

TIMBER WORKERS IN STATE FORESTS

355. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Forestry

How many workers are registered to engage in:

- (a) timber harvesting in a state forest or timber reserve; and
- (b) the transport of log timber harvested in a state forest or timber reserve pursuant to Part 2, registration of timber workers, under the Forest Management Regulations 1993?

Mr D.T. REDMAN replied:

(a)-(b) 461

Registration as a timber worker allows the registrant to participate in either timber harvesting or timber haulage or both. Registration is not required for workers in sawmills, processing plants, manufacturing, administration, private plantation forestry or other parts of the forest industry. Employment figures related to the Western Australian forest industry published recently by the Cooperative Research Centre for Forestry were comprehensive, and inclusive of all parts of the industry.