

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION — INVOLVEMENT IN LOGGING

232. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Minister for Environment:

Does the minister have confidence in the Department of Environment and Conservation's management of and involvement in logging in designated coupes in the South West Region?

The PRESIDENT: Order! That question is borderline in the sense that it is seeking an opinion. The minister may answer the section of it that applies to her portfolio responsibilities if she wishes.

Hon DONNA FARAGHER replied:

I thank you, Mr President, for your advice in relation to the question.

Can I just say that the Department of Environment and Conservation operates under the forest management plan? As well, as in relation to matters surrounding logging, it obviously has a great deal of involvement with the Forest Products Commission, and I do have confidence that the department does do the right thing.