

CHESTER FOREST BLOCK — FLORA

5721. Hon Paul Llewellyn to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment

- (1) Did the Regional Forest Agreement find Chester forest block to have maximum flora species richness?
- (2) Have rare and/or priority flora been cited in Government vegetation mapping reports as occurring in Chester forest block?
- (3) If yes to (2), have conservation statements been prepared for these rare and/or priority flora, in accordance with the requirements of the Forest Management Plan 2004-2013 for the management of significant flora values (FMP p. 125)?
- (4) If no to (3), why not?
- (5) What protective responses have been determined for the rare and/or priority flora in Chester forest block?
- (6) Has logging been excluded?
- (7) If no to (6), why not?

Hon SALLY TALBOT replied:

- (1) Chester forest block is located within an area mapped in the Comprehensive Regional Assessment phase of the Regional Forest Agreement process as having high flora species richness.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) Yes, the requirements of the Forest Management Plan 2004-2013 (p. 125) have been met.
- (4) Not applicable.
- (5) Flora values are protected through a range of measures including the formal and informal reserve system, fauna habitat zones and management practices at the operational scale, such as understorey management requirements in silvicultural guidelines, soil protection measures and flora survey requirements.
- (6) Logging in Chester forest block is excluded for areas formally and informally reserved. This includes a 1,770 hectare nature reserve and additional informal reserves.
- (7) Not applicable.