequent fluctuations in market demand, customer requirements and harvest contractor capacity will have contributed to the lower production level of jarrah sawlogs.

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