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# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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## QUESTIONS

**No. 190**

**Tuesday, 18 March 2008**

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## POSTPONED QUESTIONS

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4443. Hon Simon O'Brien to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)

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4476. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Multicultural Interests and Citizenship (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)

4519. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Corrective Services (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)

4520. Hon Peter Collier to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Small Business (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)

4521. Hon Peter Collier to the Leader of the House representing the Minister Assisting the Minister for Federal-State Relations (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)

4574. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Corrective Services (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)

4575. Hon Ray Halligan to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Small Business (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)

4576. Hon Ray Halligan to the Leader of the House representing the Minister Assisting the Minister for Federal-State Relations (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)

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4665. Hon Ray Halligan to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Sport and Recreation (*SO 138(d) response - May 2 2007*)

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5720. Hon Nigel Hallett to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

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5734. Hon Barbara Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

5739. Hon Ray Halligan to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

5740. Hon Ray Halligan to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Treasurer

5744. Hon Ray Halligan to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

5745. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Agriculture and Food

5746. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Forestry

5747. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for the Mid West and Wheatbelt

5748. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Great Southern

5749. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Local Government

5750. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Racing and Gaming

5751. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Multicultural Interests and Citizenship

5752. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Government Enterprises

5753. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

5754. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Goldfields-Esperance

5755. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Youth

5756. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Regional Development

5757. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Fisheries

5758. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for the Kimberley, Pilbara and Gascoyne

5759. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Child Protection

5760. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Communities

5761. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Women's Interests

5762. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Seniors and Volunteering

5763. Hon Ray Halligan to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

5764. Hon Ray Halligan to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Federal-State Relations

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- 5766. Hon Ray Halligan to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Innovation
- 5767. Hon Ray Halligan to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Science
- 5768. Hon Ray Halligan to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Public Sector Management
- 5769. Hon Ray Halligan to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Deputy Premier
- 5770. Hon Ray Halligan to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Treasurer
- 5771. Hon Ray Halligan to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development
- 5772. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
- 5773. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Community Safety
- 5774. Hon Ray Halligan to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Water Resources
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- 5776. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Attorney General
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- 5781. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs
- 5782. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Heritage
- 5783. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Land Information
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- 5785. Hon Ray Halligan to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Disability Services
- 5786. Hon Ray Halligan to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Tourism
- 5787. Hon Ray Halligan to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Culture and the Arts

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- 5789. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training
- 5790. Hon Ray Halligan to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for South West
- 5791. Hon Ray Halligan to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy
- 5792. Hon Ray Halligan to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Resources
- 5793. Hon Ray Halligan to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Industry and Enterprise
- 5794. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Corrective Services
- 5795. Hon Ray Halligan to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Small Business
- 5797. Hon Ray Halligan to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment
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- 5799. Hon Ray Halligan to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Peel
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- 5837. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Heritage
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- 5839. Hon Ray Halligan to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
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- 5894. Hon Ray Halligan to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
- 5899. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training
- 5904. Hon Ray Halligan to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Corrective Services
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- 5911. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Corrective Services
- 5914. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development
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- 5923. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training

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5930. Hon Ken Baston to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training
5932. Hon Giz Watson to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Resources

***Notice Given***                      ***Tuesday, 26 February 2008***

5934. Hon Shelley Archer to the Minister for Communities
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5936. Hon Shelley Archer to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs
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5940. Hon Shelley Archer to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training
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***Notice Given***                      ***Wednesday, 27 February 2008***

5957. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment
5958. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development
5959. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Culture and the Arts
5960. Hon Giz Watson to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Resources
5961. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Employment Protection
5962. Hon Wendy Duncan to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Housing and Works
5963. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy
5964. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment
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5969. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Resources
5970. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Resources

***Notice Given***                      ***Thursday, 28 February 2008***

5971. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training
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5974. Hon Robyn McSweeney to the Minister for Child Protection
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5976. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment
5977. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Resources
5979. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment
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***Notice Given***                      ***Tuesday, 11 March 2008***

5982. Hon Brian Ellis to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training
5983. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training
5984. Hon Norman Moore to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy
5985. Hon Norman Moore to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
5986. Hon Robyn McSweeney to the Minister for Child Protection
5987. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development
5988. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure
5989. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Minister for Forestry
5990. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment
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5992. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Minister for Forestry
5993. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Health
5994. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment

***Notice Given***                      ***Wednesday, 12 March 2008***

5995. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development



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5996. Hon Giz Watson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment
5997. Hon Giz Watson to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs
5998. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training
5999. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Water Resources
6000. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
6001. Hon Norman Moore to the Minister for Employment Protection

