

GARDNER FOREST BLOCK

572. Dr EDWARDS to the Minister for Forest Products:

- (1) What is the size of the Gardner forest block in hectares?
- (2) Before the Regional Forest Agreement (RFA) was signed, how many hectares of old-growth forest was extant in Gardner?
- (3) How many hectares of old-growth forest are now extant in Gardner?
- (4) How many hectares of old-growth forest will be logged in Gardner in the remainder of 2000-01?

Mr OMODEI replied:

- (1) Gardner forest block comprises approximately 6,650 hectares.
- (2) Approximately 2,130 hectares of old growth forest were recorded in Gardner block during the preparation of the Regional Forest Agreement.
- (3) Records to December 1999 indicate that approximately 1,940 hectares of old growth occurred in Gardner block at that date.
- (4) Records for areas harvested during 2000 will not be available until after December, while the future extent of any harvesting within this block during 2001 will not be finalised until the routine coupe planning, including local consultation, is undertaken.