

WA AXEMEN'S COUNCIL

Statement by Member for Warren-Blackwood

MR P.D. OMODEI (Warren-Blackwood) [12.55 pm]: I raise the availability of logs for the Axemen's Council of Western Australia. I have been a patron of the WA Axemen's Council for many years, and I have grown to admire its contribution to the Royal Show, as well as the number of other shows that are held around Western Australia. The WA Axemen's Council has an 18-year contract with the Forest Products Commission for the supply of logs for woodchopping. However, it seems as though the WA Forest Products Commission has overlooked the supply of logs for the council. Logs are desperately needed before the winter comes upon us, especially if the council is to have logs for this year's Royal Show. It also needs logs for every other agricultural show and event that is to be held around Western Australia this year. I am sure members would agree that without the axemen at our shows and special events, they would not be the spectacle that they currently are. The council is a self-contained organisation. It organises all its own events and prize money. In the past it has received good support from the Department of Conservation and Land Management and the Forest Products Commission. The council has an 18-year contract for logs. It is my wish that the Forest Products Commission keep to that contract so that our Western Australian axemen can have logs for all our special events over the coming years.