

FORESTRY — DAMAGED TIMBER — WAROONA BUSHFIRES

5011. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Forestry:

- (1) How many hectares of the following categories of state and privately-owned plantation timber were destroyed in the January Waroona fires, and what was the estimated eventual value of the timber which was lost for each category:
 - (a) state-owned softwood pine;
 - (b) state-owned hardwood eucalyptus;
 - (c) privately-owned softwood pine; and
 - (d) privately-owned hardwood eucalyptus?
- (2) What percentage of total South West plantation acreage was destroyed in the following categories:
 - (a) state-owned softwood pine;
 - (b) state-owned hardwood eucalyptus;
 - (c) privately-owned softwood pine; and
 - (d) privately-owned hardwood eucalyptus?
- (3) Has the State Government or any of its departments formulated plans to salvage burnt timber from damaged areas, and if so, when will this be carried out?

Ms M.J. Davies replied:

- (1)
 - (a) 3,300 hectares of state-owned softwood plantations were destroyed in the Waroona fires. The eventual value of the log timber lost from these plantations is estimated to be approximately \$29 million.
 - (b) Nil.
 - (c)–(d) I have been advised that there are no significant commercial volumes within the Waroona fire area.
- (2)
 - (a) Approximately 4.2%
 - (b)–(d) Not applicable.
- (3) Yes salvage operations are currently underway.