

SWAN, CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN FOREST REGIONS, LOGGING

71. Dr EDWARDS to the Minister for the Environment:

- (1) How many cubic metres of jarrah sawlogs from old-growth forest were harvested from each of the Swan, Central and Southern forest regions in -
 - (a) 1996-97;
 - (b) 1997-98; and
 - (c) 1998-99?
- (2) How many cubic metres of karri sawlogs from old-growth forest were harvested from each of the Swan, Central and Southern forest regions in -
 - (a) 1996-97;
 - (b) 1997-98; and
 - (c) 1998-99?
- (3) How many hectares of old-growth jarrah forest was harvested from each of the Swan, Central and Southern forest regions in -
 - (a) 1996-97;
 - (b) 1997-98; and
 - (c) 1998-99?
- (4) How many hectares of old-growth karri forest was harvested from each of the Swan, Central and Southern forest regions in -
 - (a) 1996-97;
 - (b) 1997-98; and
 - (c) 1998-99?

Mrs EDWARDES replied:

- (1-2) Not available. Delineation of forest coupe boundaries is not on the basis of forest structure (such as old growth, two-tiered) but rather forest type (karri, jarrah). This occurs because under silvicultural guidelines, the practices to harvest and regenerate the forest are based on forest type. Areas of mature forest, whether old growth or non-old growth, are harvested and regenerated in the same way. Some forest coupes will contain a mixture of both old growth and non-old growth patches. Accurate records are maintained of the total volume of logs delivered from each coupe, but separately identifying the proportion of logs from an old growth patch within a mixed coupe would involve a detailed, lengthy analysis of individual coupe data.

Records of the annual area harvested are maintained on a calendar year basis:

- (a) 1997
Swan Region - Nil
Southern Forest and Central Forest Regions - refer to answer to question 2473 (c) (i). 90 hectares were harvested from the Southern Forest Region, and the remainder was harvested from the Central Forest Region.
 - (b) 1998
The old growth data layer used to answer question 2473 (c) (ii) has been superseded with updated records. The figure provided in the answer to that question is now reduced by 30 hectares because two patches of forest had been incorrectly recorded as old growth, but field inspection during the preplanning for logging confirmed that they had previously been cut over.
210 hectares were harvested from the Southern Forest Region, and the remainder was harvested from the Central Forest Region.
 - (c) 1999
Swan Region - nil
Southern Forest Region - 400 hectares
Central Forest Region - 530 hectares.
- (3) Harvesting only occurs in the Southern Forest Region.

- (a) 1997 - refer to answer to question 2473 (b) (i).
- (b) 1998 - refer to answer to question 2473 (b) (ii)
- (c) 1999 - 490 hectares.

Swan Forest Region	Nil
Central Forest Region	190 hectares
Southern Forest Region	90 hectares
- (b) Area of jarrah old growth forest harvested in 1998

Swan Forest Region	30 hectares
Central Forest Region	220 hectares
Southern Forest Region	210 hectares
- (c) Area of jarrah old growth forest harvested in 1999

Swan Forest Region	Nil
Central Forest Region	530 hectares
Southern Forest Region	400 hectares
- (4) Records of the annual area harvested are maintained on a calendar year basis, and are therefore provided for the calendar years 1997, 1998 and 1999.
 - (a) Area of karri old growth forest harvested in 1997

Swan Forest Region	Nil
Central Forest Region	Nil
Southern Forest Region	110 hectares
 - (b) Area of karri old growth forest harvested in 1998

Swan Forest Region	Nil
Central Forest Region	Nil
Southern Forest Region	660 hectares
 - (c) Area of karri old growth forest harvested in 1999

Swan Forest Region	Nil
Central Forest Region	Nil
Southern Forest Region	490 hectares