

WELLINGTON NATIONAL PARK

Hon BARRY HOUSE to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for the Environment:

- (1) When will the Wellington National Park plan be completed?
- (2) Will the Wellington Discovery Forest have a separate management plan from the Wellington National Park management plan, as envisaged during the parliamentary debate in 2004?
- (3) If no to (2), why not?
- (4) Will the plan include silvicultural treatment to thin 10 hectares (representing 0.000008 per cent) of the Wellington Discovery Forest once every 10 years, as originally proposed by professional foresters?
- (5) If no to (4), why not?

Hon SALLY TALBOT replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question. The Minister for the Environment has provided the following response.

- (1) The Department of Environment and Conservation expects that the final management plan will be released in 2008.
- (2) No.
- (3) The Wellington Discovery Forest was incorporated into the management planning process for Wellington National Park and the Westralia Conservation Park.
- (4) This will be determined in the context of finalising the management plan.
- (5) Not applicable.