

Question on Notice

No. 882

Asked on Tuesday 26 August 2025

HON M FURNER asked the Minister for Primary Industries (HON A PERRETT)—

QUESTION:

With reference to permits issued for logging in State Forests— Will the Minister advise (a) how many permits have been issued for logging in State Forests in the last 12 months, (b) to whom, (c) for what forestry region and state forest areas and, (d) for what volumes?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

New Permits

In September 2024, the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) offered three permittees new sales permits for the period 1 October 2024 to 31 December 2026 for the supply of native hardwood poles in Southern Queensland. These permits are for an ‘all available’ volume allocation that may be sourced from both State forests and other tenures where harvesting can be authorised under the *Forestry Act 1959* (Forestry Act).

In November 2024, DPI offered one permittee a new sales permit for the period 1 October 2024 to 31 December 2026 for the supply of hardwood girders. This permit is an ‘all available’ volume allocation that may be sourced from both State forests and other tenures where harvesting can be authorised under the Forestry Act.

Varied Permits

Between August and December 2024, DPI varied five existing sales permits for hardwood sawlogs in the Central and North Queensland supply regions to extend the term of these permits to 31 December 2026. Supply volumes are provided in the table provided below and may be sourced from both State forests and other tenures where harvesting can be authorised under the Forestry Act.

Permittee	Sawlog allocation per annum
1	700t
2	1,000t
3	200m ³
4	1,000t
5	1,330t

In December 2024, DPI varied one Western Hardwoods sales permit to provide for the supply of (compulsory) hardwood sawlogs for the period 1 January 2025 – 31 December 2026. Supply volume is 50,467 cubic metres per annum of hardwood sawlogs. This volume may be sourced from both State forests and other tenures where harvesting can be authorised under the Forestry Act.

In November 2024, two sales permits for hardwood fencing products in the Western Hardwoods supply region were extended until 31 December 2026. A permit for native foliage in southern Queensland was also extended until 31 December 2026. These permits are ‘all available’ volume allocation and may be sourced from both State forests and other tenures where harvesting can be authorised under the Forestry Act.

As the Member would be aware, permit holder details are unable to be provided as this information is Commercial in Confidence.