

TIMBER CUTTING IN MANJIMUP AREA — LICENCES

217. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Forestry

- (1) Who is licensed to cut jarrah and marri trees and is using the West Palgarup landing?
- (2) What is their licence quota and for what type and grade of timber is the license?
- (3) Who is cutting the sleepers that are for sale in the Manjimup area?
- (4) Why is the jarrah timber being used for sleepers and not being value-added?

Mr D.T. REDMAN replied:

- (1) Australian Craftwood and Timbers Pty Ltd. (ACT) own and operate a sawmill at West Palgarup and purchase logs under contract from the Forest Products Commission (FPC).
- (2) ACT have two Production Contracts with the FPC
 - a. Contract 2775 which provides for 15 000 tonnes per year of jarrah third grade sawlogs.
 - b. Contract 2781 which provides for 111 600 tonnes per year of marri logs.
- (3) A number of sawmills may be producing sleepers for WestNet Rail. These include ACT, Whiteland Milling at Busselton and Redmond Sawmill near Albany.
- (4) Good quality jarrah sawlogs are not used for sleepers but are used to produce 'value-added' products such as furniture, flooring, joinery, decking and veneer which earn the sawmiller higher revenue. Sleepers are only produced from lower grade jarrah (and sometimes karri and marri) logs which otherwise would be used for firewood or not utilised at all.