

CLEAR-FELLING OF KARRI FOREST

5990. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment

With regards to clearfelling of karri forest, I ask:

- (1) Does the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) define post-clearfelling regrowth that was regenerated using karri seedlings as plantation or native forest?
- (2) If a clearfelled karri coupe is regenerated partly by seed trees and partly using karri seedlings, does the DEC define the regrowth as plantation, native forest, or both?
- (3) How many hectares are there of post-clearfelling karri regrowth regenerated using karri seedlings?
- (4) How many hectares are there of post-clearfelling karri regrowth regenerated by the seed-tree method?
- (5) Has the latter method of regenerating karri been abandoned, and if so, when?
- (6) When was clearfelling of karri forest re-introduced after selection logging was ended?
- (7) What is the total area of karri regrowth regenerated since that date?

Hon SALLY TALBOT replied:

- (1) Native forest.
- (2) Native forest.
- (3) 37 240 hectares.
- (4) 29 740 hectares.
- (5) No, the seed-tree method of regenerating karri is still a current and accepted method.
- (6) Clearfelling was re-introduced in 1967.
- (7) 58 540 hectares.