

FOREST PRODUCTS COMMISSION — SHAREFARMING AGREEMENTS REVIEW

110. Hon DIANE EVERS to the minister representing the Minister for Forestry:

I refer to the recent arbitration case regarding payments to sharefarmers by the Forest Products Commission.

- (1) What was the outcome?
- (2) What does the FPC propose to do as a result of the case, and when will this occur?
- (3) Will all sharefarmer payments be recalculated as a result?
- (4) If yes to (3), what is the time frame for this to occur?
- (5) If no to (3), why not?

Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:

I thank the member for the question. I also commend the member for her interest in share farming and the potential that might have generally for the agricultural sector. The Minister for Forestry has provided the following answer.

- (1) Arbitration proceedings were completed in December 2020 between the Forest Products Commission and an individual share farmer. Pursuant to the Commercial Arbitration Act 2012, details of the arbitration are confidential information.
- (2) The FPC is in the process of independently auditing share farmer payments.
- (3)–(5) The share farm agreement under arbitration had unique terms. The FPC is confident that other share farmer payments have been correctly calculated.