

TENDER 2679, SALE OF NATIVE FOREST FEATURE GRADE SAWLOGS

959. Hon BARRY HOUSE to the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries:

I refer to the request for tender 2679, which is sale of native forest feature grade sawlogs from the south west.

- (1) How many cubic metres are being offered?
- (2) How many cubic metres are being sought by fine furniture craftsmen?
- (3) When will the successful tender applications be publicly announced?

Hon KIM CHANCE replied:

I thank Hon Barry House for some notice of this question.

- (1) Request for tender 2679 offered approximately 8 500 tonnes - I am sorry that my answer is in tonnes and the member's question is in cubic metres - of various native forest feature grade sawlog products from the south west.
- (2) Advice to the Forest Products Commission indicates that this information should not be made public while the tender process is still under way. I presume that advice would have come from the State Supply Commission, although it is not stated.
- (3) It is anticipated that the outcome of the tender process should be announced by mid December 2004.