

WELLINGTON DISCOVERY FOREST

1187. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the minister representing the Minister for Environment:

- (1) Has the “Wellington National Park, Westralia Conservation Park and Wellington Discovery Forest Management Plan 2008” been amended since it was put in place?
- (2) If yes to (1), will the minister provide details of the amendments?
- (3) If no to (1), why has the removal and/or harvesting of trees in Wellington Discovery Forest exceeded the intended target of 10-hectare sections of the management zone every 10 years over a 200-year rotation?
- (4) Has research been conducted within Wellington Discovery Forest on the ecology, research and management zones within the area?
- (5) If yes to (4), have the results of this research been made public? If the results of this research have not been made public, will the minister indicate where such results can be found; and, if not, why not?
- (6) What does the minister consider to be the role of the Friends of Wellington Discovery Forest group in the ongoing management of the area?

Hon DONNA FARAGHER replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question.

- (1) No.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) Following the initial treatment in 1992, an additional area of 19 hectares was treated in 2016. This is within the target of 10 hectares every 10 years.
- (4) Yes.
- (5) The results of the research are not yet available.
- (6) The Friends of Wellington Discovery Forest group is an interested stakeholder that supports the ongoing management of the area.

The PRESIDENT: And it has a couple of very good patrons, I might add.