***Notice Given***                      ***Thursday, 13 March 2008***

6002. Hon Shelley Archer to the Minister for Employment Protection representing the Minister for Corrective Services
6003. Hon Robyn McSweeney to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment

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**QUESTIONS ASKED TODAY**

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6004. Hon Helen Morton to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

- (1) When was the report of the Community Attitude Monitor prepared for the Department of Premier and Cabinet by Synovate, and dated November 2006, tabled in Parliament?
- (2) Have further surveys of community attitudes the same or similar to the above, been undertaken?
- (3) If yes to (2), when were they conducted?
- (4) Have any of the reports of the surveys in (2), been tabled in Parliament, and if so, when?
- (5) If no to (4), why not?
- (6) Is it a legislative requirement of Government to undertake the same or similar community attitude surveys?

6005. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment

In relation to the scheduled logging of Chester block, I ask -

- (1) Has the 'significant flora' in Chester block been mapped in accordance with Appendix 13 of the Forest Management Plan 2004 - 13 (FMP)?
- (2) Have all known areas of significant flora, eg. threatened ecological communities and declared rare flora, been excluded from 'timber harvesting' in accordance with page 126 of the FMP?
- (3) Have flora management plans been developed and implemented in accordance with page 125 of the FMP?
- (4) When were the conservation statements and flora management plans for Chester, as required by the FMP, prepared?
- (5) What is recorded in these statements and plans about the flora values in proposed operations areas?
- (6) Where can they be sourced?
- (7) What recent surveys have been undertaken to ensure there are no declared rare or priority flora in all proposed operations areas?
- (8) What are the results of those surveys?
- (9) If no recent surveys have been undertaken, why not?
- (10) Can the Minister explain how the ecological values of a highly biodiverse forest containing threatened species are retained when that forest is harvested using current intensive methods of logging and burning?

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- (11) What recent scientific investigations have been undertaken to determine the recovery rate of jarrah forest, post the current methods of intensive logging and burning?
- (12) Where can these be sourced?
- (13) Since the dieback free areas in the initial operations area at Chester have been designated 'protectable', why aren't these high conservation value areas being protected in accordance with the State 'Dieback Threat Abatement Plan', rather than being put at risk with the scheduled gross disturbance?

6006. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Minister for Forestry

Regarding the proposed biomass power plant at Diamond Mill near Manjimup, I ask -

- (1) Did the Minister meet with Manjimup Shire's Councillor Keith Liddelow in October 2007 to discuss the proposed biomass power plant at Diamond Mill?
- (2) If yes to (1), did Keith Liddelow inform the Minister that Peter Keppel, Manager Warren Region, Department of Environment and Conservation had identified to Manjimup Shire's Director of Statutory Services, Andrew Campbell, that the proposed site was State Forest land and that this raised the issue of finding justification of using the land for an independent power plant, and that one of the proposed justifications was the use of State Forest karri thinnings as fuel?
- (3) Did the Minister agree to provide whatever support he could, should there be any difficulties in this regard, in locating the biomass plant at the Diamond Mill?
- (4) Is the Minister aware that Keith Liddelow emailed Jeremy Hubble, Chief Executive Officer of the Shire of Manjimup on 21 October 2007 stating, 'Kim Chance agreed he would provide whatever support he could should there be any hiccups in locating the Biomass plant at the Diamond Mill'?
- (5) In what capacity did Keith Liddelow meet with the Minister?
- (6) Is the Minister aware that Mr Liddelow became the Community Relations Officer for Western Australia Biomass Pty Ltd, the proponents of the biomass plant, in December 2007?
- (7) Would the Minister list any regulations he has been made aware of that may need changing to facilitate the siting of the proposed biomass plant at Diamond Mill?

6007. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Minister for Forestry

Under the Forest Management Plan 2004 - 2013 (FPC), the average annual volumes of logs that can be sold include, 1st and 2nd grade sawlogs, Jarrah 131 000 m<sup>3</sup>, Karri 54 000 m<sup>3</sup>, Wandoo 1 300 m<sup>3</sup>, Blackbutt 1 600 m<sup>3</sup>, Sheoak 1 900 m<sup>3</sup> and Bole logs other than 1st and 2nd grade sawlogs, Jarrah 534 000 m<sup>3</sup>, Karri 117 000 m<sup>3</sup>, and Marri 196 000 m<sup>3</sup>, and I ask -

- (1) Would the Minister express these volumes in tonnes?
- (2) For each of the above species, what is the figure that the FPC uses to convert cubic metres to tonnes, and tonnes to cubic metres?

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**MALCOLM PEACOCK**

Clerk of the Legislative Council