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FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN 2024-33

437. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the minister representing the Minister for Environment:

In answer to my question of 3 August concerning the minister's consultation with the timber industry prior to her decision to undertake a public survey regarding the next forest management plan it was said that —

The minister meets regularly with relevant stakeholders including industry representatives, non-government organisations and individuals.

- (1) On what specific occasions has the minister met with timber industry representatives?
- Were timber industry stakeholders consulted about, or advised of, the minister's decision to commission a public survey on the FMP before the publication of her 22 June media statement?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following answer is provided on behalf of the Minister for Environment.

(1)–(2) The recent survey by the Minister for Environment; Climate Action asks Western Australians to share their views on the values and use of the south west native forests, not the forest management plan. The minister's first relevant stakeholder meeting following the announcement of the survey was with the Forest Industries Federation (WA) on 23 June 2021. As the honourable member will be aware, further consultation with stakeholders, including industry, will occur throughout the formal drafting process of the upcoming forest management plan.