

FOREST PRODUCTS COMMISSION — SAWMILL CONTRACTS

5136. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Child Protection representing the Minister for Forestry

Given that sawmills are required to supply to the Forest Products Commission a six-monthly summary of log timber processing/milestones and commitments, for each of the past three years, 2008–09, 2009–10 and 2010–11, I ask —

- (1) what volume of —
  - (a) broadleaved sawnwood; and
  - (b) coniferous sawnwood, was produced in Western Australia?
- (2) What amount of each was sold —
  - (a) locally;
  - (b) in the eastern states; and
  - (c) overseas?
- (3) Based on figures supplied by sawmills, what was the average sawn recovery rate for —
  - (a) jarrah;
  - (b) karri; and
  - (c) marri?

Hon ROBYN McSWEENEY replied:

- (1) There is not a requirement for sawmills to provide summaries of Log Timber Processing / Milestones and Commitments however by agreement some mills provide the information. As some sawmills do not supply summaries of Log Timber Processing / Milestones and Commitments the information provided in this answer only represents approximately 60–70 per cent of the total quantity of sawn hardwood timber produced in WA.
  - (a) 2008–09\*: 56 133 cubic metres  
2009–10\*: 54 789 cubic metres  
2010–11\*: 46 347 cubic metres  
(\* includes some private property marri and excludes Blueleaf)
  - (b) Returns on sawn timber production are not provided by softwood sawmills.
- (2) As for (1) the data set available to the FPC does not include all sawn timber sales in Western Australia, relating only 1(a) above.
  - (a) 2008–09\*: 32 289 cubic metres  
2009–10\*: 33 758 cubic metres  
2010–11\*: 31 787 cubic metres  
(\* includes some private property marri and excludes Blueleaf)
  - (b)–(c) No separate data available.
- (3) This data relates only to those sawmills providing data to the Forest Products Commission. It should be noted that there are variances in sawn timber recoveries due to sawn timber stocks recorded by mills that are in various stages of drying and processing. The reported figures below only then provide an indication of sawn timber recovery.

It should also be noted that the sawn recoveries are for value added products and exclude some production of lower value products.

  - (a) Jarrah\*  
2008–09: 29%  
2009–10: 35%  
2010–11: 29%  
\*Includes some marri where these are not segregated by the sawmill.
  - (b) Karri  
2008–09: 40%  
2009–10: 46%  
2010–11: 40%
  - (c) Marri\*

2008–09: 27%

2009–10: 26%

2010–11: 24%

\*Includes private property Marri