

FOREST INDUSTRY LABOUR ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM

131. Dr EDWARDS to the Minister for Labour Relations:

- (1) How much funding has been set aside for the Forest Industry Labour Adjustment Program (FILAP)?
- (2) What programs are available under FILAP?
- (3) How much funding has been spent on FILAP?
- (4) How many workers have applied for FILAP assistance?
- (5) How many workers have received FILAP assistance?

Mrs EDWARDES replied:

- (1) The Forest Industry Labour Adjustment Program (FILAP) was a commonwealth government program to assist retrenched native timber workers. It has not been applied in Western Australia. Under the WA Forest Industry Structural Adjustment Package (WAFISAP), negotiated between the State and Commonwealth Governments, assistance to retrenched workers is through the Workers' Assistance Guidelines (WAG). Eight million dollars has been set aside for WAG.
- (2) WAG provides special redundancy payments, retraining and relocation assistance, and wage subsidies.
- (3) \$1 078 782 was spent on WAG up to 24 October 2000.
- (4) 214
- (5) 68 were ineligible, as they did not satisfy the eligibility criteria of having at least nine months' service with their employer.