

WYE FOREST BLOCK

570. Dr EDWARDS to the Minister for Forest Products:

- (1) What is the size of the Wye forest block in hectares?
- (2) Before the Regional Forest Agreement (RFA) was signed, how many hectares of old-growth forest was extant in Wye?
- (3) How many hectares of old-growth forest are now extant in Wye?
- (4) How many hectares of old-growth forest will be logged in Wye in the remainder of 2000-01?

Mr OMODEI replied:

- (1) Wye forest block comprises approximately 5,470 hectares.
- (2) Approximately 2,490 hectares of old growth forest were recorded in Wye block during the preparation of the Regional Forest Agreement.
- (3) Records to December 1999 indicate that approximately 2,380 hectares of old growth occurred in Wye block at that date.
- (4) Records for areas harvested during 2000 will not be available until after December, while the future extent of any harvesting within this block during 2001 will not be finalised until the routine coupe planning, including local consultation, is undertaken.