

FOREST PRODUCTS COMMISSION — ANNUAL PLANTATION HARVEST

**987. Mr M.P. MURRAY to the Minister for Forestry:**

I have a supplementary question. Why has the government not worked with the wood growers in Western Australia to develop sustainable and profitable forest industries, and how will the minister address the future timber shortfall?

**Ms M.J. DAVIES replied:**

Member, I did address that in the answer I gave. I said that the Forest Products Commission is currently working on a plantation industry strategy to develop the plantation estate to a level that will ensure the future long-term viability of the industry. That is why we have the Forest Products Commission.