

PALMER BLOCK, LOGGING

587. Dr EDWARDS to the Minister for Forest Products:

- (1) On what date will roading in Palmer block commence?
- (2) On what date will logging in Palmer block commence?
- (3) Which coupes will be logged?
- (4) What volumes of the various grades of timber will be logged?
- (5) What is the width of the buffer around the Collie River?
- (6) How close will logging occur to the Collie River?
- (7) Was the local community consulted about this logging?
- (8) If yes, how did this consultation take place and on what dates?
- (9) What is the logging history of this section of Palmer block?
- (10) What is the width of the buffer around Lane Poole Reserve in Palmer block?
- (11) How close will logging occur to the Lane Poole Reserve?

Mr OMODEI replied:

(1)-(2) Harvesting and associated roading is not planned to commence until the public has had the opportunity to participate in the consultation process associated with the recently released Indicative Logging Plans.

(3) Coupes 1 and 3.

(4) The indicative quantities of timber products expected to be harvested from Palmer Coupes 1 and 3 are:

Palmer Coupe 1

Jarrah first grade sawlogs	approx. 3580 tonnes
Jarrah second grade sawlogs	approx. 720 tonnes
Jarrah third grade sawlogs	approx. 180 tonnes
Jarrah residue logs	approx. 3590 tonnes
Other jarrah log products such as feature sawlogs	approx. 30 tonnes

Palmer Coupe 3

Jarrah first grade sawlogs	approx. 6100 tonnes
Jarrah second grade sawlogs	approx. 1500 tonnes
Jarrah third grade sawlogs	approx. 300 tonnes
Jarrah residue logs	approx. 4370 tonnes

- (5) The riparian reserve adjacent to the Collie River has a nominal width of 200 metres either side.
- (6) The entire operation is separated from the Collie River by private property and the average distance the operation is from the Collie River is over 1000 metres. At its closest point, an elbow of the meandering Collie River comes within 500 metres of the operation, but again the operation here is separated from the River by private property.
- (7) Yes.
- (8) Indicative Logging Plans have been recently released for public comment and the community has the opportunity to participate in further consultation.

Neighbours adjacent to areas proposed for harvesting have been advised in writing on 4 July 2000. Local CALM staff are in the process of meeting with neighbours in order to advise them of the planned operation and discuss any matters or concerns arising.

There has also been considerable interaction with the Collie Shire Council, the local MLA and from one neighbour. The neighbour has a petition of 200 signatures calling for a number of answers to queries. The neighbour has spoken with CALM officers on numerous occasions and has met twice with CALM officers. This included a visit to the forest.

A meeting between the neighbour (and five local people that the neighbour is inviting), the Shire, the member for Collie and CALM is scheduled for the week of 11 September 2000. CALM's Landscape

- Planner will be in attendance as part of his preparations to produce a plan for landscape protection and a self-drive tour.
- (9) 5% logged in the 1930s
44% logged in the 1940s
19% logged in the 1940s and 1950s
29% logged in the 1950s
3% logged in the 1950s and 1970s
- (10) There are no requirements for buffers adjacent to the Lane Poole Reserve.
- (11) Harvesting in Palmer Coupes 1 and 3 will occur no closer than 400 metres from the reserve.