

FOREST PRODUCTS COMMISSION — WALLADAR SANDALWOOD ROAD TRAINS

3622. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Forestry:

- (1) How many times have Forest Products Commission staff given permission to Walladar (Sandalwood contractors) to drive their road trains on Walling Rock Station roads and the Menzies–Sandstone Shire road after heavy rain since 2009?
- (2) If such permission was granted in writing, can a copy of that correspondence be provided?
- (3) How many incident reports has the Forest Products Commission written against Walladar for driving their road trains on the Walling Rock Station roads and the Menzies–Sandstone roads after heavy rains since 2009?
- (4) If such reports were written, can you please provide a copy of the same?
- (5) Which Forest Products Commission staff authorised the road maintenance on the Kurrajong Gorge Road on Walling Rock Station between September and December 2014?
- (6) How was this road maintenance contract awarded, to who and at what cost?
- (7) Which Forest Products Commission employee inspected the Kurrajong Gorge Road on Walling Rock Station in January 2015, and what qualifications did this person have in road maintenance and are you able to provide a copy of his/her written report?
- (8) Will the Forest Products Commission cease using road trains on the Kurrajong Road on the Walling Rock Station when the road is in ill-repair, and if so, will it authorise repair of the road?
- (9) Why is the Sandalwood Manager based in Harvey and not in Kalgoorlie where the sandalwood operations are located?

Ms M.J. Davies replied:

- (1) Nil
- (2) Not applicable
- (3) One
- (4) [See tabled paper no 2755.]
- (5) The road maintenance was authorised by the Forest Products Commission's (FPC) Senior Forester and the Operations Officer, Sandalwood Branch.
- (6) The road maintenance work was completed by Walladar Enterprises. The work was awarded through a competitive process. The cost was approximately \$16 000.
- (7) The inspection was undertaken by FPC's Operations Officer, Sandalwood Branch. This officer has experience in forestry road construction and maintenance. Written reports are not required for routine road inspections such as this one.
- (8) Not applicable
- (9) The Sandalwood Manager is responsible for the overall management of sandalwood operations throughout the State including export markets and liaison with customers. The FPC's Senior Forester based in Kalgoorlie is responsible for the coordination of FPC's sandalwood field operations.