

APPENDIX B

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

ANSWERS TO 2020-21 Budget Estimates and 2019-20 Annual Report - Questions Prior to Hearing (Round 1)

[Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions
Hon Diane Evers MLC asked:

1. I refer to page 72 of the Annual report and the comment 'The Department prepared projections of native forest timber resources available under the FMP to inform market development options for the forest products industry', and I ask:
 - (a) Will the Department please table the report, including the projections referred to in the comment; and
 - (b) If no, why not?
- (a - b) The work referred to is undertaken on a commercial-in-confidence basis for the Forest Products Commission. Projections of woodflows are based on the settings and allowable cut of forest products made available under the *Forest Management Plan 2014-2023*.
2. I refer to the comment on page 72 'Preliminary planning on the next three-year timber harvest plans (2021-23) for the south-west forest regions began' and I ask:
 - (a) Does the Department conduct consultation with communities and other stakeholders in this phase;
 - (b) If no, why not and?
- (a - b) The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions makes available three-year timber harvest plans and comments can be submitted at any time, noting that intensive public, stakeholder and neighbour consultation is undertaken by the Forest Products Commission on each annual harvest plan. The arrangement and timing of coupes identified in the rolling three-year plans can alter across years due to a range of factors, including integration with regional prescribed burning plans, nature conservation requirements and management of tracks and trails likely to be impacted by the plan.

