

FORESTRY — FIREWOOD SHORTAGES

366. Hon STEVE MARTIN to the minister representing the Minister for Forestry:

I refer to the recent media reports of firewood shortages in Western Australia.

- (1) For the following calendar years how many cubic metres of wood has the Forest Products Commission provided to be used for firewood —
 - (a) 2018;
 - (b) 2019;
 - (c) 2020;
 - (d) 2021; and
 - (e) 2022 to date?
- (2) How many cubic metres of wood does FPC plan to be used for firewood for the following years —
 - (a) 2022 total; and
 - (b) 2023?

Hon KYLE MCGINN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question. I answer on behalf of the minister representing.

The following answer has been provided to me by the Minister for Forestry.

- (1) The below table represents the Forest Products Commission's deliveries of firewood timber grade. Other grades of timber not deemed firewood can contain residue material and could be used for firewood. Firewood is delivered by the tonne. Calendar year sales are as follows —
 - (a) in 2018, 71 550 tonnes;
 - (b) in 2019, 76 740 tonnes;
 - (c) in 2020, 91 815 tonnes;
 - (d) in 2021, 86 320 tonnes; and
 - (e) in 2022, 1 January to 10 May, 21 937 tonnes.
- (2)
 - (a) There were approximately 85 000 tonnes.
 - (b) Delivered volume for 2023 is predicted to be similar to previous years.