

703. JARRAH FORESTS, CALM'S USE OF CHEMICALS FOR CULLING UNWANTED TREES  
Dr EDWARDS to the Minister for Forest Products:

- (1) Does CALM use chemicals for the purpose of culling/killing unwanted trees in jarrah forest?
- (2) If yes, what chemical(s) does CALM use?
- (3) Does CALM use other means of culling/killing unwanted trees in jarrah forest? If yes, what other means does it use?
- (4) Does CALM call culling/killing unwanted trees in jarrah forest "jarrah stand improvement"?
- (5) If not, what is it called?
- (6) What species of trees are culled/killed?
- (7) Since its formation in 1985, in approximately how many hectares has CALM culled/killed unwanted trees in jarrah forest?
- (8) In 1998 and 1999, in how many hectares did CALM cull/kill unwanted trees in jarrah forest?

Mr OMODEI replied:

- (1) Yes, for the purpose of applying the most appropriate silvicultural treatment to produce effective regeneration and growth of the forest.
- (2) Glyphosate (Roundup)
- (3) Yes. In addition to the application of chemical, machines such as wheeled loaders are also used where appropriate.
- (4) Yes
- (5) Not applicable
- (6) No species of tree in the jarrah forest is singled out for culling. The species of tree culled will vary depending on the site and the type of silvicultural objective required to be achieved. Tree species commonly culled are jarrah and marri and understorey species such as banksia and sheoak.
- (7) In the financial years 1985/86 to 1999/00 inclusive approximately 97,000 hectares of jarrah forest has received treatment.
- (8) In the 1998/99 financial year approximately 9700 hectares of jarrah forest received treatment. In the 1999/2000 financial year approximately 10,300 hectares of jarrah forest received treatment.