

**SANDALWOOD PRODUCTION — LICENCES**

*Question without Notice 568 — Answer*

**HON KYLE MCGINN (Mining and Pastoral — Parliamentary Secretary)** [5.05 pm]: I managed to find the answer for Hon Dr Steve Thomas's question. It is a pretty big answer, so I seek leave to have the response incorporated into *Hansard*.

[Leave granted for the following material to be incorporated.]

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- (1) People who take, supply, deal, process, and export sandalwood are required to hold a relevant licence to undertake that activity. Storing sandalwood is an activity that is authorised under one of these licences.

If a person or organisation undertakes multiple activities, for example taking and processing sandalwood they may require multiple licences. However, in most cases multiple activities can be accommodated on the one licence, for example a processing licence can authorise the licensee to deal in that sandalwood if the licensee requires this.

The licences regulating the sandalwood industry in WA and their costs are outlined in the below table:

Licence	New application and licence fee	Renewal application and licence fee
<b>Regulation 67 Flora taking (sandalwood) licence</b>	\$415 (\$130 refund if licence not issued)	n/a
<b>Regulation 68 Flora supplying (sandalwood) licence</b>	\$45	\$30
<b>Regulation 69 Flora dealing (sandalwood) licence</b>	\$290	\$215
<b>Regulation 70 Flora processing (sandalwood) licence</b>	\$290	\$215
<b>Regulation 71 Flora exporting (sandalwood) licence</b>	n/a	n/a

Additionally, in some instances, an inspection may be required prior to a licence being issued. The inspection fee will vary depending on the time taken for Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions staff to undertake an inspection (not including travel time to and from the inspection site):

Not more than 1 hour: \$65

More than 1 hour but not more than 3 hours: \$130

More than 3 hours but not more than 5 hours: \$260

More than 5 hours: \$520.

- (2) A person purchasing sandalwood may require a licence depending on the activity being undertaken by that person. For example, if a person intends to purchase sandalwood to distil oil, they require a processing licence.
- (3) The licence required and costs associated are outlined in the response to question 1.
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