

ENVIRONMENT — DRAFT FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN 2014–2023

1006. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the *Draft Forest Management Plan 2014–2023*, prepared by the Conservation Commission, through the former Department of Environment and Conservation, and ask:

- (a) did the Conservation Commission employ consultants to submit advice on the *Draft Forest Management Plan 2014–2023*, and if yes, what are the names of the consulting firms/agents; and
- (b) if applicable, what were the terms of reference, period of engagement and payment to each individual consultant/consultancy group?

Mr A.P. Jacob replied:

- (a) Yes. The following consultants were engaged to advise or contribute to the development of the *Draft Forest Management Plan 2014–2023*:

- Astron Environmental Services
- Gaia Resources
- Joanna Young & Associates
- Resolve Global
- Tony Brandis Environmental Consultancy
- Tuna Blue Pty Ltd
- URS Australia Pty Ltd

- (b) Astron Environmental Services was engaged to provide advice on options for future key performance indicators in the areas of biodiversity and ecosystem health and vitality.

Period of engagement: August to October 2012

Consultancy fee: \$18 598

Gaia Resources was engaged to “Quantify some of the values and threats within the various Land Management Units across the forested area of the south–west of Western Australia and compare them against one another. This includes assessing the presence and prevalence of values and threats on aspects such as biodiversity, heritage, social use and resource use (such as forest production)”.

Period of engagement: December 2011 to February 2012

Consultancy fee: \$33 479

Joanna Young & Associates was engaged to “Provide independent advice to staff and members of the Conservation Commission in the development of the Forest Management Plan; Review and advise on forest management documentation and issues; Participate in the preparation of briefing papers for consideration by the Conservation Commission and; Advise on technical matters as required”.

Period of engagement: May 2011 to December 2012

Consultancy fee: \$53 200

Resolve Global was engaged to “Provide independent advice to staff and members of the Conservation Commission in the development of the Forest Management Plan; Review and advise on forest management documentation and issues with particular emphasis on recreation and water management issues and; Participate in the preparation of briefing papers for consideration by the Conservation Commission”.

Period of engagement: October 2011 to April 2012

Consultancy fee: \$14 322

Tony Brandis Environmental Consultancy was engaged by the Conservation Commission to: “Provide independent advice to staff and members of the Conservation Commission in the development of the Forest Management Plan”.

Period of engagement: April 2012 to March 2013

Consultancy fee: \$15 860

Tuna Blue Pty Ltd was engaged as an experienced facilitator to assist at the information sessions and the structured briefings and to assist in preparation of, and report writing on, these sessions for the *Draft Forest Management Plan 2014–2023*.

Period of engagement: September to October 2012

Consultancy fee: \$10 615

URS Australia Pty Ltd was engaged to undertake a social and economic assessment of the *Draft Forest Management Plan 2014–2023*. The report available on the Department of Parks and Wildlife website at: <http://www.dpaw.wa.gov.au/management/forests/59-preparing-the-forest-management-plan-2014-2023>
Period of engagement: May to August 2012
Consultancy fee: \$139 880