

FOREST PRODUCTS COMMISSION — REGENERATION

1579. Hon LOUISE KINGSTON to the Minister for Forestry:

I refer to the *Forest Products Commission: Annual report 2022–23* and its key performance indicator results regarding the “Effectiveness of forest regeneration”. In particular, I refer to jarrah, which the FPC reports achieved only 69 per cent regeneration completed within a 30-month period.

- (1) Given the target KPI is 90 per cent of areas cutover for regeneration completed in 30 months, why has the FPC only achieved 69 per cent?
- (2) How does the FPC intend to make up for lost regeneration in the future, given the FPC also did not meet this target in 2021–22?

Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question. I provide the following answer on behalf of the Minister for Forestry.

- (1) Forest regeneration in Jarrah forests is achieved through prescribed burning carried out by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions as weather conditions allow.
- (2) The Forest Products Commission will continue to work with DBCA on the regeneration of areas cutover.