

FORESTRY — PLANTATION TIMBER

1023. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the minister representing the Minister for Forestry:

- (1) How many hectares of plantation timber have been planted in each year since 2008 by —
 - (a) the Forest Products Commission; and
 - (b) joint agreement between the FPC and private land owners?
- (2) What studies has the government done since 2008 to identify the environmental, economic and social benefits that can be delivered by farm forestry in the south west of Western Australia?
- (3) Does the government have a plan relating to farm forestry across the south west of Western Australia that identifies both the challenges and the opportunities facing the industry and develops and adopts a long-term tree farming planning strategy for the industry?
- (4) If no to (3), how will the government ensure the continued and strategic development of farm forestry in the region?

Hon ROBYN McSWEENEY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) Areas of plantation, including second rotation, were: 2008, 6 888; 2009, 10 175; 2010, 665; and 2011, 2 067. Data is not available for 2011–12.
- (2) Studies have been undertaken by the CRC for Forestry, of which the Forest Products Commission was a partner.
- (3) The government's plan regarding farm forestry across the south west of Western Australia is to play a support role by providing advice, research and practical assistance to private sector projects.
- (4) Not applicable.