

KARRI OLD-GROWTH FOREST, LOGS SALVAGED

133. Dr EDWARDS to the Minister for Forest Products:

- (1) Has CALM commenced a trial of salvaging logs from trees that have died and fallen in karri old-growth forest outside of national parks and formal reserves, as recommended by the Ferguson Committee report?
- (2) If yes -
  - (a) what is the estimated yield from this trial;
  - (b) which blocks have been accessed; and
  - (c) which blocks will be accessed in the next 12 months?
- (3) If no -
  - (a) what is the estimated yield from this trial;
  - (b) when will the trial commence; and
  - (c) which blocks will be accessed in the next 12 months?

Mr OMODEI replied:

- (1) No.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3)
  - (a) No separate inventory has been undertaken on this particular resource. Yields will also depend on what area of forest can be accessed by salvage operators.
  - (b) A time frame for the commencement of a limited trial of salvaging logs from trees that have died and fallen in karri old-growth forest outside of national parks and formal reserves, as recommended by the Ferguson Committee is yet to be determined. Issues of dieback mapping, off-road access and sale of any resource are yet to be finalised.
  - (c) No blocks have yet been selected.