

FOREST PRODUCTS COMMISSION — ANNUAL PLANTATION HARVEST

2928. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Forestry:

I refer to Forest Products Commission (FPC) and their obligations to supply forest products under the State Supply Commission (SSC), and ask:

- (a) how many hectares of hard wood plantation is FPC required to harvest each year;
- (b) how many hectares of hard wood plantation are subcontracted to private growers to harvest;
- (c) how many hectares of soft wood plantations is FPC required to harvest each year;
- (d) how many hectares of hard wood plantation are subcontracted to private growers to harvest;
- (e) under terms of the SSC, what percentage of plantation hectares required have FPC fulfilled;
- (f) under terms of the SSC, what percentage of plantation hectares required have private growers fulfilled; and
- (g) is there a gap between hectares planted by FPC and private growers that will result in shortfalls in supply of both soft and hard wood under the State Supply Agreement over the next ten years?

Ms M.J. Davies replied:

In answering this question (a)–(g) it is noted that the Forest Products Commission’s (FPC’s) obligations to supply forest products arise from production contracts, not the State Supply Commission.

- (a) The area harvested varies from year to year depending on several factors including the demand by customers and the quality of the plantations. The FPC harvested 616 hectares of hardwood plantations in calendar year 2013.
- (b) Nil
- (c) The area harvested varies from year to year depending on several factors, including the demand by customers and the quality of the plantations. To meet customer demand for forest products the FPC harvested 7 616 hectares of pine plantations in calendar year 2013.
- (d) Nil
- (e) In meeting customer demand for forest products from plantations the FPC does not have a specific obligation in relation to plantation area.
- (f) Not applicable
- (g) The FPC has identified a possible shortfall in pine resources available to meet future contracted supply commitments. There is a high degree of uncertainty regarding the likelihood, timing and amount of any potential shortfall.